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Al Alfonso & MASKS Productions Presents
"MASKS"

An Award Winning Play Making Its East Coast Debut at the New York International Fringe Festival

A production of The Present Company
August 13th – 29th

Tickets: \$15 - \$18. For tickets visit www.FringeNYC.org

This summer MASKS hits the stage for the first time on the east coast since their 3 year run in Los Angeles. MASKS won an NAACP Theatre Award for Best Playwright – Local at a star studded event at the Kodak Theatre in the summer of 2008. Terryl Daluz and Mann Alfonso are the creators of MASKS and are also both natives of New England. They can't wait to bring their play to the Fringe.

MASKS is a buddy dramedy about 2 men growing up in the juvenile justice system, struggling to make it into manhood, battling with their past to shed their masks. It's a story about friendship, struggle and redemption. MASKS, addresses many issues that lots of young people deal with everyday. Mann and Terryl know a lot about these issues because they have been working as counselors with group home kids for over a decade.

Mann and Terryl are not only the writers but they are also the actors of this two man show. Mann has been performing on stage since he was a toddler. He studied theatre at UMass and Cal State LA. Terryl got his start in theatre also. He honed his craft performing with the prestigious *Negro Ensemble Company*. They both moved to LA to pursue their acting careers and have appeared in various films and on television.

The irony of it all is, Mann and Terryl met and befriended each other working at a group home. *"We met one time before but didn't know it. Here we are 2 actors that moved to LA both from New England to pursue our acting careers while working in the social services field but didn't even realize we met before, until like 5am,"* says Terryl. Terryl had the concept for the play but he needed a comedy edge, so he recruited Mann. *"The play wrote itself,"* says Mann.

"This play is Broadway bound", Loretta Devine (Actress)

"MASKS is one of the most creatively written, directed and acted plays I've seen in a very long time", Donald B. Welch (Writer, Director, Producer)

Come see this riveting piece of art that takes you on a journey through time, where music relevant to each era transcends each scene, where you'll laugh, cry, dance, and sing.

"We capture the true essence of theatre, tragedy and comedy", says Terryl and Mann.

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