



Railroad Playhouse Presents unFRAMED

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THE RAILROAD PLAYHOUSE in conjunction with DOUBLE PLAY CONNECTIONS, DOING LIFE PRODUCTIONS, and [Jane Dubin](#), Executive Producer are pleased to present *Iyaba Ibo Mandingo's* unFRAMED directed by Brent Buell. unFRAMED will play a limited engagement at the Railroad Playhouse (27 South Water Street, Newburgh, NY). Performances are Friday, April 29 and Friday, May 13 at 8:00 p.m.

Using canvas, paint, poetry, prose and song, *Iyaba Ibo Mandingo*, formerly *Kenny Athel George DeCruise* - painter, poet, husband, father, son, and undocumented immigrant from Antigua - evolves the story of his life transformation.

At the age of eleven, *Iyaba* is plucked from the tropical comfort of his boyhood and taken to life in America where he must navigate his way to manhood without the guidance of a father; from *"Mommy Me No Wanna Go Merrica"*, a prophetic piece that hints at the many trials he will face in a new land, to his powerful political poetry that that would lead to his arrest and attempted deportation in post 9/11 America.

Iyaba shares his rage, his determination, and his hope while he paints a self-portrait and successfully struggles to redefine his humanity, rediscover his smile, and truly accept himself for the first time.

unFRAMED plays the following schedule on April 29 and May 13:

Fridays at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 and are now available online at www.rrplayhouse.org or by calling 1-800-838-3006. Tickets may also be purchased in-person at the theatre ½ hour prior to the events.

Running Time: 85 minutes plus talk-back

Website: www.unFRAMEDthePlay.com
www.rrplayhouse.org

BIOGRAPHIES

IYABA IBO MANDINGO (Playwright, Performer) - painter, poet, writer, and playwright - is a native of Antigua, West Indies, who came to the United States in 1980 as a young boy. His earliest exposures to the arts were through his mother, a professional singer, and his grandparents, a tailor and a seamstress who first introduced him to colors and patterns, paving a path to the many ways of expression: drawing, painting, sculpting, writing and performing. *Iyaba* studied fine arts at Southern Connecticut State University and today teaches in and around the tri-state area as a Master Teaching Artist. He is a member of the Harlem Arts Alliance.

Iyaba was awarded a national Percent for the Arts Program artist grant, and is a two-time Connecticut Grand Slam champion. In January 2011 he won Yale University's Martin Luther King Birthday Invitational Slam, his third such win. He appears regularly as a performance poet in venues across the United States and abroad, including Nuyorican Poetry Café, Brooklyn Moon, and Next Door Café among others in the NY area. He is the recipient of artists' grants from the Connecticut Commission on the Arts, and multiple commendations from the Nassau County African American Museum. He was recently seen at 59E59 as *Henry* in *Deb Margolin's* *The Expenses of Rain* ([Laura Barnett](#), director). He is the author of two chapbooks of poetry, *41 Times* and *Amerikkan Exile*. His new novel, *Sins of My Fathers*, will be released in early 2011. His artwork has been included in over a dozen group and individual shows in the tri-state area.

unFRAMED is *Iyaba's* first full-length play in poetry and prose, during which he uses his canvas to paint his physical portrait while using his words to tell his personal story, a story of an undocumented immigrant boy's journey to manhood through the perils of adolescence, the pitfalls of racism and the struggles of finding identity in his new country, struggling to find its own identity. *Iyaba* has performed his play at Gallery 1212 (CT), Casa Frela Gallery (Harlem), Rider College (NJ), Niagara University (NY), Norwalk Community College (CT), Breakthrough Theatre (FL), the University of Baltimore (MD) and other venues around the country.

BRENT BUELL (Director) has taken the directorial helm on work including *From Sing Sing to Broadway*, which premiered at [Playwrights Horizons](#) in NYC; his comedy *The Gem Exchange*; *Rosemary Hester's* *You Can't Leave That There*; *Wood Bars*, which he wrote with Miguel Valentin for the opening of [John Buffalo Mailer](#) and Tom Kail's *Back House Productions*; and his Las Vegas spectacular, *Undone Divas*. He wrote and directed *The Terrors of Teri*, a film for Ohio University's University College, and Goddess Films tapped him to direct its new comedy *Moses* starring Rosie DeSanctis. For ten years, Buell volunteered with the non-profit organization Rehabilitation Through the Arts, directing theater in New York's maximum-security prisons. There his productions of plays, ranging from [John Steinbeck's](#) *Of Mice and Men* to three original works by prisoners, have earned praise from critics, including from *The New York Times*. His *Breakin' the Mummy's Code* premiered at Sing Sing and was the subject of a feature article in *Esquire* by bestselling author, [John Richardson](#). His experiences provided the basis for his chapter "Drama in the Big House" in the book *Performing New Lives, Prison Theater* by Jonathan Shailor.

An accomplished actor, Buell has appeared in classic roles from Shakespeare and Ibsen to Moliere and Strindberg, and on the big screen in both the hit comedy *Grand Opening* and the soon to be released controversial thriller *Al Qarem*. He has written two novels, *Rapturous* (early 2011) and *Daniel and My Revelation* (Fall 2011). Mr. Buell received his M.A. from Ohio University where he studied with novelist Herbert Gold.

[Jane Dubin](#) (Creative Consultant and Executive Producer) is the President of Double Play Connections, a theatrical production and management company committed to supporting emerging artists and playwrights in the creation and development of new works. Jane is a graduate of the Commercial Theatre Institute's 14-week (NYC) and O'Neill Center Intensive (CT) Producing Workshops and Director of Theater Resources Unlimited's Producer Development Program. Productions: *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg* (London), *The 39 Steps*, *The Norman Conquests* (7 TONY nominations, winner - TONY, Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards, Best Play Revival, Groundswell ([The New Group](#)), starring [Larry Bryggman](#), [David Lansbury](#) and [Souleymane Sy Savane](#); *Beebo Brinker Chronicles* at 37 Arts (2008 GLAAD Media Award for Theatre). National tour: *The 39 Steps*. Other: OPA! at TBG Theatre (Best Commercial Production, MITF 2008 (NY); TRU Voices Award for Most Promising New Musical 2007), *Take Me America* by [Bill Nabel](#) and [Bob Christian](#)son (Best Musical, MITF 2007), *Count Down*, by Dominique Cieri, at the Bank Street Theatre and the one-woman show, *MentalPause* by Margaret Liston, at the WorkShop Theatre (MITF 2006), DTW Studios and Society Hill Playhouse in Philadelphia.

Ms. Dubin is on the Board of Directors of the non-profit theater company, *Houses on the Moon* and a member of the League of Professional Theatre Women. She is consulting producer to the Moving Mantras Performance Group, a company integrating the movement of yoga and modern dance and co-curator of the Hudson Valley Writers' Center New Play Reading Series. She holds an MBA in Finance from NYU's School of Business. <http://www.DoublePlayConnections.com>.

THE RAILROAD PLAYHOUSE is dedicated to the revitalization of Newburgh and the preservation of Newburgh's historic West Shore Railroad Station by providing a space for high-quality, artistically creative performing arts experiences.

The Railroad Playhouse will strive to provide a home for playwrights to workshop and showcase new plays; present local, national, and [International Artists](#) of all genres; create partnerships with local businesses and organizations to continue revitalizing the area; implement after school programming and a summer arts camp for local children; and create teaching-artists residences in local schools.

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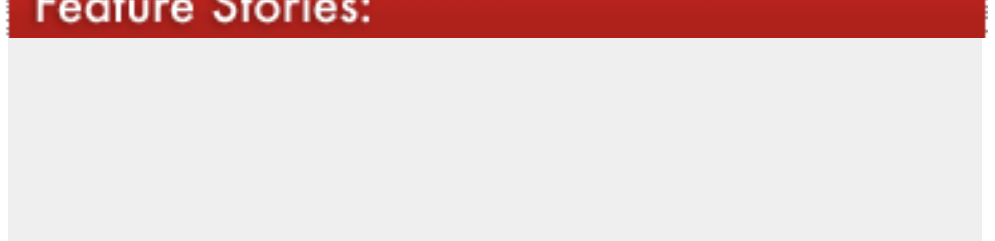
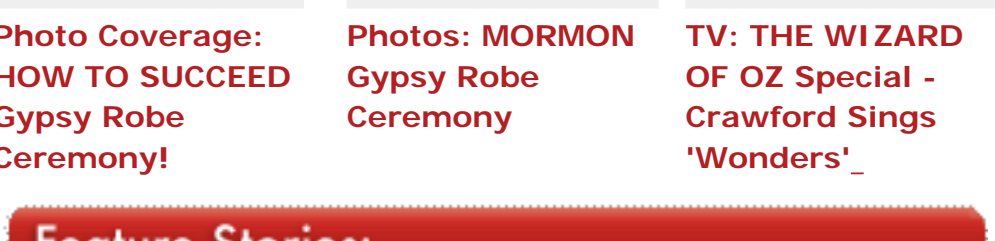
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