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## AUDITIONS for IYOM: Theatrical Production looking for dancers in West African style

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Workshop Theater Company is holding auditions for dancers and story tellers of color to play Igbo Masquerades in an upcoming production of the world premier production of the play IYOM. Auditions will be held on Thursday, August 1st at Ripley Grier Studios (520 8th Ave) from 6-9pm. Auditions slots can be scheduled here: <http://doodle.com/rn398rvudawnz8fm>

IYOM is the story of a family of Nigerian immigrants struggling to uphold the ancestral traditions of Igbo culture while raising an American born daughter, Zaki. When Zaki's mysterious grandmother moves in, things take a turn for the magical. IYOM is a straight play with the dancers playing an integral role

IYOM runs September 19-October 12. Rehearsals will begin in the evenings the week of August 15th at Workshop Theater Company on W 36th st.

Below is the monologue to work with. What we're looking for are energetic dancers who are able to tell a story and express their character and curiosity while helping to tell the stories of Zaki's world. The masquerades embody the spirit of Nigeria and the movement of traditional Nigerian dance. We are not necessarily looking for a literal interpretation of the words but dancers who can illuminate the spirit of the story and create interesting, physical characters. We will have a reader read the monologue for you while you move.

All good things,

Jessica Creane

ZAKI

One day Rose and Tulip were hard at work doing what flowers do. Growing and smelling and making sure they blossom right. But Juniper, good ol' Juney, was wilting. She was bored. Sick and tired of staying planted with nothing to do but grow. So Juney went to Daddy Tree and begged for something fun to do. She wanted to pull up her roots and fly all around the world. But he didn't understand cause he couldn't remember what it was like to be a kid since adults never do. But God heard Juney's complaint, and he didn't like to see a little girl wilt. So God decided he'd do something to lift her spirits. Every day he'd throw Juney a special party when the sun was taking a break and the flowers weren't so busy growing. He gave Juney, Tulip, and Rose... Stars!

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