

November 24, 2009

DC Commission on Arts and Humanities
1371 Harvard Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Advisory Panelists:

The Convention Center Community Association strongly supports awarding a grant for **banished? productions** in partnership with CityBlossoms and Common Good City Farms for a Spring 2010 production of "A Tactile Dinner" to take place at the Marion Street Garden.

banished? productions has proven that they can deliver on quality, ground-breaking art for Washington, DC residents. This past summer, they debuted "A Tactile Dinner" during the 2009 Capital Fringe Festival to rave reviews:

"As experiential theater goes, this effort, by the D.C.-based banished? productions and artistic director Carmen C. Wong makes for giddy little refreshment." The Washington Post

"This is no show, it is an experience, and one I exhort you not to miss." Washington City Paper

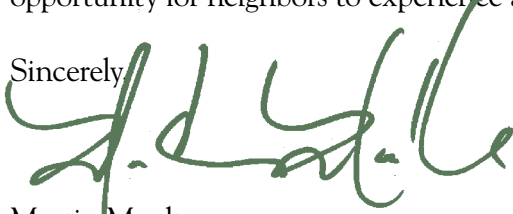
"A "once-in-a-lifetime" kind of show that reawakens the senses of its audience."
We Love DC (blog)

The Spring 2010 production to take place at the Marion Street Garden will incorporate out-door theater with urban gardening in a timely show about food and how it connects to the senses. The show will also be adapted for young people and CityBlossoms will be working with young people prior to the show and engaging them in cooking workshops and then bringing them to Marion Street Garden for the show.

The choice of location and partners is a key factor for the success of this new production as the historic Shaw neighborhood of Washington, DC has many supporting elements - good partner organizations (CityBlossoms, Common Good City Farms), diversity of residents from young people to food enthusiasts to gardeners to bloggers.

CCCA engages in and supports multi-partner, multi-community projects that bring our neighbors and local businesses together to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhood. And we believe banished? Productions, through its staging of "A Tactile Dinner" in spring 2010 show will provide a great opportunity for neighbors to experience art and community in a truly unique fashion.

Sincerely



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