

# BILLIARDS VMSOA

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Shining Everywhere**







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**This month, Host of Billiards VMSEA MAGAZINE AND MUSIC, Vania Alonnie, sat down with Trezure B. Coles, the triple-threat singer, dancer, and actor who's out here living the artist's life and dropping gems like the true Trezure she is.**

**She kept it real about the grind, the glow-ups, and the lessons that come with making her mark in the game. From owning stages to staying locked in on her craft, Trezure's story is all about turning vision into reality while inspiring others to do the same.**

**Swipe left to see how Trezure B. Coles is shining her way to the top and proving that when you're a true Trezure, the world can't help but notice!**





**Trezure B. Coles, an actor, dancer, and singer from Newport News, Virginia, brings passion and authenticity to every stage she steps onto. In a heartfelt conversation with Billiards VMSOA Magazine host Vania Alonnie, Trezure opened up about how her roots, her artistry, and her faith have shaped her creative journey. From her time at Norfolk State University to her powerful roles on stage, Trezure reflects on the experiences that have defined her.**

**Here's what she had to say—**

**Vania: Hello, hello, Trezure! Welcome back. How are you?**

**Trezure: I am doing super well. So happy to be back in the space with my folks from Virginia. I'm feeling very happy and very blessed right now.**

**Vania: I'm just happy to finally be interviewing a fellow Spartan!**

**Trezure: Okay, okay!**



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**Vania:** Virginia's got a real heartbeat, and Newport News is a big part of yours. How does growing up there shape your Artistry?

**Trezure:** Newport News taught me what storytelling really is. Not in a school setting or a book, but in life—in the salon with my mom, riding in the car with my dad, seeing how people moved in my community. From a young age, I was enticed by the way people told stories with their words and bodies. That's what made me fall in love with performing, even before I knew I wanted to be an actor.

**Vania:** Let's go ahead and get right into it. So, Trezure B. Coles—who is she?

**Trezure:** She is a human being, okay? She's everything—everything under the sun, everything you can imagine. I'm a Child of God, a lover of my art, a daughter, a sister, a niece, a cousin, a bundle of joy. I feel everything, and sometimes that's my superpower, and sometimes it's my kryptonite.

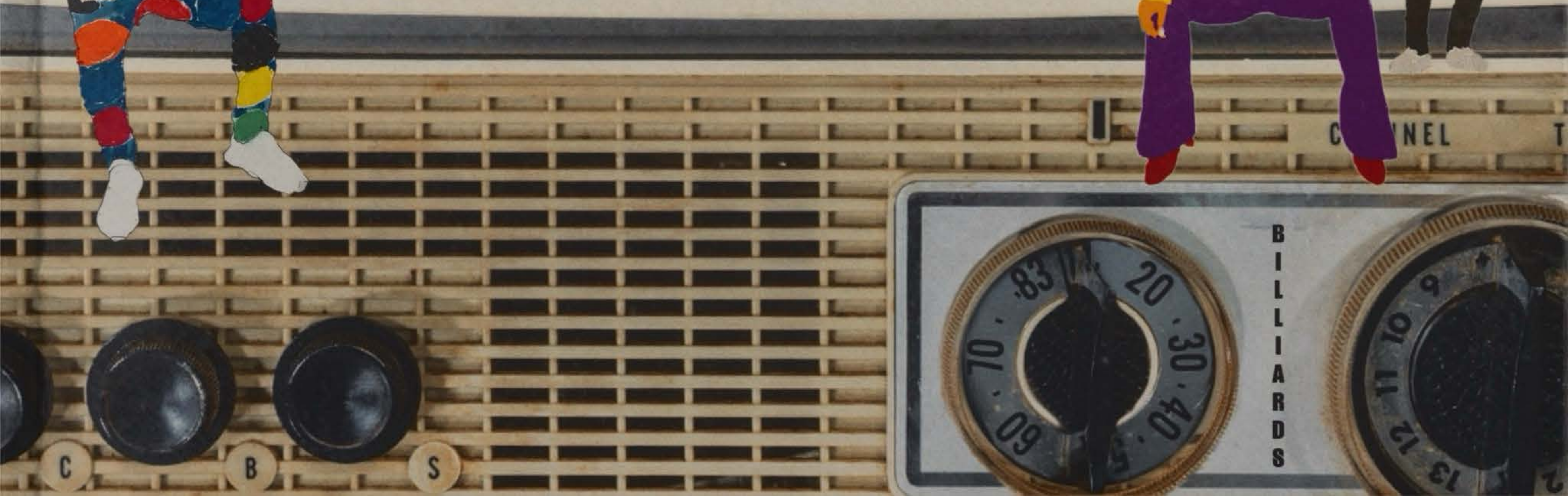




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**It also taught me about hustle. You see so many talented people in Virginia, but not everyone gets the chance to share their gifts on a bigger stage. Growing up, I'd hear stories like, "Oh, he was the greatest athlete in high school, but he didn't make it out." That stuck with me. It showed me that talent isn't enough—you've got to hustle to make sure you don't get stuck.**





**V: As a triple threat—acting, singing, and dancing—which is your ride or die?**

**T:** Dance is my first love. It's how I express myself when words aren't enough. There's a freedom in it that's unmatched. Right now, though, dance feels sacred to me. Acting has taken over as my main focus, but dance is still a huge part of who I am. Even when I'm in a straight play, movement and rhythm play into how I bring a character to life. It's all connected.

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**V: Let's talk about Billiards. What's your connection?**

**T:** Oh, Billiards is history—it's Virginia history, Norfolk State history, and our story as a community. Ja'Quan was always in the study rooms at Brown Memorial Hall, working on it. We'd walk past, and you could feel his focus.

After our friend Jadon passed, something shifted in him. It was like Ja'Quan said, "I'm not letting this die in vain." Billiards became this platform for overlooked voices and untold stories, and it just kept growing.





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**V: What's the ultimate dream for Trezure B. Coles?**

**T: To get paid doing what I love and to live the life destined for me. I want the movie, the TV show, the play, the musical, and the one-woman show. Not everybody can do what I do, and I want to own that.**

**V: One last piece of wisdom for the next generation of creators?**

**T: Get a passport. Travel. See the world outside of your bubble. Even if it's just Vermont or a national park, go somewhere new. And if you can, go international. It will open your eyes**

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# KEM LAYENI

ART THAT DEMANDS  
ATTENTION





WHY YOU SHOULD  
KNOW HER

THE WORK  
THAT SPEAKS

ON THE SCREEN: FROM  
COMEDY TO  
CATHARSIS

THE FUTURE  
IS HERS

Kemi Layeni, based in Hampton, Virginia, is a multidisciplinary artist—visual artist, filmmaker, actress, and stand-up comedian—whose work unpacks the intersections of race, gender, sexuality, and history. Currently an MFA Filmmaker at NYU Tisch, Kemi brings academic rigor and artistic depth to every medium she touches. Her art centers the narratives of Black peoples and the African diaspora, creating space for stories that challenge and redefine perspectives.

Through photography, film, and installation, Kemi's art interrogates and complicates societal narratives. Her 2018 TED Talk at TED Headquarters highlighted her fearless approach, as she shared work that disturbs, provokes, and reveals. Kemi's goal? To present unflinching truths that reflect the fullness of Black life.

Kemi is also the creator and star of two dramedy web series, Quicksand and Seeds. These projects reflect her versatility and authenticity, blending humor and heart with raw, layered storytelling. Her training as an MFA filmmaker at Tisch sharpens her ability to craft narratives that resonate across screens and stages alike.

With roots in Hampton and a vision that spans the globe, Kemi Layeni is a bold and necessary voice in art and storytelling. For audiences seeking work that disrupts and demands attention, Kemi is one to watch.







# *'Tis DA' SEASON*

Billiards came through with a specially curated holiday drink to keep the festivities lit. Swipe to see what we're sippin' on this season. Let's toast to good vibes and holiday cheer!





# TWO BALL TWISTS

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This season, Vania and Quan crafted a smooth, spiced drink to keep the energy right. Rich, bold, and a little extra—it's the perfect mix for any occasion.





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## How to Make It:

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Shake up the rum, whiskey, eggnog, spices, and ice until smooth. Strain into a chilled glass, top with your garnish, and it's a wrap.

## What You Need:

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1 oz Dark Rum  
1 oz Cinnamon Whiskey  
2 oz Eggnog  
1/2 oz Heavy Cream (optional)  
1/4 tsp Ground Cinnamon  
1/4 tsp Nutmeg  
Ice  
Cinnamon stick or a pinch of cinnamon  
sugar for garnish

## The Flavor:

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Bold with a creamy finish and spiced just right, this drink keeps it smooth with depth from the rum, a little heat from the whiskey, and a silky balance that hits every time.







HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM THE  
BILLIARDS FAM!

To Yours