

Lena Waithe is an Emmy-award winning screenwriter, producer, and actress who is able to tap into emerging cultural sensibilities with a sharp wit, speaking to myriad experiences from her unique perspective and challenging audiences to think outside of conventional norms. She is best known for her work on *Master of None* (2015), *Notorious* (2009), *Dear White People* (2014), *The Chi* (2018), *Step Sisters* (2018), and *Ready Player One* (2018). As the 2018 Black History Month Keynote, Waithe will touch on her own acts of resistance and resilience as a Black Queer Womyn Creative in the industry and growing up next door on the South side of Chicago.

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