

Friday, October 6, 2017

Stage Reading: WATER by Alexis Atkinson

Company: JCAL

Venue: Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning

Location: Jamaica, NY

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WATER quilts a narrative of trauma and triumph. A play tells the multi-generational story of water and its tumultuous relationship with the African American community.

Alexis Atkinson is an actress and writer born and raised in Jamaica, Queens. Her passion for social justice, theater, performance art, and building communities shines through the disruption of theatrical and cultural archetypes that stunt personal development. As a recent graduate of Colby College, Atkinson double-majored in Theater & Dance, and American Studies. Her academic career focused on how artistic storytelling mediums like theater dictate the way history develops and impacts our daily interactions. With her work, she intends to break the cycle of theater history that acquiesces to regurgitating stories and tropes that perpetuate stereotypes. As a black artist, she has seen theater tropes parallel her own life and shape the way people treat her. Her debut play, Constellations, aims to articulate the disconnect experienced by marginalized peoples, where the limitations of the body are at constant odds with the freedom of the mind.

The First Friday Series aims to be an incubator for creative individuals and emerging artists who need a stage to perform. Artists of all disciplines are welcome to submit concepts of unfinished work to be refined at JCAL and to perform their work in the front of a live audience.

All program on First Friday take place at 7:30PM.

Suggested Donations are welcome to support the artists.

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