



**b current and Theatre Archipelago
present
powerful and mesmerizing
*Obeah Opera***

Set in the late 17th century, *Obeah Opera* tells a story of life and work among women silenced by the most infamous 'witch-hunt' in history. *Obeah Opera* explodes myths surrounding the Salem Witch Trials, unravels the branding of obeah with evil and witchery, ties it back to its true spiritual nature rooted in West Africa, and finally gives voice to a group of women whose story has been missing from history books. Sung entirely in a capella, this powerful piece features an original score rooted in traditional and contemporary black music.

The much anticipated world premiere of *Obeah Opera* by Nicole Brooks, will be directed by ahdri zhina mandiola. The cast includes the noted roots chanteuse supreme directly from Trinidad & Tobago, Ella Andall, renaissance performance artist Nicole Brooks, vocalist and recording artist Joni NehRita, newcomer Sapphire Demitro, and Canadian soul rocktress Saidah Baba Talibah. The production is rounded out with an all female 10-member chorus. Musical direction by contemporary composer and vocalist, Tova Kardonne, and design by Julia Tribe.

**Four student performances offered
February 21, 23, 28, 29, 2012
10:30am**

Recommended for students in Grade 6 and up

All student performances will include a post-show talk back with members of the cast and creative team. Your visit to the **918 Bathurst Centre for Culture** venue in Toronto will also feature an art exhibit exploring the history of Bathurst Street and the influence of Caribbean immigrants on the development of the area.

This multi-disciplinary piece connects to studies of Dramatic Arts, Music, Dance, History, World Studies, Visual Arts and English. It is presented during Black History Month and teachers will receive a study guide to assist in preparing their students to attend this play. Our team would be happy to work with you to create unique and engaging workshop opportunities for your students.

**For more information and to book tickets, please contact
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