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Azeeza Islam Puts Her Stamp on Local Theatre Scene

Azeeza Islam, Associate Artistic Director for Milwaukee Public Theatre (MPT), is the Arts and Entertainment honoree in the USPS Women Putting Their Stamp on Metro Milwaukee award program.

"We are absolutely delighted that Azeezah has won this award. She has made huge contributions to our arts community and has helped Milwaukee Public Theatre to truly fulfill our outreach mission," said Barbara Leigh, MPT Executive Director. "Not only is she a talented singer, actor and director, but she has great rapport with everyone from little kids to seniors, and connects easily to all Milwaukee audiences."



Azeezah Islam's roles with MPT include:

- Playwright and Director: *One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure*, a musical play about values and recycling, to be performed at Lincoln Center of the Arts on May 6 and 7.
- Stage Manager and Lead Artist: *All-City People's Parade and Pageant*, directing over 40 artists in the pageant and helping to coordinate multiple arts residencies.
- Director and Performer: *Unclothed...the naked truth*, a touring show about sexual abuse and ways to find healing.
- Program Director: *StoryBridge*, a literacy program involving senior volunteers with primary grade students at Keefe Avenue School.
- Director, Writer and Performer: *Tasawari*, an interactive play about health care for African American families of children with disabilities and serious illnesses.
- Director: *Tobaccosaurus Rex* and *FAQS*, classroom-friendly productions for children and teens about making healthy choices.
- Workshop and Residency Leader: a variety of theatre arts programs at schools, community learning centers and after-school programs.
- Singer and Storyteller: of original, traditional, and African tales.
- Character Actor: a diverse range of costumed characters for special and themed events.

Islam has been on the Milwaukee performing arts and theatre scene, working with African American Children's Theatre, Theatre X, Hansberry-Sands Theatre and Milwaukee Mask and Puppet Theatre. She has taught at First Stage Milwaukee and Stepping Stone Charter School, and also is lead vocalist and coordinator for Musical Infinity, a band performing jazz, R&B, and old school.

More information about Milwaukee Public Theatre, now celebrating 36 years of community service, is available at www.milwaukeepublictheatre.org.

The U.S. Postal Service hosts the annual award to honor 15 women who have made a positive impact on their community. Awards are presented at a luncheon at 11:30 am, March 19 at the Italian Conference Center, 631 E. Chicago St. For tickets, call (414) 270-2028.

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