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OPEN KITCHEN Presents...

Poetry and Performance Workshop for Teens

Our Words in Movement Space and Song

Saturdays: October 13, November 3 and 17

1-3pm FREE

For Teens

Hosted by Kitchen Education and Outreach Director, **Treva Offutt**

Open Kitchen presents the fourth season of the **Poetry and Performance Workshop for Teens**---an intensive laboratory for young artists interested in performing their words. Kitchen Education Director Treva Offutt and guest literary superstars lead participants on a dynamic journey from the page to the stage over the course of five workshops. Past guest artists have included choreographer MaiaClaire Garrison, performance poet Gamal Chasten of *Universes*, and writer/poet Ann T. Greene.

Teens are able to breathe life into their words through vocal and physical warm-ups followed by exercises in writing, movement and music. Participants explore the process of putting words onto paper, then taking those words back into the body putting them out again through performance. Technical support is available and includes the use of microphones and spotlights. Teens are welcome to bring a poem, story, song, or a piece of movement or music they have been working on. Otherwise—Bring a pen and jump right in.

Treva Offutt, (Education/ Outreach Director), is a NY based dancer, singer/ songwriter, actress, and visual artist and has taught visual and performance workshops around the country and abroad. A former member of the dance/theater company, Urban Bush Women, and the Asian Pacific Performance Exchange (APPEX), Offutt is currently a member of the Adishakti Theatre Company of Pondicherry, S. India, Yoshiko Chuma's *School of Hard Knocks*, SAG, and many music ensembles including *Ancient Vibrations*, her own 8 member music ensemble, and *Sofrito*. Through her work in the Mabou Mines Residency Suite on her piece *Amba: The Adventures of a One Woman Posse*, she was the recipient of a 98' Van Lier Grant.

To sign up for Poetry and Performance Workshop for Teens and find out who guest artists are, call Treva Offutt at 212.255.5793 ext.15. The Kitchen is located at 512 West 19th Street (between 10th and 11th avenues).