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We hope that you will come meet **Ntozake Shange** and **Ifa Bayeza** who will appear together on **June 24th at The Riverside Theatre** as guest artists for an event to benefit **Community Access**, an award-winning nonprofit that empowers people with psychiatric disabilities to lead healthy, independent lives.

Real life sisters Shange and Bayeza will read selections from published and unpublished short works related to family, personal recovery and community healing.

Shange is author of the landmark theater work *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf*, which is headed to Broadway again with a new contemporized script and is being adapted for a film version directed by Tyler Perry. Bayeza's newest play, *The Ballad of Emmett Till*, is winner of the 2008 Edgar Award and a 2007 Eugene O'Neill Playwrights Conference fellowship. The sisters have a new novel due out this September, their first co-writing effort, an epic story that traces the journey of one family from enslavement to the dawn of the 21st century. *Some Sing, Some Cry* chronicles seven generations of women, the men and the music in their lives.

A VIP cocktail reception with the authors begins at 6:00 PM, with the performance scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

Tickets to the benefit range from \$25 to \$125 and may be purchased online at www.communityaccess.org, or by phone at 212-780-1400, ext. 7793.