INDIGNITY

Opening

Movement series- Inner City Blues, Randy Niles

Travel- Go to work, pauses in music for glances

Buses, taxi, Uber

PETRIFIED- solo voice poem

Who I am

Actor	Michael	Chiyako	Mariana	Elijah	Jill	Tiffany
Action	Yoga	Shirt	Shoe Sales	Cleaning	Library	Sketching
		Printing				
Character	Paulo	Jamal	Jeremy	Samantha	Terrance	Maritza
	CS	DSR	USL	USR	DSL	CS Box
	Diagonals	Circles	Square	Diamonds	Zig Zag	Curves

State their names:

(I'm Tiffany, Elijah, Marianna, Jill, Chiyako, Michael)

Then to Audience

Marianna

Look me in the Eyes

Michael

See Beyond the stereotype

Tiffany

Embrace my humanity

**Quick costume change ??

**Movement series Walk to work

Jeremy

I'm 22 years old

Jamal

At a very young age my family became refugee's.

Maritza

I came to the US when I was nine.

Paola

I was brought to this country from Guatemala when I was 9 months old.

Samantha

I grew up in neighborhood with a liquor store on every corner.

Terrance

I'll be 47 this year

Jamal

I was born in Jerusalem, at the time when Jerusalem was the capital of Palestine. There is no country called Palestine anymore.

Jeremy

My life is normal, I'm just doing the normal college thing.

Terrance

I'm living on borrowed time. I should be dead or in prison.

Samantha

A position doing drug and alcohol recovery coaching, and then gang intervention.

Maritza

I have all the qualifications that you're looking for, but you can't legally hire me.

Paola

"Brown woman" is pretty much my favorite label for myself, because all the other pigeonholes are too constraining.

Samantha

Like, people who assume addicts are some kind of lower life form, and they won't work hard, or "once an addict, always an addict."

Terrance

People think it's hard to get out of a gang because there are people who are keeping you there. No it's hard to get out because you have to figure out how to create another lifestyle.

Paola

When I did try to come out as bisexual, the gay community told me that I didn't have the "right lifestyle." They told me I was "just curious" and "greedy." I was like, "Damn it! I can't get anything right."

Jeremy

I would put my disability on the floor for people to laugh at. The danger with that is when you joke around all the time people can start to think that your whole life is a joke.

Jamal

It has always been shocking and disappointing to me how Americans look down upon my people my culture, and my whole civilization. When an American commits a terrorist act we call him "Timothy McVeigh". When a Muslim commits a terrorist act, we call him "Islamic terrorist."

Maritza

I can live the American dream! And then all of a sudden, "No, you don't qualify.

Samantha

I feel stuck

Maritza

If the kids made fun of me I really don't remember, because I didn't understand them.

Jeremy

If I'm your inspiration, just for being in a wheelchair, you need to find a new inspiration.

Terrance

We should be more invested in the generations that come after us and figure out how to bring out the best in these kids. This is my mission, but I don't think it's my job alone.

Jamal

I was employed as a janitor when I received my PhD for the University of Cincinnati.

Paola

It's not necessary to assimilate for acceptance.

Samantha

You're either growing or your dying. And I began to water myself with positive friendships, a belief in Christ, and other strengths so that I could grow again.

EMBODIED- shared voices

Transition

Circle- Formal Dance *Pavanne*, Marsalis

Paired duologue to lift characters

In a circle- pairs step in to pattern and tell parts of the story What happened

Actor	Michael	Chiyako	Mariana	Elijah	Jill	Tiffany
Character				Andrew	Andrew	
	Dominick	Dominick				
		Joseph	Joseph			
			Niki			Nik i
				Lisa		Lisa

Andrew

E: I've been a musician for most of my life.

E: These days I write music about what I'm passionate about, and faith is a huge part of my life.

E: My personality started to change when I was six years old. I was molested by a pastor's son.

E/J: Things only got worse.

J: I had a crush on this girl. When I mentioned it to the pastor, he threatened that I'd better stay away from her and showed me the automatic weapons.

J: It came out later that the pastor had been molesting this girl, but there were people who didn't believe anything being sad about him. I would leave church and there would be this mob of people with signs yelling at me, "You're a liar!"

E: You are a victim, but you don't have to live afraid of what it's like to open yourself up to people. It doesn't have to become your identity.

Joseph

M: I only stop working because m health forced me to retire at 53.

M: I was also given a 70% PSTD rating, But I never saw any combat.

M: A Buck Sergeant particularly disliked me because I was dating a Caucasian girl.... he punched me in the face

C: Next thing I know I'm on the ground looking at my molar with saliva and blood on it.... This is what happens when you date our women.

C: The beating you take from a bunch of guys wearing military boot really is something.

C: I became so efficient at the blending techniques that I even surpassed their inventor.

M: One boss told me,

C/M: "They're not ready to have a Hispanic led the laboratory."

C: A friend of mine just laughed and said,

C/M: They don't hire beaners for those kinds of positions."

M: When people ask me what I think of myself as, **C/M:** "I say American.

Lisa

T: I am somebody who feels very much American, and I was brought up culturally White.

E: But I always reminded that I wasn't White, by everyone else around me, basically, "No, no, no. You're not one of us. You're something else. What else?"

T: Sometimes people think I'm Hawaiian or Samoan, maybe because I've been overweight since puberty and I have curly hair.

E: When I was in Louisiana things were different- there I was Black.

E/T: I take a lot more pride in my heritage now.

T: I have this whole push/pull between all these groups that I belong to, but none of them wants to embrace me.

E/T: I still don't feel different from just a regular old American.

Dominick

C: "Growing up I always knew something was different about me."

M: "I do pass as male 100% of the tie. But there is a stigma about being transsexual that I still think about."

C: "Since I went from being an African American female to an African American male, I've also become public enemy number one."

M: "I am a male illusionist for a living, or a drag king."

C: "The queen are making more money doing it through it's like even when we're the ones dressed as male misogyny still exists."

M: With drag I found my calling.

C: My stage name is Miles long.

C & M: I don't want to be pigeon holed, because my talent goes miles long, my energy goes miles long.

Nikki

M: I'm currently an RN student at Citrus College. Prior to that I spent approximately 5 years in the army.

T: Back then, there was the "don't ask, don't tell!" concept in the military. For me to prove my innocence would be exposing that I was gay.

M: I'm gay, and I "dress gay", through I hate to use that word to classify myself. I'm full with tattoos and I've always had short hair.

T: Walk down the street and people are afraid if me

M: They're so focused on the exterior that the question of being capable for the position never really surfaces.

T: I can leave my fingerprints in your life.

M: And if you are going to judge me, it can be as human rather than as a gay person, or a woman, or someone whi is educated.

T: I think my greatest accomplishment thus far in life is my daughter.

M: Being a "dad" is an earned role.

T: It's not having a mommy and a daddy that makes you great. It's being loved, unconditionally.

M: When a child comes out as gay, it can be stressful and devastating to know that they could potentially have a life of adversity.

M/T: But for your child to be brave enough to be who they are, and t be sure about it, that means you're loved them the right way.

<u>Transition</u>

COLOR/LINES- solo voices

Plantation Lullabies, Mechelle Ndege

Ochello

Movement Series- occupations

ORDER: How I felt; overwhelming, my complexion, suicide, college

Actor	Michael	Chiyako	Mariana	Elijah	Jill	Tiffany
Action	Minister	Flute	Martial	Piano	Chemist	Painting
			Arts			
Character	Sylvia	Jennifer	Amelia	Theresa	Funmi	Mark

Amelia

I don't feel safe in public spaces.

Jennifer

I never felt good enough.

Theresa

Racism has always been here- the groupings and the assumptions. Well you couldn't be Black, because you don't look it, you don't talk that way. "What does that mean?"

Mark

I am Mexican, Native American, and also Russian and Polynesian. At school in Connecticut none of that mattered I was just brown, and I would be beaten up daily.

Jennifer

I remember having lots of coloring books when I was a child. I just always had this fixation with color. I'm not too dark, but I'm the darkest one in my family and I'm the only one with big frizzy, curly, Cuban hair.

Funmi

As an immigrant of color, I feel like I don't get to say I'm American. At least that's not the idea the media promotes. Am I really British, because that's where I was born and that was my first identity?

Amelia

I'm black and the world is gonna treat me a lot differently then they treat other people.

Sylvia

I think humans try to create God in an image that's comfortable to them. And therefore that image or the understanding of God, is very, very limited, and only fits them.

Jennifer

I was judged by my skin color, by my hair, by my weight by having glasses by my gender and being short. For all of those things that I am, and that I can't change.

Sylvia

One of the turning points in my life fired by a Methodist church for being gay.

Mark

There was even a point where I contemplated slitting my wrist or jumping off my house head first. When my family found out about the they came down on me like a hammer and basically scared the suicide out of me.

Theresa

During the pledge of allegiance, I always had this question in the back of my mind, "I don't fit in so, why am I pledging allegiance? You know?

Funmi

Okay, so she's not just a Black women, she's an immigrant. Oh, so that makes her exciting and different.

Jennifer

They're deep wounds. Those are wounds that go back generations before I was ever born. Those are wounds that people have died over.

Amelia

It's like little droplets of water that are added, and added, and added that weigh you down and make you feel like you're drowning.

Mark

My family always told me that I could be whatever I wanted to be, but that I could never give up. As soon as you give up the world wins.

Theresa

And I even had the counselor say to me, "Well you're not going to college, you're not college material. She had no idea I'd be the third generation in my family to go to college.

Sylvia

I wear a lot of different hats. I have a couple of doctorates in musical fields."

Mark

I'm a biology major here at CSUSB.

Amelia

I am a college student, and I work full time.

Funmi

I graduated at the very top of my class in college.

Jennifer

I've covered the majority of my scars with tattoos-turning my body into a coloring book. But these are not just tattoos. This is my life story, written on my skin.

Sylvia

God is so much bigger than the box that humans try to put God into.

STONES MAY ROT- Monologues

about the words that hurt, Nostaigia Track 2.

Actor	Michael	Chiyako	Mariana	Elijah	Jill	Tiffany
Character	Glenn	Vicki	Debra	Aprale	Alia	Sandra

Glenn

"I remember the day I was naturalized as a U.S. citizen and the people there were like, "Wave the flag!" and I was like, "I'm not you're freakin monkey. You wave your damn flag!" Excuse me, "This was mine to begin with, asshole!" Excuse me. I was a little bitter. My father was a World War II baby from the Philippines. That's why I have the last name "Jones" and why I look Asian. I did a DNA test and found out that I'm also the descendent of an American Revolutionary War veteran- one of the founders of this country! My wife is my rock; she's the closet friend I have. But because she is Hispanic, we have been made to feel not very welcomed in my family."

Aprale

"I am twenty-three years old, and I have a six-year old son. I think that's part of what it means to be a parent. You can't be selfish anymore in your time and your expectations. I was fifteen years old when I got pregnant. It was horrible. When my dad found out he called me on the phone when I was at school and he said "I don't want to f'in talk to you ever again. You're nothing but a ho. That stuff that they say, and that feeling it never leaves you. I was ashamed of myself when I got pregnant and I became depressed. I wish I could say that being a teen mom doesn't define me, but it does. That doesn't mean my life is over. Im graduating from college! My life is just beginning.

Debora

"I'm an art teacher in Desert Hot Springs. I have groomed myself to not see myself through anybody's else's eyes but my own. That comes from being hurt, and making choices to be proud that I'm not like everybody else. I was a smart little fat, brown girl. At school I was always getting into trouble. It didn't make any sense to me. I was also kicked out of school once for wearing an Indian headband. But me being fat? That was actually an embarrassment to my mom. It was the same thing with my dad. "Oh no, you're too big." I was on a synthetic thyroid when I was 11. Being fat is just a descriptor. It doesn't have to be a judgement or indicate anything else about that person. Fat is just fat."

Sandra

My name is Sandra, I work for the Corona Unified School District, with English language learners, and I love what I do. As a child I was an English language learner myself. My parents are immigrants from Guanajuato, Mexico. They didn't speak English I was ashamed, and I was embarrassed of my parents. I didn't like how white people looked at me when I would speak for them. A lot of times in this country people assume that if you speak another language you are somehow inferior. I remember thinking, "Wow that's who I am. I'm a poor, little dumb Mexican girl." I didn't want to speak Spanish, I didn't even want to say I was Mexican. It wasn't until high school that I embraced my Mexican roots. They started introducing us to literature that was written by minorities. For the first time in my life I found something I identified with!

Vicki

"I'm second generation from slavery. I marched with Martin Luther King Jr. down in Washington D.C, and there were Blacks who were praying, you know for freedom and for this and for that I was praying for a job. He told me that, because of all the marching and Martin Luther King Jr and the talk around the area, that he was going to hire a Black. And it's up to me whether other Blacks would hired into the company. I had a lot of incidents that happened at the job. People would find out there was a Black cashier and throw their food at me. I've always been the minority Black, in everything, and it hasn't always been easy. When I was a girl my mother always told me 'You are special.' And that's one of the things that most of us don't seem to understand."

Alia

"My mom's White and grew up overseas, my stepdad's Black, and my Arab dad is married to a Chinese woman. My wedding photos are going to be phenomenal! I'm bipolar. I normally don't tell anybody my issues. You know how you feel when you're four years old and you're going to Disneyland the next day and you can't sleep at night? That's how I can feel all day long. Like I just bought Chapstick and it's the most exciting thing in the world. I have so much energy, I can run ten miles. And then the chapstick melts all over my purse, and it's the worst day ever. I have zero patience, I hate everybody. I don't know that being bipolar is this awful thing.

INVISIBLE

What I struggle with/how I am hidden, Continue with Nostaligia Track 2.

Actor	Michael	Chiyako	Mariana	Elijah	Jill	Tiffany
	KC	Juzlia	Alice	Amanda	Amor	Emily

Amor

My story is that I'm a lesbian.

K.C.

Most people when they see me don't even know that I am sick. But my body gets so tired I just collapse.

Juzlia

This is my country even though I'm not a legal citizen.

Emily

I'm still trying to find out who I am.

Amanda

I lost my childhood when I got adopted. I was never adopted to be part of their family. I was adopted to be a servant."

Alice

The term "pecking order" comes from poultry management, where there's always a boss chicken who picks on the next one, who picks on the next one. And the one who's at the bottom of the heap gets picked on by everybody. Human's do exactly the same thing.

Amanda

The whole family was abusive. I wasn't a child, I wasn't an adult, I was just a thing. I didn't feel like a person at all. But who do I have to talk to? I had no one, you know? I didn't have any uncles, grandparents, or any friends= because I was shut in. I was hidden. And it took me a while to realize that it wasn't my fault, you know?

Alice

There's a tendency of urban residents to look at rural residents as being ignorant, uneducated and dirty. None of them have any clue what the people who are producing their food have to go through to get it to them. If city folks lose water they call the water company and it gets fixed. I can't call anybody I have to figure it out. A couple of weeks ago I went down to look at a senior housing facility in the city. Oh it was beautiful! But I just felt so oppressed- too many people, too much noise. The land is just so relaxing and peaceful.

K.C.

I grew up in a place I once heard somebody call a Ralph Lauren zombie commercial, where people are just behaving and acting the same way. I struggled trying to figure out how to make myself "normal". Somedays I'm very capable of snapping back at the person and saying something and then there are other days... Our home is open. We don't care who you are. You can come be with us no questions asked.

Juzlia

I'm not part of any of those conversations. It's like I'm invisible. The problem is the owner he won't even acknowledge that I'm there. And anytime I've been absent, I come back and there's always changes. In all of the political rhetoric about illegal immigration, people sometimes forget that we're all human beings.

Amor

I shouldn't have to hide who I am to make other people happy. My mom still loves and cares for me, but it just hurts. When my girlfriend comes around my mom is unwelcoming and not genuine. I've looked into conversion therap. There is also electro-shock therapy. It still crosses my mind every now and again.

Emily

When people ask, "Where are you from?" I do tell them that I grew up, you know, in Los Angeles. But that's the only thing I can tell them, and that's not where my people came from. It turns out

that I'm a Cahuilla descendent. I know my tribe. But I don't know my clan. I hit a dead end. But for my grandma, education is like a number one priority. Because of her I felt like I had to prove everyone wrong.

Amor

I think positively, but we've got a long way to go to get there.

RAISE

How I stand up, Araber Tanz TRACK 4.

Actor	Michael	Chiyako	Mariana	Elijah	Jill	Tiffany
	Monica	D-Skyy	Heather	Suzanne	Maryam	April

Suzanne

I'm a licensed private investigator. That's been an interesting journey. I wound up becoming a dispatcher because dispatching was a woman's job

April

I look like a reasonable person, so how can I not want to be a mother? My mother gave me a book that Ann Landers wrote in the fifties and that was our conversation about sex.

D-Skyy

As a rap artist, women are supposed to say A, B, C, and D. Don't go past D. And I'm not supposed to be better than any guy, period. Unfortunately, I am. I'm from the projects, so I'm supposed to have this angry black women Syndrome.

Monica

It was hard for me to make friends. I was a foreigner from Mexico. A lot of kids wouldn't even attempt to speak to me." It made me feel weak, at first and it made me feel excluded."

Maryam

I do wear a headscarf. It is a personal choice of religious attire. I get more positive than negative vibes from the general public

about observing hijab, though some people do ask really weird questions, like if I shower with the scarf on.

Heather

I was born out of spite My dad was very aggressive. I learned to be silenced to be afraid to speak up or to stand up for myself, and that my opinions didn't matter. My voice, my words, my insights, my feelings- they all didn't matter.

April

A friend sexually assaulted me and I thought that what happened was my fault. All these women who have come out talking about sexual assault or inappropriate touching that happened to them- I totally get that.

Heather

In my mind I accepted what was happening as just the way things were supposed to be. Just get out." That's what they say. But it's not easy to leave an abusive relationship."

April

There is nothing that a woman can ever do that can justify the violence against her

D-Skyy

Sex sells, I understand that. But my thing is, what are you teaching by doing that- by telling little kids that if they aren't valued for their bodies they're not worth anything? I was getting ready for a show and the promoter calls and he says "you can't come here and perform. You've got to be a part of this twerk contest. I've seen pictures and I do see that you have some curves." I hung up

Suzanne

I worked with one agency that actually wrote me up for not complying with their uniform rules. My first badge actually said "police man" rather than "police officer", if you can believe it. I've noticed that clients expect me to look like Magnum or Ironsides. They don't expect a fat white woman.

Monica

I learned to see things, females can provide for the household, whether they're single or not. I finally found a group of friends when I became more focused on my education. It was like "I'm into school, you're into school, "and that's the common thing that we had. We each had our stories, but we didn't judge each other for them."

Maryam

I'm not responsible for the actions of radical Muslims. Neither are a billion other Muslims in the world.

Heather

It ultimately does feel empowering to go against the grain and to not fit the stereotype of what a women "Should be.""

D-Skyy

Music is therapy. Music is love. Music is passion. And it gives me so much.

Monica

My motivation to succeed, and what I want to achieve are what makes me who I am."

April

I am a strong independent woman.

Suzanne

I understand the way the system works and how it targets especially young men of color

Maryam

I am loving. I am a capable woman. And I will not be oppressed.

Suzanne

Everyone deserves equal rights and a fair chance.

D-Skyy

I'm not gonna change! For what?"

EMPOWERED

What we must do, Araber Tanz TRACK 4.

Actor	Michael	Chiyako	Mariana	Elijah	Jill	Tiffany
Definition	Gloria	Yousif	Ed	Audrey	Darby	Andree
Character	Yousif	Andree	Gloria	Ed	Audrey	Darby

Elijah

Acceptance

Everyone

Acceptance

Elijah

The action or process of being received as adequate suitable, typical to be admitted into a group

Audrey

I don't want to be treated like some sort of giraffe in the room. Yes I'm blind, but I can still share the same interests as you. I can't see the puck on the ice, but that doesn't stop me from going to a hockey game. I love hockey! And I want to be there just like you.

Fauzia/ Yousuf

I like football, and Starbucks coffee

Audrey

I was in high school when the swelling started to impair my vision. Today I am almost completely blind.

\mathbf{Ed}

For thirty years I made a decent living. I was on top. I spent the next three and a half months in the hospital.

Audrey

I wanted to work hard, I wanted to succeed, and I wanted to do things on my own. I believe that when you do wrong you should be held accountable. It's hard to believe that people who have perfect vision can be so blind sometimes.

Chiyako

Humanity

Everyone

Humanity

Chiyako

- 1. All human beings collectively; the human race, humankind
- 2. The quality of being humane; kindness; benevolence

Yousuf / Fauzia

Our religion, Islam, is simply based upon humanity. The core values of Islam are the same as you'll find in the Bible or the Torah. I am yet to find a religion that does not have these same, basic core values. We are normal American citizens who have the same values. If you have not heard these things before, maybe it is because you have not communicated with enough Muslims.

Audrey

Sometimes I think I would prefer to be completely blind, because then you don't see as much of the ugliness that is out there in the world.

Yousuf / Fauzia

We need to stand up as Americans and speak about what's unjust.

Mari

Engagement

Everyone

Engagement

Mari

The action of participation or becoming involved with something.

Ed

I'm an advocate for the homeless. Locally. I know what my mission is in life. And That is to give back what I've been given. We got sidetracked as a country. We've forgotten how to live together.

Tiffany

Unity

Everyone

Unity

Tiffany

- 1. The state of being united or joined
- 2. The state of forming a complete whole.

Darby

Everything we say a man can do or a woman should be, it's a perception based on societal norms. Rich men used to wear wigs and makeup in another era, you know. I don't care for gender binaries. I'm constantly serving as a bridge for those who come to me and say" Oh we need the LGBT community involved in this project- like I'm some kind of LGBT whisperer. Why aren't you making more connections yourself?

Gloria

With each role that you take on, you have to transition and understand what you can and cannot do and where you can and cannot have influence.

Ed

Let's not come up with a bunch of reasons why we can't make a difference. Let's come up with a bunch of reasons why we can.

Darby

It's time to stand up and unite

Michael

Activism

Everyone

Activism

Michael

The policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change.

Gloria

In the sixties my sisters and I were activists. We were campaigning to be sure the Hispanic community was represented and heard. You need to have your act together if you expect to be taken seriously.

Yousuf / Fauzia

I am a single father. I am an activist. My passion is to work with people, especially those who don't have a voice, to fight injustice.

Andree

If you're not afraid of the people in that neighborhood because they live in closer quarters than you, or they look different than you. You know this person is my neighbor. They're my neighbor.

Yousuf / Fauzia

When you spread Islamophobia, it is you who is promoting hate and who is promoting terror.

Darby

There are some people I have had to cut out of my life because of their "just get over it" mentality

Gloria

I keep doing what I can to make a difference every day.

Jill

Community

Everyone

Community

Jill

A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common

Andree

People told me you don't want to live in San Bernardino. They have this impression that it's a dark dangerous place. Hold your purse close. And I'm like, "I'm from Jersey. Are you serious?" How can you complain about a city like this? We got all the Americana and every country on the planet right here. People who want to keep themselves at a distance they miss out on all of what this city has to offer.

Gloria

Even if you only have a nickel are you investing in your community? Do you invest time in your community?

Andree

If you want greenspace there's greenspace. If you want cityscape, there's city scape. We've got beekeepers. We've got winemakers We've got craftsman.

Ed

I want to look in the mirror at the end of the day and know that I've helped someone.

Chiyako

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Mariana

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Elijah

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Tiffany InDignity

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	KC	Juzlia	Alice	Amanda	Amor	Emily
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