

**Dec 10th: THEATRE HOSTS FORUM ON POLICE VIOLENCE
AND BYSTANDER INTERVENTION**

Playwrights and Community Members come together

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WHAT: Public forum on police violence and bystander intervention.

WHEN: Monday, December 10th, 2007 at 7pm

WHERE: The Audre Lorde Project, 85 South Oxford St. in Fort Greene, Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, NY -- On Monday, December 10th, 2007 (7pm) at the Audre Lorde Project (85 South Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY) community members, activists, and playwrights will attend *To Resist or Not To Resist*: a discussion on police violence and bystander intervention. This event is organized by Freedom Train Productions, a theatre project that focuses on plays that feature Black Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender protagonist characters, and is endorsed by Peoples' Justice: Community Control & Police Accountability, a coalition of NYC-based grassroots organizations.

"Considering recent and past events of police violence in New York City, our goal for *To Resist or Not To Resist* is to open conversation around the public's experiences witnessing and perhaps intervening in police violence. At the same time this event will provide provocative and unabashedly political questions for our playwrights to center their theatre work around," says Andre Lancaster, Artistic Director of Freedom Train Productions.

Freedom Train Productions promotes new work written by up-and-coming Black playwrights. All of our plays feature Black Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) hero and shero characters. Our playwrights have had work staged at Fresh Fruit Festival, BRIC Studio, Blue Heron Theatre, HERE Arts Center, Nuyorican Poets Cafe, WOW Cafe Theatre, and other NYC theaters. For more information, please visit: <http://www.freedomtrainproductions.org>.

Peoples' Justice was initiated by the NYC Coalition Against Police Brutality (CAPB) and allies. It is a coalition of NYC-based grassroots organizations that have joined forces to win community control and police accountability. Peoples' Justice includes the following groups: Audre Lorde Project, CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities, Desis Rising Up & Moving, Families United for Racial & Economic Equality, FIERCE!, Immigrant Justice Solidarity Project, Jews for Racial & Economic Justice, Justice Committee, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, National Hip Hop Political Convention, and Nodutdol for Korean Community Development. For more information please visit: <http://www.peoplesjustice.org/>.