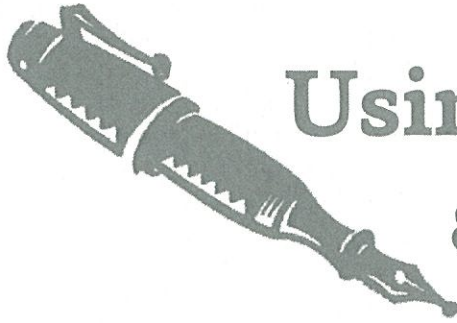


Theatre Research Institute Fellowship Lecture

Creative Playwriting



Using 'Found Stories' as Inspiration

Thursday, January 30, 4 p.m.

Thurber Theatre

Drake Performance and Event Center

Bianca Sams, Lawrence and Lee Theatre Research Institute Fellow, will speak on her current project, researching and writing the play *Just Porgy*. The play focuses on the behind the scenes struggles of the actors and creative teams dealing with issues of racism and segregation both on and offstage. Sams is currently a Masters' Degree in Playwriting Candidate at Ohio University. She has been a finalist for both the Lorraine Hansberry and Rosa Parks Award of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.



Bianca Sams

"As an artist I utilize 'found stories' to springboard into the creative writing process. I spend an extensive amount of time researching and using ideas I find in the pages of history books and newspapers to create plays that are well-crafted and socially resonant."



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