

Veteran Community Open Mic



1st Sunday of every month, 6:30-9pm
Tre Amici @ The Bunker
1907 N 19th St. (Ybor City), Tampa, FL

Art2Action presents a **FREE** monthly Veteran Community Open Mic, featuring local & national guest artists. Hosted by coffeehouse Tre Amici @ The Bunker, this event is open to all veterans, families, caregivers, artists and allies. The Open Mic creates a safe space for people of different backgrounds to come together to enjoy art, build community, tell stories and express themselves. Whether or not you identify as an artist, it provides an opportunity to share your voice in a creative way, through music, song, poetry, storytelling, dance or personal reflections. Everyone has the right to speak their truth through creativity! **FREE coffee & tea for Veterans!**



Art2Action is committed to creating a safe, supportive, creative space for all. No weapons, firearms, alcohol or controlled substances, please.

Speed Killed My Cousin

By Linda Parris-Bailey

Directed by Andrea Assaf

Performed by The Carpetbag Theatre

Speed Killed My Cousin is a timely, moving play about an African American woman soldier who returns from Iraq with post-traumatic stress (PTS), and is haunted by Moral Injury. The story unfolds as Debra, the main character, drives down the Long Island Expressway in New York. As she struggles with flashbacks, she tries to talk with her father about his experiences in the Vietnam war, and is visited by his cousin—a Vietnam veteran who died mysteriously in a car crash shortly after his return. She also remembers her mother, and the women she left behind in Iraq, some of whom did not survive. Memories unfold before her, and in her rear-view mirror, as she drives. Ultimately she must decide whether to let go of the wheel, or to choose life. This powerful production has been touring nationally since 2012. To bring *Speed Killed My Cousin* and CAR workshops to your community, contact The Carpetbag Theatre, Inc.



Photo by James Geiger

Digital Storytelling

Why this story? Why now?

The Carpetbag Theatre's digital storytelling process reveals hidden stories and builds community. This creative approach to storytelling emphasizes personal voice and facilitative teaching methods. Digital Storytelling as an art form makes use of text, image, and audiovisual components, bringing images to life through the power of digital media design applications. The convergence of cultural and technological tools creates a powerful medium for presenting a story.

ABOUT CBT

The Carpetbag Theatre, Inc. serves communities by returning their stories to them with honesty, dignity, and concern for the aesthetic of that particular community, helping culturally specific communities to re-define how they organize.

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CREATIVE ARTS REINTEGRATION

Art2Action, Inc. and The Carpetbag Theatre, Inc. have partnered to develop the **Creative Arts Reintegration (CAR)** model, which supports veteran transition, community integration, recovery, and well-being through the arts.

CAR creates avenues for veterans to tell their stories, and for communities to better understand the challenges that veterans face in the process of returning home. Art2Action and The Carpetbag Theatre partner with service providers, health professionals, social workers, activists, cultural workers and resource people around the country who assist in the healing and transition process with veterans and their families; with African American communities impacted by the traumas of war, disaster or violence; and with women or individuals who have survived sexual trauma or violence. We work together, with veterans and survivors of war, to reveal hidden stories, creatively heal, educate and engage the broader public in honest conversations. It's about transformation.

Made possible, in part, by the support of:



Arts Workshops For Veterans

FALL 2017

Tampa, FL

In Fall 2017, **Art2Action** will be offering a *new* series of Performing Arts Workshops for Veterans in the Tampa Bay Area. Workshops will create opportunities for creative self-expression and arts-based community building, facilitated by extraordinary local and national artists. Based on a creative arts program Art2Action has offered since 2013 at the Tampa VA Recovery Center (PRRC, a clinic of the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital), a new series of workshops will also be offered at the University of South Florida (USF) for student veterans, and veterans in the community who wish to participate. To **Sign-up for FREE Workshops** contact Art2Action!

Want to make an impact? WE NEED YOU to participate in a study on the impact of the arts on Veteran recovery and reintegration. Join us!



Art2Action, Inc. creates, develops, produces and presents original theatre, interdisciplinary performances, performative acts and progressive cultural organizing.

We support women artists, artists of color, queer or trans* artists, and creative allies.

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