

LIVING WORD FESTIVAL 2008



OCTOBER 17

RACE IS FICTION

10am

Museum of the African Diaspora, SF MoMA, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

685 Mission Street (at Third), San Francisco

Workshops and performances co-hosted by

Youth Speaks, SF Green Festival, Global Exchange, and Grind for the Green.

FREE

12:30pm

Yerba Buena Gardens

760 Howard Street, San Francisco

Lunchtime outdoor concert with **Goapele**, **Urban Word NYC** and

Kev Choice Ensemble

FREE



OCTOBER 18

11am-5pm

red black and GREEN

Environmental Caucus and Concert at deFremey Park (aka Little Bobby Hutton Park)

1651 Adeline Street

Oakland, CA

FREE

Featuring the 2nd annual **Estria Invitational Living Word Graffiti Battle**,

Bamboo Architecture, skateboard and low rider bike expo, presented by

Hood Games, and a free outdoor musical concert featuring **Mos Def**.



OCTOBER 23

7:30pm

Theater Artaud

450 Florida Street, San Francisco

\$15

Regie Cabico in a new solo work

AND

War Peace: The One Drop Rule, a youth driven hip hop theater piece that imagines the Bay Area as a potential war zone in a time of protracted drought. Directed by **Marc Bamuthi Joseph**, War Peace is collaboratively written and performed by **Chinaka Hodge**, **Rafael Casal**, **Daveed Diggs**, and **Nico Cary** featuring the choreography of Emmy Award winning tap dancer **Jason Samuels Smith**.



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Jacinta Vlach Liberation Dance Theater

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Delina Brooks' Beauty, the Beast (excerpt)

And

Guillermo Gomez-Pena's La Pocha Nostra in **MapaCorpo2**

For 13 years, Youth Speaks Inc has identified, and supported a national network of teen poets, convening them annually as Brave New Voices. As these young people come of age as practicing writer-performers, they represent a shift in linguistic approach and a rise in standard of performance poetry for proscenium.

In 2008 and beyond Artistic Director Marc Bamuthi Joseph brings together the most compelling of these intra-aesthetic, intergenerational voices. Universes and Guillermo Gomez Pena. Chinaka Hodge and Nicole Klaymoon. Tania Isaac and DJ Qbert. Dave Eggers and George Watsky.

A Left Coast, Left-Leaning(out of your Hybrid Impala) kinda interdisciplinary artist-curated Festival.

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