

BLACK PRIDE NYC

Call for Entries ART:

Black Pride NYC, Inc. (www.blackpridenyc.org) is hosting a multi-borough art exhibition during its seventh annual celebration, "Kuumba" meaning creativity, June 20-27, 2004. New York artists from the five boroughs may submit work in any medium (painting, drawing, sculpture, photography and mixed media.) Work must fit into one of the following categories; The Black Gay Family, Lesbian Mothers, The New Face of AIDS, Before Stonewall, The World of Seniors or Youth Power. All applications and submission materials, including a self addressed stamped envelope, must arrive at Greco Art Studio, 149 Bond Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217 on or before May 1, 2004 to be considered. All requirements are available online at www.blackpridenyc.com/art or you can email art@blackpridenyc.org for more information. 212-613-0097

Call for Entries II PERFORMING ARTS – OPEN MIC

Black Pride NYC, Inc. (www.blackpridenyc.org) is hosting the "Black Pride Idol" Talent competition, sponsored by ABSOLUT VODKA for its seventh annual celebration, "Kuumba" meaning creativity, June 20-27, 2004. The semi finals for this open mic competition will be held at Langston Lounge in Brooklyn, NY on May 12, 2004 from 7pm-10pm and at Lenox Lounge on May 25, 2004 from 7pm-10pm. The winners will be invited to perform at the "Black Pride Idol" Finals which will be held at Splash Nightclub in NYC on June 22, 2004 from 7pm-11pm. All must register in advance. Call 212-613-0097 or go to www.blackpridenyc.com/prideidol or email prideidol@blackpridenyc.org. Must be 21 or older to enter.

Call for Talent PERFORMERS FOR "CULTURAL CELEBRATION & YOUTH DAY:

Black Pride NYC, Inc. (www.blackpridenyc.org) is seeking talent to perform at the Riis Beach Cultural Celebration & Health Fair on June 26, 2004 & for the Verizon Youth Agenda Youth Day on June 25th at Riverbank State Park during Black Pride NYC's seventh annual celebration, "Kuumba." Please send tapes or other promotional materials to Black Pride NYC, Inc. 692 Fulton St. #3, Brooklyn, NY 11217 or email talent@blackpridenyc.org for more information.

Casting Notice – ACTORS FOR "Happy Birthday Madam Alberta"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MADAM ALBERTA examines complex issues within the black gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans-gendered communities: macho bisexuality; lesbian love; male to female transformation, gay marriage and the threat of HIV infection. This cutting edge play with drama, comedy and life lessons will be an excellent actor's showcase and will rehearse for 4-5 weeks with performances at the Studio at the Cherry Lane Theater June 22-26. The play is a part of the Black Pride NYC, Inc. Gay Pride Week events and explores four friends who gather to celebrate the birthday of one of New York City's most legendary drag performers, Madam Alberta. All goes well until they play a dangerous game of "Truth or Dare" then all hell breaks loose!

Billy: Seeking strong, African American non-union actress for role of Billy. Billy is butch African American -Lesbian social worker, 45-60, Alberta's best friend, excited about her new romance with Keesha. Comedic time important for this role. Billy is a wise cracking and sometimes shady with her repartee-but unaware of it, she's just "keepin it real".

Keesha: Seeking strong, African American non-union actress for role of Keesha. Keesha is feminine African American – Bisexual, sexy, street wise, feisty, project mother of three, 25-30 yrs old, traumatized by the possibility of being HIV positive.

Cougar: seeking strong African American male non-union actor between 19-24 years old for role of Cougar in upcoming production of "Happy Birthday Madam Alberta". This role requires a strong actor to convey strength, vulnerability and innocence without appearing too soft or feminine. He's articulate, passionate about his work as an artist, seeking answers to life's many questions. Cougar is a virgin but feels in his heart he might be gay. Masculine but boyish, physically fit/sexy and edgy, he has many admirers both male and female. Painting and art is his life and soul.

Ray: Seeking strong, African American non-union actor for role of Raymond. Raymond / Daddy Ray is a mafia hit man in love with Alberta and father figure to Cougar, 40-55, macho "Bear" type, guilty about being estranged from his three children. Ray is handsome but physically intimidating character (Tall and or Large Man).

Production Dates: June 22-26, 2004 (six performances-one matinee included) – The Studio at The Cherry Lane Theatre, New York City. Must commit to 4-5 week rehearsal schedule (mostly evenings) Non-Union actors only. Stipends Given. Audition Dates TBA.

For Immediate Consideration, send picture and resume to: madamalberta@aol.com or via mail to J. Onwubere c/o Jackson Anubis Productions, 517 West 150th Street, #4 New York, NY 10031

For Questions/More Info: 212.613.0097

<http://www.blackpridenyc.com/madamalberta/production.htm>

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Founded in 1997, Black Pride NYC, Inc. is a 501 c 3 non profit organization that serves Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (“LGBT”) people of African descent by providing, on a year round basis, educational seminars and cultural events that are vital to the resilience and vitality of the community it represents. These human service programs seek to arm participants with the tools to respond to and withstand the stresses of prejudice, discrimination, bigotry, violence and poor health prevalent to LGBT community

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