

Mayor's Community Grants Program

Helps Launch IMAGES, Inc.'s African American Play-reading Series!

New Haven-IMAGES, Inc., an organization dedicated to the presentation of artistic works by people of color, is proud to announce a free playreading series called "SATURDAYS AT TWO". The first installment of the playreading series is Saturday, April 21 at 2:00 PM at the ECA NewSpace Gallery, 670 State Street, in New Haven, Connecticut, where actress/attorney Marguerite Laurent will read from her one-woman performance memoir titled RED, BLACK & MOONLIGHT: Between Falling and Hitting the Ground...Doors open at 1:30.

The series is made possible through the Mayor's Community Grants Program, administered by the Office of Cultural Affairs, City of New Haven. The series is hosted by the Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Pi Lambda Zeta Chapter of Connecticut.

Entertainment Attorney, Writer, Poet, Actress and Activist, Marguerite Laurent is a Haitian-born resident of Stamford, Connecticut and a graduate of Boston College and the University of Connecticut School of Law. She is also the Winner of the 2001 Connecticut Commission on the Arts Playwright Fellowship.

With over ten years experience as an Entertainment Attorney, Marguerite holds membership in both the New York and Connecticut Bar Associations, representing major artists in music, film and television industries from New York, to Los Angeles and Europe.

As a writer, and poet, Marguerite Laurent's work has appeared in national and local publications, including the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Rap Pages, Stamford Advocate, Hartford Courant, The National Bar Association and other

Marguerite Laurent



Actress/Poet Marguerite Laurent performed at the Stamford Center for the Arts, Rich Forum last weekend, where she presented her one woman show, *Red, Black & Moonlight*, "Between Falling & Hitting the Ground". Laurent is an accomplished attorney, writer and poet, residing in Stamford, Connecticut. She is the winner of the 2001, Connecticut Commission of the Arts Playwright Fellowship.

legal publications. Her life story has been anthologized in the book *Caribbean North*, which is nationally used in the public school system. Educators have used this book to show youngsters examples of successful women, multi-culturalism and diversity at work.

The year 1995, marked life-changing experiences for Marguerite Laurent; as she held many positions as an activist and revisited her homeland of Haiti for the first time. Marguerite served as the Chairperson

for the Haiti Task Force of the International Section of the National Bar Association and Chair and founder of the Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network & Conference. She wrote several publications on judicial reform in Haiti and became an advocate of international and domestic human rights. She was invited by the World Peace Foundation to speak on her efforts to help develop a legal culture in Haiti and her paper was published by the Foundation as a chapter in

their book dedicated to the democratizing process in Haiti.

During the advocacy, Marguerite Laurent was invited to develop a legal aid law clinic project by Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and received a special international recognition award from the New York Haitian Consulate for her efforts.

Marguerite's talents as an Entertainment Attorney, Writer, Poet, Actress and Activist are displayed through her dramatic works of *RED, BLACK & MOONLIGHT*, a series of one woman performances jazz poetry presentations and monologues, written, produced and performed by the attorney/artist herself.

Since coming back from Haiti, Marguerite has devoted her time to writing, teaching, performing and speaking out on issues in the entertainment and legal reform arena as well as finishing her book, *KENBE LA: CROSSINGS OF A VODUN - ROOTS WOMAN*.

Images, Inc. is an emerging organization whose mission is to produce, promote and develop seasons of contemporary and traditional music, drama and dance presentations which celebrate, commemorate, preserve, share, instruct in and uphold African American Culture.

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