



# Spirit Tawfiq

Daughter of the Movement  
Social Justice Passionista  
Storyteller

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*I've observed you from afar and I can say that you continue to spread your mom's story with such honor. You may not have experienced what she experienced, but you are making sure we all never forget.*

*-Professor, Lincoln Land Community College*



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## Legacy of the Movement

Spirit Tawfiq bridges history to the present by speaking colorfully and truthfully about her experience as the daughter of Little Rock Nine member, Minnijean Brown Trickey who desegregated Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Born and raised in Canada, she grew up totally unaware of her mother's major role in U.S. history. But upon learning became voraciously passionate about uncovering the truth about this tragic and victorious story that shifted the nation. By twist of fate, Spirit moved to the U.S. and ended up working at the Little Rock Central High School National Historic site – the hallow site of the desegregation crisis - for 10 years. There, she absorbed the significance, magnitude and trauma of the crisis through painful conversations with her family & interactions with people visiting the historic site from around the world. Spirit's journey back to her roots ignited a deep commitment to honor her legacy and keep the movement alive through education, courageous conversations, storytelling and the arts.

## Bio

*Daughter of Little Rock Nine member upholds changemaker legacy and serves as a bridge between the Civil Rights Movement and the freedom train engineered by today's courageous young people.*

**Clinton School of Public Service**  
Master of Public Service

**University of Arkansas at Little Rock**  
Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communications

### Playwright, *One Ninth*

*One Ninth* is an exploration of human dignity and racial conflict as seen through the eyes of Minnijean Brown, one of the Little Rock Nine who desegregated Little Rock Central High School in 1957.

### Podcast Host

Roots of the Spirit podcast is a platform to have honest conversations about identity, "race," racism and social justice. Podcast available on Apple Podcasts and Sound Cloud.

## Offerings

### Little Rock Nine 101

*Little Rock Central High School Desegregation Crisis 101*

### Uprooting Racism

*Beyond "Diversity and Inclusion" this workshop explores structural racism and its everyday manifestations.*

### Keynote

*Spirit Tawfiq bridges history to the present by speaking truthfully about her experience and legacy as the daughter of Little Rock Nine.*

### Theater for Change

*Explore the power of theater as a tool for social change with Spirit Tawfiq's play, One Ninth.*