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*As a part of the Fertile Ground Festival, Good Sista Ink Presents...*

## **Roots, Reality & Rhyme**

**Saturdays & Sundays at 2pm on January 24, 25, 31 & February 1st**

**Conduit Studio, Inc**

**918 SW Yamhill St. #401**

**Tickets: \$10 available at [fertilegroundpdx.org](http://fertilegroundpdx.org), [www.TuriyaAutry.com](http://www.TuriyaAutry.com) and at the door**

“Roots, Reality and Rhyme” is a multimedia, theatrical production that personalizes the experiences of the marginalized and addresses institutional and interpersonal dynamics of power, privilege and violence while reflecting on beauty, potential and love for self.

A poetic journey that follows a female protagonist as she traverses the domains of childhood, adolescence, relationships and motherhood while also navigating the realities of being poor, Black and woman in America. In a world that declares war on her identity and personhood, from the playground and living room to the workplace, she learns to love herself.

According to recent and ongoing research, Black women are more likely to live in poverty and be victims of interpersonal violence than many of their peers. These are not easy things to discuss and they are not easy things to survive. More than isolated events and exceptions to the rule, the brutal realities of Black women's lives speak to the wide reaching and detrimental nature of institutional and systemic violence and it's ongoing toxic manifestations in our communities and lives.

This series will be the first public presentations of the multimedia project in progress. Through multiple community performances, talk backs and workshops; this project aims to encourage community dialogue, question stereotypes and assumptions, empower diverse audiences, and encourage healthier interpersonal relationships.

**Written, Performed and Produced** by Turiya Autry

**Directed** by Kevin Jones

**Music** by Jana Crenshaw & Turiya Autry

**Film Components** by Elijah Hasan & Chris Fuzell

For more info or photos please visit [TuriyaAutry.com](http://TuriyaAutry.com) or contact Turiya.

Thank you for your time.

### **Turiya Autry's Bio:**

Artist, author and educator, Turiya Autry has been bringing a bold strong voice to encourage social change across the nation for years. Whether directing youth programs, teaching, rocking the mic or working behind the scenes, Turiya is a positive motivational force. Through her work she encourages people to look more critically and lovingly upon the world around them.

For nearly two decades Turiya has spent her time educating, motivating and inspiring audiences of all ages. Opening for renowned leaders like Nikki Giovanni, Angela Davis, bell hooks, John Trudell and Hilary Clinton, Turiya delivers messages that resonate with wide audiences. Her work incorporates the arts, pop culture and history with personal, community and political struggles.

As a teaching artist she provides assemblies, workshops and residencies and has worked with over 50 different K12 schools. Creating and delivering almost 20 unique university courses, across four departments, Turiya has built a veritable trunk show on culture and identity.