

Most people know Mari Evans as a preeminent poet and social critic. But Evans is also an accomplished jazz musician and composer who says her first love has always been music. Her formidable talents are brought together in her musical, *Eyes*, an adaptation of Zora Neale Hurston's novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Evans has written 20 jazz-based songs for her play, which has been held over at the ETA Square Theatre in Chicago. The Chicago Sun-Times called the production, which is directed by Runako Jahi, "richly evocative...an event worth celebrating." This production of *Eyes* runs through August 16 and has been selected to open ETA's next season in September. ETA Theatre is located at 7558 S. Chicago. Tickets are \$25 and group rates are available. For more information and reservations call 773-752-3955.