



Save the Date!

JDPP's 20th Anniversary Premiere

Dreamings



April 2, 3 & 4, 2009 at Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford

Emerging from an innovative arts residency at York Correctional Institution for Women in Niantic, CT, *Dreamings* is a multi-arts collaborative performance work that connects those behind bars with those who are free by exploring incarceration through the lens of dreams. In so doing, *Dreamings* awakens in all who experience it a sense of hope and possibility. From the darkness emerges a light that is a beacon of hope for those who are separated by concrete walls and barbed wires.

Dreamings uses movement, text, song and visual imagery to explore the dreamscapes of incarcerated women and those affected by incarceration. *Dreamings* takes on multiple voices in presenting how dreams and our dream lives become messengers – informers about the harsh reality for those whose lives have been impacted and shaped by incarceration.

Women who have completed their sentence, along with family members of those currently incarcerated, perform along side the professional company members. Their writings, along with those of the women at York, have become basis for the script, the original songs by composer Leslie Bird, and the dances by the Judy Dworin Performance Ensemble that comprise the piece. *Dreamings* also includes an unprecedented artistic component;



photographic projections show fleeting glimpses of a performance in progress by the women at York taken by Nick Lacy during the company's residency there last year. Noted graphic designer John Alves has designed the projections, which include artwork by the women inmates. The Charter Oak Cultural Center theater space will be transformed into a ship of dreams, designed by Michael Bezrudczyk, on whose sails the photo projections will appear.

As a special celebration of this 20th Anniversary premiere performance, we will be having a **Pre-Opening Night Celebration** at Charter Oak Cultural Center on April 2nd at 6:00pm. There will be hors d'oeuvres provided by Billy Grant, an open bar, and Silent Auction of items donated by local businesses. There will **ONLY** be 50 TICKETS AVAILABLE for this one-time celebration. The \$10 tickets are on a first-paid-reservation basis and also secure you a **reserved seat** for the Opening Night performance with your additional general admission ticket purchase. Please RSVP and send payment to Carla Iovinella at 233 Pearl St., Hartford, CT 06105.



Dreamings will be presented Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 2, 3 & 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Charter Oak Cultural Center, 21 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford. General tickets are \$20; \$10 for seniors and members of Charter Oak and Let*s Go; \$5 for students with ID. Reservations are strongly suggested; please call 860-249-1207 or visit www.charter oakcenter.org.

• A HUGE Thank You!

What an amazing ride! Our 20th Anniversary Celebration Cocktail Party was a HUGE success thanks to all of YOU who attended and contributed. Thanks to Dara Varano, Black Eyed Sally's was the perfect venue. Thanks to Billy Grant, the food was unbelievable. Thanks to Timothy Otte, Joseph Seagrave & Dotcom Wine & Spirits, we had a fantastic celebratory toast and dessert. The performances by Lorelei Chang, and selections from the repertory of JDPE and Women of the Cross were beautiful, funny, and moving. The speeches by Ken Kahn and Karen Senich were inspiring and solidified why we were all there together. We're still riding high, and are just going to keep right on going into the premiere of *Dreamings*!