

# ArtsEmerson: The World On Stage presents DANIEL BEATY: TRANSFORMING PAIN TO POWER Book Signing and Special Performance March 25, 2014, 7PM

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(BOSTON – March 19, 2014) The fourth season of acclaimed international theatre programming by ArtsEmerson: The World On Stage continues with **TRANSFORMING PAIN TO POWER**, a book signing with and special performance by award-winning actor, singer, writer and motivational speaker Daniel Beaty.

This special event takes place Tuesday, March 25, 7PM, at the Emerson/Paramount Center Mainstage (559 Washington St. in Boston's Theater District). Tickets are free, but must be reserved at www.artsemerson.org or by phone at 617-824-8400. The event will also be live-streamed on <u>HowlRound.tv</u>.

Daniel Beaty returns to ArtsEmerson: The World On Stage after thrilling audiences with his critically acclaimed performance of **EMERGENCY** to celebrate the release of his new book, **TRANSFORMING PAIN TO POWER**. The evening will include a performance by Daniel and a conversation about his journey in writing this book. There will be a book signing and opportunity to meet Daniel in the Randall Lobby of the Paramount Theatre after the event.

# About the Performance

*Transforming Pain to Power* is a 45-minute motivational performance, during which Daniel Beaty shares his life journey. Joining Daniel are two opening acts: Jhanea Williams, a local poet and Kendall Ramseur.

Growing up with a father who was both a heroin addict and dealer and an older brother who was addicted to crack cocaine, Daniel discovered his purpose by watching Dr. Martin Luther King. He went on to graduate from Yale University, and developed his current career as an internationally renowned actor, singer and writer.

At an early age, God gave Daniel a vision of his life despite the chaos of his home. This presentation is about the triumph of faith over adversity and includes poetry, music and character excerpts from his award-winning plays. Past engagements have ranged from the White House to church & corporate events to school performances ranging from elementary through university level. This presentation is the basis for Daniel's book that will be published by Penguin in March 2014.

## **About Daniel Beaty**

Daniel Beaty is an award-winning actor, singer, writer, and motivational speaker. His critically acclaimed plays *Through the Night*, **Emergency**, *Mr. Joy*, and *The Tallest Tree in the Forest - Paul Robeson*, have been performed at venues ranging from Lincoln Center to the White House, and garnered numerous awards including an Obie award for writing and performance and two NAACP Theater Awards. Beaty has worked throughout the U.S., Europe, and Africa speaking and performing on programs with luminaries such as Bill Cosby, Deepak Chopra, Hill Harper, Jill Scott, Donnie McClurkin, and Ruby Dee. In fall 2013, Beaty launched a nationwide initiative using the tools of storytelling to help individuals and communities heal trauma funded by W.K. Kellogg and Ford Foundations among others. He holds a BA with Honors in English and Music from Yale University and an MFA in Acting from the American Conservatory Theater. His poem "Knock Knock" became an Internet sensation receiving millions of views and has been transformed into a children's book, also titled "Knock Knock," published by Little Brown Books. Penguin-Random House will publish his empowerment book "Transforming Pain to Power" in March 2014. Follow Daniel's work at www.DanielBeaty.com and Twitter @DanielBBeaty.

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#### About ArtsEmerson

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#### **About Emerson College**

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