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## BISHOP ARTS THEATRE CENTER TO HOST THE MONOLOGUE PROJECT

**Dallas, Texas – The Monologue Project** invites you to a special event that celebrates Women of the African Diaspora and their impact on theater and the world. The event will be held at the Bishop Arts Theatre Center on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. featuring some of Dallas’ most talented artists. We join in solidarity with the woman-driven activism of movements like Black Lives Matter, acknowledging the essential role of black women in America. The event will be followed by a discussion and call-to-action.

Join us for an afternoon of performance and activism. Writers from across the nation including such luminaries as **Amy Evans, Pia Wilson, Charlayne Woodard, Dominique Morisseau, Mfoniso Udofia, Cori Thomas** and **Chisa Hutchinson** have contributed audition-length monologues to this event, many of them original. Professional and student actors will perform the monologues, which span the gamut from intensely moving to intensely funny. The event is hosted by the following:

- Advisory Committee Members: **Siovhan Christensen, N’Jameh Camara, Ife Foy, Alexis Cash, Alesia Etinoff, Sara Williams, Dominique Brock and Dave Harris.**
- **Gab Cody**, Pittsburgh Regional Representative for the Dramatists Guild
- **Teresa Coleman Wash**, Executive Artistic Director, Bishop Arts Theatre Center
- **Seth Cotterman**, Marketing and Communications Consultant
- **Reginald Douglas**, Artistic Producer of City Theater
- **Kyle Haden**, Director and Assistant Professor at CMU

Gab Cody, organizer of the Pittsburgh event and brainchild of The Monologue Project commented, “We believe hearing voices that have not been heard and providing greater opportunity for Women of the African Diaspora will be of benefit to all.” The Monologue Project aims to increase the number of audition-length monologues available to Women of the African Diaspora. She adds, “We acknowledge those women who have already contributed to this canon and who have paved the way for other writers and actors.”

Performances will also be scheduled for New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. After the Dallas performance Bishop Arts Theatre Center will launch the online platform for The Monologue Project in early 2018. The monologues will be free and available on the BATC’s website at [bishopartstheatre.org](http://bishopartstheatre.org).

**Participating Monologue Project Writers** (in alphabetical order): Mando Alvarado, Chrystal Bates, France-Luce Benson, N’Jameh Camara, Zina Camblin, Kia Corthron, Gethsemane Herron-Coward, LeKeithia Dalcoe, William Duell, Kim El, Alesia Etinoff, Amy Evans, Rob Florence, Imani Maryahm Harrington, Dave Harris, Yona Harvey, Chisa Hutchinson, Levi Jelks, Christine Toy Johnson, Jewell McPherson, Dominique Morisseau, Ife Olujobi, Maxie Rockymore, Bianca Sams, Daniel Talbott, Cori Thomas, Pamela Turner, Mfoniso Udofia, Bria Walker, Keith Wallace, Amy Gijssbers van Wijk, Pia Wilson and Charlayne Woodard.

### **Ticketing Information**

The performance will be held at the Bishop Art Theatre Center located at 215 South Tyler, TX 75208. Admission is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to [tickets@bishopartstheatre.org](mailto:tickets@bishopartstheatre.org).

**About Bishop Arts Theatre Center (BATC)**

Nestled in the heart of Dallas' Oak Cliff community, the Bishop Arts Theatre Center is an award winning, multicultural, multi-discipline theatre company owned and operated by TeCo Theatrical Productions, Inc. Founded in 1993, the mission of the organization is to cultivate a diverse and vibrant arts community while creating opportunities for local and emerging artists through performances and education. The BATC offers a full season of theatre performances, jazz concerts, a speaker series and year-round arts education programs. Each year, the theatre impacts nearly 50,000 people nationwide.



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