

OUR COMMUNITY, OUR STORY

A Celebration of the Human Condition

The Community Access Speakers Series, *Our Community, Our Story*, is the centerpiece of our organization's efforts to educate our community about the experiences, daily life struggles and healing process of individuals who are living with chronic, mental illness. Our inaugural series convenes a group of acclaimed authors whose works reflect the human condition that binds together people everywhere.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 25, 2010: *Walking with Emmett.* Award-winning playwright **Ifa Bayeza**, author of the epic drama, "The Ballad of Emmett Till," talks about her ten-year odyssey, bringing this seminal American saga to the contemporary stage, and reads excerpts from the play. "The Ballad of Emmett Till" is based on the brutal 1955 Mississippi murder of Chicago black youth a month after his fourteenth birthday. Venue: Peter Glendale Theater at Professional Children's School at 132 West 60th Street, New York, NY.



April 22, 2010: **Robert Whitaker**, Pulitzer Prize finalist and author of *Mad in America*, has received numerous awards as a journalist covering medicine and science. His works often explore the dichotomy between holistic approaches to recovery from mental illness and drug therapies. Mr. Whitaker will debut his new book, *Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America.* Venue: The National Arts Club at 15 Gramercy Park South, New York, NY.



June 24, 2010: Real-life sisters **Ifa Bayeza** and **Ntozake Shange** give a sneak preview reading from their new novel, *Some Sing, Some Cry*. Shange is author of the landmark theatre work *for colored girls who considered suicide when the rainbow is enough*. *Some Sing, Some Cry* is an epic story of mothers, daughters, sisters, wives, cousins, friends and lovers. The novel traces the course of one family over seven generations from enslavement to freedom and chronicles the stories of women, the men and the music in their lives. Venue: Riverside Theatre at Riverside Church, 91 Claremont Avenue, New York, NY.



MEET THE ARTISTS – VIP RECEPTION AT 6:00 PM: Attend an intimate VIP wine reception with the artists and receive a complimentary copy of the performed work.

GENERAL ADMISSION – PERFORMANCE AT 7:00 PM: Tickets and a limited number of membership seats are also available. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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