## 2004 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Lisa Nicole Wilkerson

Class of 1991

A career in entertainment is not something that Lisa Nicole Wilkerson initially pursued; it found her! Armed with a B.S. in journalism from Northwestern University, Wilkerson

began a career in public relations. After work, she took dance classes.

Soon, her hobby, which began at age five, turned into a passionate desire to perform. Wilkerson landed roles in theatre companies nationwide, including the St. Louis Black



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Repertory Company. Her performance in the Black Rep's production of Godspell led to a Woody King Award nomination for best actress in a musical. Her premier principal role was as "Nala" in Disney's first national tour of the *Lion King*. The St. Louis stop marked her debut.

She has appeared on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, and in the film *Unconditional Love*. She has also performed with several prominent dance companies.

Wilkerson is a member of Actors' Equity Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She also co-founded *On The 2 and 4, LLC*, a company aimed at giving back to and uplifting the community by producing multidisciplinary art.