



## **"Hats"**

**Written and Performed by  
Dr. Joe Cornelius**

**"Hats" is a one-man portrayal of the history of African-Americans. Through the use of over a dozen "hats" Dr. Cornelius traces the past, present and future of his people with drama, music, humor and insight.**

Dr. Cornelius is an educator in Maury County, Tennessee. He received his B.S. degree in biology, his Masters degree in Education and his doctorate degree in Education Administration from Tennessee State University. He has previously written "The History of African American Education in Maury County, Tennessee from Slavery to 1998."

Dr. Cornelius currently teaches Anatomy and Physiology at Columbia State Community College and Biology at Columbia Central High School. He has performed his one-man shows "Hats", "The Devil and Leroy Jones," as well as other dramatic presentations before such organizations as the National Urban League, NAACP, The World Baptist Convention, The National Education Association, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Inroads, 4H, as well as dozens of schools, churches and diverse civic organizations.

Dr. Cornelius is also a published author and playwright with articles appearing in the National Education journal. Some of his original plays include: "Daddy's Black Bible", "The Seventh One", "It's Gonna Rain", "Gingerbread" and "The Prayer."