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**Outside the Box & Germain Enterprises to Host
WELCOME TO BOSTON CAST PARTY
Celebrating Actor Tangela Large
in Daniel Beaty's Play MR. JOY at ArtsEmerson**

**Featuring Performances By
JHA D, FUBLAC MUSIC, and APRIL STANFORD**

**Monday, September 21, 2015 | 6:30PM
Darryl's Corner Bar, Boston**

[BOSTON, MA – September 16, 2015] Outside the Box and Germain Enterprises will host a **Welcome To Boston Cast Party** celebrating actor Tangela Large in Daniel Beaty's play **Mr. Joy** at ArtsEmerson. In the spirit of a tradition instituted by arts pioneer and Emerson College alumna Elma Lewis, Boston community organizations will honor Tangela's arrival with an evening of musical and spoken word performances by **Jha D, Fublac Music, and April Standford.**

The **Welcome to Boston Cast Party** will take place Monday, September 21 at 6:30PM at Darryl's Corner Bar, located at 604 Columbus Avenue in Boston's South End. The event is free and open to the public with advance reservation at bitly.com/WelcometoBostonTangela.



April Stansfield



Fublac Music



Jha D

About Mr. Joy at ArtsEmerson

What happened to **Mr. Joy**? A Harlem community is shaken when Mr. Joy, a Chinese immigrant whose shoe repair shop has been a neighborhood pillar for decades, is the victim of an attack. Through the lens of Mr. Joy's customers, from the bubbly eleven-year-old Clarissa (who captured everyone's heart in Daniel Beaty's **Emergency**) to the sincere and savvy self-proclaimed "gangsta granny" Bessie, we learn the profound yet unassuming impact the shop owner has had on each of their lives. Playwright and ArtsEmerson Artist-in-Residence Daniel Beaty (**Breath & Imagination, Emergency**) returns with another moving reflection on

transforming pain into power, this time through the virtuosic performance by acclaimed actress Tangela Large. A poignant, funny and stirring solo piece, **Mr. Joy** invites us to consider how we respond to violence as individuals and as a community, and the power of the invisible ties that bind us all.

Mr. Joy runs September 22 through October 8, 2015 in the Black Box at the Emerson/Paramount Center, located at 559 Washington Street in Boston's historic theatre district. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling 617.824.8400 or online at www.artsemerson.org. Group, student, and senior discounts are available.

Click here to view the Mr. Joy trailer.

<https://youtu.be/8Zc8KNEAMnw>

Click here to view the video of Daniel Beaty discussing Mr. Joy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Pk1PZZD7Os>



Tangela Large in *Mr. Joy*, City Theatre, Pittsburgh

About Tangela Large

Tangela Large was born and raised in East Point, GA, and was most recently seen as Esther in Lynn Nottage's *Intimate Apparel* (Chautauqua Institution). Other regional credits include *Serial Black Face* (Long Warf), *Mr. Joy* (City Theatre), *Orpheus Descending* (Intiman Theatre), *Pen/Man/Ship* (Magic Theatre), and *Vanya, Sonia, Masha, and Spike* (Trinity Rep) which she was nominated for a Motif Award for Best Supporting Actress. Tangela earned her MFA in Acting from Brown University in 2014.

About Elma Lewis

Born in Boston to parents who had emigrated from the West Indies, Elma Ina Lewis financed her education by acting in local Elma Lewis theater productions, graduating from Emerson in 1943, and earning a Masters in Education from Boston University the following year. Ms. Lewis went on to teach drama, dance, and speech therapy. In 1950, Lewis opened the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts in Roxbury to promote arts and communication education for Boston's African American youth. In 1966, Lewis founded Playhouse in the Park in Boston's Franklin Park, offering free summer performances that were revived in recent years continuing her work and her legacy. In 1968, Lewis founded the National Center of Afro-American Artists (NCAAA), which brought students from the Elma Lewis School of Fine Arts to tour in stage productions on a national level. Lewis was one of the first women to receive a MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" in 1981. After a lifetime of service, Elma Lewis passed away on New Year's Day, 2004. She was the recipient of over 400 awards and 28 honorary degrees. Her former students continue in her footsteps all over the United States, many of them working in the performing arts in Boston. Ms. Lewis was committed to providing artistic opportunity for young Black children in Roxbury and Greater Boston, and to improving the world around her, one person at a time.

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About ArtsEmerson

ArtsEmerson is the professional presenting and producing organization of the Office of the Arts at Emerson College. Through its international programming and local community partnerships ArtsEmerson serves the city of Boston, the Emerson community (students, faculty and staff), and the global field of performance practice. Founded in 2010, the same year that the U.S. Census confirmed Boston as a majority-minority city, ArtsEmerson is committed to building a cultural institution that embraces and reflects the changing demographics of the City of Boston. ArtsEmerson operates from the core belief that the arts are for everyone. For more information on ArtsEmerson, visit www.artsemerson.org.

About Emerson College

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, with sites in the Netherlands and Los Angeles, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,750 undergraduates and 750 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its study and internship programs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China and the Czech Republic. The College has an active network of 32,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communications and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

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