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Pack Light Written & Performed By Caroline Neisha Taylor



Trinidadian writer and performer Caroline Neisha Taylor presents the World Premiere of her one-woman show, PACK LIGHT, as part of the 10th Annual New York International Fringe Festival . Tim Miller and Staceyann Chin meet Sarah Jones and Anna Deavere Smith in this one-woman, multimedia performance that invites us to think outside the check-boxes that define our lives. PACK LIGHT combines autobiography, character sketches, original video, and Afro-Caribbean music and dance (choreographed by Trinidadian Natalie Joseph-Settle) in a funny, candid and moving reflection on cultural schizophrenia. With unflinching honesty and infectious off-beat humor. Caroline invites you into her world to share the joys and perils of wrangling Caribbean and British parentage; navigating U.S. life and airport security as a (legal!) alien; and being a multiracial and bi-national potpourri in a world of far too many check-boxes, where everyone keeps asking: "So...what are you, anyway?"

Trinidad & Tobago National Scholarship winner and Honors degree graduate from Williams College, Caroline has worked, studied and performed in the United States, Costa Rica, Trinidad and Great Britain. Previous versions of PACK LIGHT were staged at La MaMa E.T.C. and Williams College as 'Fragments of Creole Memory' and 'Dis, Dat & the Other'. Some of her other theatrical performances include: 'The Date'; 'The Olympians' and the title role in Countee Cullen's 'Medea'.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, August 18th at 4:45 p.m.; Saturday, August 19 & Thursday, August 24th at 5:15 p.m.; and Tuesday , August 22 & Saturday, August 26 at 8:45 p.m. Event takes place at the Manhattan Children's Theater located at 52 White Street (between Broadway & Church) in

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Sixth Annual Jazz In The Valley



NEW YORK, NY - Spend the weekend in Rosendale, NY, for the Seventh Annual Jazz In The Valley featuring Kevin Mahogany, Ray Ray Schinnery and Carol Daggs on Saturday, August 26, and Cedar Walton, Curtis Fuller, Joe Cuba, Michelle Rosewoman and Dwight West on Sunday, August 27. Jazz in the Valley is dedicated to the memory of jazz legend Jackie McLean.

“We’re looking forward to welcoming our return guests as well as new fans to our annual celebration of jazz in the Hudson Valley,” said Greer Smith, founder and producer of the concert series and CEO of TRANSART & Cultural Services, Inc. “With the on-going support of generous sponsors and music lovers from the Valley as well as throughout New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, we are pleased to expand the event to three venues taking place throughout the entire weekend.”

Jazz in the Valley kicks off with Kevin Mahogany and Carol Daggs at Rosendale Theatre, 418 Main Street, on Saturday, August 26, at 7 p.m. After starting on piano and moving to clarinet Mahogany played the baritone saxophone professionally before he discovered his true talent – singing. He continued to develop his style following artists like Lambert Hendricks and Ross, Al Jarreau and Eddie Jefferson. In February 1993, his debut album “Double Rainbow,” hit the stores and met with instant acclaim. He has 10 albums to his name including his stellar tribute to Johnny Hartman. Accomplished pianist and vocalist, Daggs has been directed by Delfeayo Marsalis and performed with Donald Harrison. She received the 2004 IBLA Grand Prize in Sicily for solo performance in the jazz standards and composition category.

Later on Saturday, head to the Alamo Restaurant, 388 Main Street, for two sets (9:30 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.) with blues man Ray Schinnery. A multi talented musician dedicated to keeping the blues alive, Schinnery is a singer who gets much from his voice and even more from his guitar.

Following the annual tradition of Jazz in the Valley, Sunday, August 27, features an afternoon of great jazz complemented by breathtaking views. This year set at Williams Lake Resort on Binnewater Road, the day features Cedar Walton & Curtis Fuller, Joe Cuba, Michele Rosewoman and Dwight West. Gates open at noon and the music starts at 1:30 p.m.

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HCCI To Host its 3rd Annual Jamboree Yacht Ride

Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc. (HCCI) is hosting its 3rd annual Jamboree! A Soulful Extravaganza on the Hudson on Thursday, August 17, 2006, aboard the Spirit of New York. Held from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at Pier 62 at Chelsea Piers, 23rd Street & the Westside Highway. This evening will feature a special performance by the legendary Bobbi Humphrey. This soulful yacht ride around Manhat-tan island will also include performances by, Thomas Gooding, son of Cuba Gooding Sr., and DJ's Flame and Revel8tion.

This year's three-hour festive affair will help support the building of a much needed daycare center in Harlem's Bradhurst Community and the general operation of HCCI.

HCCI is a diverse interfaith consortium of more than 90 congregations established to revitalize the physical, economic, cultural, and spiritual conditions of the Harlem community. HCCI has made a substantial impact on the social and living conditions prevalent in Harlem by developing low to moderate income housing; creating supportive health and human service facilities and programs; providing commercial development opportunities to local businesses; and expanding cultural programs.

For tickets and further informaiton, call 212-281-2887, ext. 21

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