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Lost Voices Now Found

On February 18th at 7pm voices of the Mission B.C community echo through the Clarke Foundation Theatre in a collaborative community event called "Speak and be Heard". The evening is brought to you by "THIS DIAMOND COMMUNITY" an eight month conceptual community art project brought forth by intuitive artist Carolyn Dawn Good. The projects' purpose is to unite and inspire connection, co-operation and communication between people from all walks of life. Sto'l'o Nation Drummers open the evening, Mission Association for Community Living (M.A.C.L.) choir sing their heart out to lighten the atmosphere leading into the main focus of the evening --- a forum theatre play put on by Mission's youth depicting some of the current issues and conflicts that they experience today.

Forum theatre is in the tradition of Theatre of the Oppressed. We view the drama once and then it is repeated exactly, this time, We are invited to shout "STOP" when we see something that we could change and step into the roles to send the drama into a new direction of balance and into the dawn of hope. This is a dynamic, emotionally charged evening merging art and social action in the spirit of Restorative Justice, where respect is the heart of the matter. Andrew Burton from www.streetspirits.com has been invited to facilitate this local group of "ACTovists " to address the social challenges and build supportive community.

It is generously sponsored by local businesses, organizations, and individuals such as a Mission Foundation and Mission Restorative Resolutions. There will be community groups set up in the lobby. (Free table still available). Doors open at 6. This is an inclusive event that appeals to all ages and backgrounds. Admission is by donation and there are doorprizes and a raffle.

The content of the evening is about educating ourselves to bring out the powerful, compassionate, creative, original, internal power that we all have. We are all actors. The play is created from the youth groups own experiences in a 6 day workshop that some of them can get school credit for.

It will be on a universal theme.: "Power over or power from within?"

The workshop runs from FEB 13-18th. If you know of a youth that would benefit and enjoy this, register with Cynthia @ 604-826-6803.

Sponsors at \$400 per youth are also welcome. The benefactors name will be in the program beside the youths name and you will be connected to them and their experience and outcomes.

They are gifted with \$120. Some of the participants will begin working with Carolyn Dawn and her performance company to develop content in a project called " The Medicine Dreamer" starring Delaney Rose's music to go on tour to reservations and in schools this next year.

Submissions for poetry and art on the theme of harmony welcome at oktopus8@me.com to be included in program and projected on stage. Watch for roving video cam at local cafe's for the video montage interviewing the unheard voices of this town by Canada World Youth and cdgood.

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