

*The **Pink** Hulk:*

*One Woman's Journey to Find
the Superhero Within*

Written and Performed by
Valerie David



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THE *PINK* HULK SYNOPSIS

Funny, sexy, touching...

Now battling breast cancer after fighting off lymphoma, Valerie does something most people facing cancer for the second time in their life probably wouldn't think of doing. With a fear that she she might lose "the girls", the first thing on her to-do list is to take them out for one last hurrah. And does she succeed? Is there a "happy ending"? This sexy, adventurous award-winning solo show follows the triumphant journey of one woman seeking her own "hulk-like" strength to find her superhero within.

BACKGROUND

In the beginning...

Valerie David first began writing her multiple award-winning, critically acclaimed one-woman show [*The Pink Hulk: One Woman's Journey to Find the Superhero Within*](#) in November 2015 after two bouts with cancer—Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 1999 and then breast cancer in 2014/2015. She wanted to inspire and empower any person facing adversity in his/her life that there is hope in the worst of circumstances.

Breast cancer, especially for Valerie, had a negative impact on her womanhood and self-confidence regarding body image due to chemo treatments, radiation and surgery. As a society, this subject matter is not often addressed head-on—it is such a personal and difficult topic to publicly speak about.



Valerie wants her story to show that with breast cancer (or any kind of cancer), patients are not alone in how they think and feel, and should not be afraid to express and acknowledge their true feelings about the isolating and often crippling effects of cancer. Through the writing of *The Pink Hulk*, Valerie had to combat her own fears and insecurities that emerged from this disease. Though challenging and painful to write,

it has ultimately helped her fully accept herself for who she is now—post-treatment and as a two-time cancer survivor.

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MAKING AN IMPACT

Inspiring others through the truth...

The Pink Hulk has been accepted into 17 festivals in a year and half's time and went from page to stage in less than six months' time. Valerie has traveled the country sharing her story, which is impacting and inspiring audiences nationwide. **The Pink Hulk** isn't just a show about cancer—it has a universal message of hope and empowerment for anyone who is facing challenges in life. Her show is frank and honest in its portrayal of what it is like to go through cancer.

This one-woman show, directed by Padraic Lillis, is making a difference in people's lives—not just those who have been touched by cancer. A woman with MS, a HIV positive man, spouses of cancer patients and survivors, health care professionals. Valerie's play may be her story, but the message is a universal story of hope.



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Your show nailed exactly everything I felt when I was going through my own treatment.

-Jennifer, Cancer Survivor

I laughed, I was moved to my core, all while watching this one woman convey so many emotions. Valerie has a remarkable way of telling an important and life-changing story...mesmerizing!

-Dori Unsworth, The Pink Ribbon Connection

Honest, real, deep yet extremely funny and engaging...that exemplifies how anyone can find their hero/shero within, no matter the trials and tribulations one is within or that may come.

-Heidi Russell, Founder of International Women Artists' Salon

I love the way Valerie shares her cancer journey with such humor and transparency. Her willingness and authenticity have a positive impact, not just for cancer survivors, but anyone that has an opportunity to see her play. Keep up the good work and spreading your joy.

-Barbara, Cancer Survivor

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

Encouraging others to fight...

One of Valerie's most memorable moments came after her performance at the 2016 Charm City Fringe Festival in Baltimore. A woman who was currently undergoing chemotherapy told her, "Your show empowered me to fight my cancer."

Four months later, on March 22, 2017, the same woman reached out to Valerie to let her know she was beginning radiation the very next day and was thinking about *The Pink Hulk* and asked Valerie to send her some Hulk powers.

The woman unleashed her own inner Hulk and is now cancer-free. She returned to the Charm City Fringe one year later where Valerie came back to perform the show, and thanked Valerie for her support.

"I don't think you can ask for anything better than that from the gift of theater and what the arts can do: Make a difference," Valerie said, "My heart soars knowing that I am helping and inspiring others...to believe we all have a superhero inside ourselves—we are stronger than we think—and we can overcome the adversities we face in life."

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*The **Pink Hulk** is award-winning...*

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Critics agree...

“Valerie David, who has the talent of a Broadway star, decided to write this show to share her experiences and empower those facing adversity in life. *The Pink Hulk* began touring the country in 2016 and Valerie David began accumulating awards for this extraordinarily moving, candid, and insightful show. *The Pink Hulk* is a 60-minute experience you will not soon forget.”

-Applause! Applause!, New York City

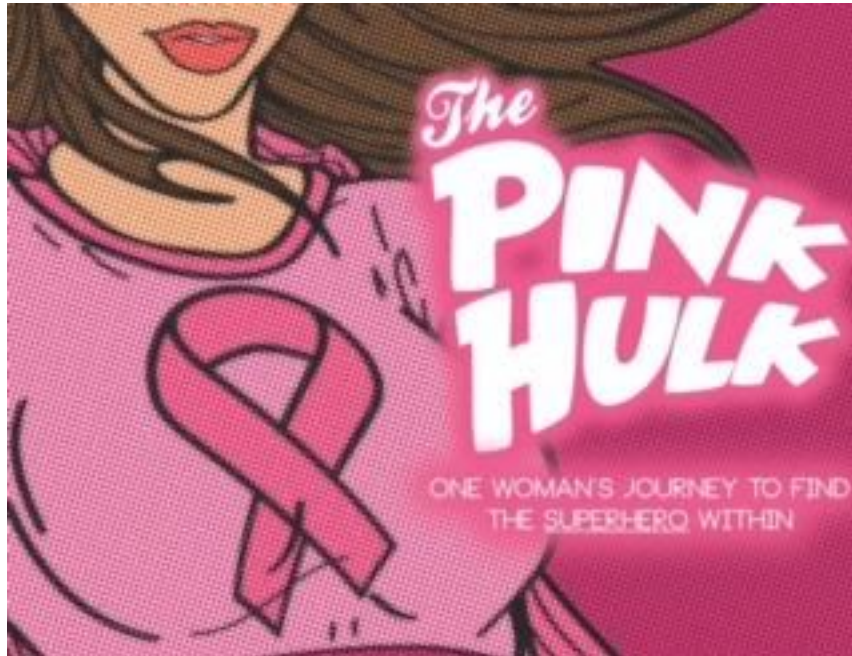
“There is clearly nothing about Valerie that isn’t exceptional. *The Pink Hulk* is a triumph of the one-woman show format. *The Pink Hulk* is the apogee of cancer narratives; the zenith; the apex. You can’t get much better than this.”

-DC Metro Theater Arts

“Her [Valerie’s] energy onstage is contagious; she has a true talent for making her audience feel what she feels. David’s journey to take back control from the cancer that threatened to steal her femininity is entrancing and inspiring. Her ‘*Pink Hulk*’ is certainly a modern-day superhero.”

-Cincinnati CityBeat

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Show runs 60 minutes and includes mature content.

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