

PRESS RELEASE

Freedom Studios proudly presents

STREET VOICES THEATRE BY A NEW GENERATION OF WRITERS

SEVEN-WEEK WRITER'S COURSE: **October 10th - November 25th 2009**

PRESENTATION OF WRITER'S WORK: **November 25th 2009 at 7.15PM THEATRE IN THE MILL,
BRADFORD**

Street Voices is a call from Freedom Studios to emerging playwrights from first and second generation born Black, Asian and minority ethnic emerging writers aged 17+, no upper age limit, based in Yorkshire at the beginning of their careers, - slam poets, novelists, comic book writers, anyone who would value a supported seven-week approach to writing for stage.

Freedom Studios is committed to commissioning a writer through Street Voices to write a national seventy-minute touring play for the company.

Street Voices is a seven-week writers project supporting emerging writers in the realisation of original twenty-minute short plays. These short plays will culminate in a work in progress, rehearsed reading presentation to the public and invited theatre writers, performers, directors and producers on Wednesday 23d November at Theatre in The Mill, Bradford at 7.15pm

Workshops will be led by Freedom Studios Artistic Director, Madani Younis, with guest lecturers to include Josie Rourke, Artistic Director, The Bush Theatre, London and Jatinder Verma, Artistic Director Tara Arts.

Freedom Studios Artistic Director Madani Younis on Street Voices:

“The demography of the United Kingdom has changed dramatically over the last sixty years and continues to change rapidly as the world opens up and borders are torn down. Yet the experiences and voices of those who have migrated here and proudly call the UK home still remain largely elusive within the arts.”

Bush Theatre, London, Artistic Director Josie on Street Voices:

“Street Voices is a great new initiative. It offers a considered context in which new writers can articulate their voices and find production.”

Workshops will take place on Saturdays and will be hosted at Freedom Studios, Bradford, The Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield, and Theatre in the Mill, Bradford.

Freedom Studios will subsidise the course costs for this project.

Writers are invited to request an application from hello@freedomstudios.co.uk stating their full name and e-mail address.

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For further details, please call Freedom Studios on; 01274 730077/ 07879 035610

Editors Notes

Freedom Studios, Bradford, one of the Arts Council of England's newest and most dynamic regularly funded Theatre organisations (2008).

Freedom Studios is a theatre company that endeavours to challenge theatrical convention. We are willing to take risks in pioneering a new artistic language and by exploring the potential of a new generation of artists. We want to tell the stories of first and second-generation immigrant artists and challenge historical perceptions of the arts through their voices.

Our aim is to create theatre that gives everyone a cultural opportunity and to provide a safe and secure environment for talent to flourish.