

Kedren Spencer reviews for the role of *Toni Stone*

ALLIANCE THEATRE (Atlanta, GA)

Broadway World-

“Toni is exceptionally depicted by the unforgettable Kedren Spencer. Not since David Henry Hwang's *M. Butterfly* has a character so willfully grabbed an entire audience and led them through their own imaginations, while feeling the living of the life of the leading character. From the moment Kedren's foot hits the footlights, we are riveted by how she manages to lead us with such relentless magnetism. The story simply wouldn't be the same without her epic energy, talent, and skills. She's simply Toni.”

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution-

“This dynamic and striking staging by Atlanta director Tinashe Kajese-Bolden... is skillfully bolstered by the absolutely stirring portrayal of Kedren Spencer in the title role....Whether or not you fully grasp what she sometimes struggles for the words to convey, the beauty and power of Spencer's performance is that you don't need to know that much about baseball, or to even be a fan of it, necessarily, to appreciate how profoundly the pastime resonates with Toni.”

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“The only woman on the stage, however, is Spencer, and she is a powerhouse. ...Spencer has the audience completely in hand as the character leads us from one story to the next with an engaging level of excitement. ...The character's tomboy childhood and social awkwardness are well-depicted by Spencer, who gives Toni a physical awkwardness whenever she is confronted by something uncomfortable.”

MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATER (Milwaukee, WI)

Broadway World -

“Kedren Spencer is spectacular as Toni. The character of Toni dominates the play, narrating over every moment, breaking the fourth wall, and leading the audience where she wishes. Kedren Spencer is a magnetic, confident, and natural Toni. This character has a lot to say, a range of ages to embody

and scenarios to convey, and Spencer does it all with the spark of effortless poise and natural candor. Her stunning performance is reason enough to see Toni Stone.”

Urban Milwaukee-

“Actress Spencer handles the grin-and-bear-it aspects brightly – allowing us to laugh along and share her good humor. Enthusiastic and always moving, she brings a humanity and energy to Toni that is essential to our enjoyment...”