

## NEWS FROM PENUMBRA THEATRE

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**Tickets:** Science Museum of Minnesota at (651) 221-4511

### *Meet Your Metaphor: Penumbra Theatre's RACE Workshop Series*

January, 26, 2007; St. Paul, MN: Penumbra Theatre Company, the nation's preeminent African American theatre, proudly announces a series of workshops offered in conjunction with the *RACE: Are We So Different?* exhibit of the Science Museum of Minnesota. *Meet Your Metaphor: Penumbra Theatre's RACE Workshop Series* is designed to be an active and creative forum for dialogue and discussion around issues raised by the exhibit.

The Workshops, a component of *Art for Social Change, the Educational and Outreach Program of Penumbra Theatre Company*, encourage thought, dialogue and action around issues of representation and social justice through the use of improvisation, story-telling, forum theatre and facilitated break-away sessions. Facilitators use theatrical techniques established by theorist and activist Augusto Boal to encourage participants to question, constructively criticize and problem-solve. By sharing experiences, participants empower one another and discover universal truths through the specificity of their own lives. The process does not try to make everyone equal; it strives for balance. It celebrates human difference, recognizes cultural nuance and invites everyone to participate in the creation of something none of us could do alone.

**Public Workshops:** Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm  
Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm  
Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm  
Saturday, April 28, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm

Sign up for *Meet Your Metaphor: Penumbra Theatre's RACE Workshop Series* by contacting the Science Museum of Minnesota at (651) 221-4511.

Penumbra is nationally acclaimed for its mission driven art -- art for social change, art that is critical, forceful and demands response, art that creates and sustains a community. For 30 years, Penumbra has been the safe place where powerful and provocative art stimulates open and honest dialogue around issues of race.

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## DETAILS AT A GLANCE

### *Meet Your Metaphor: Penumbra Theatre's RACE Workshop Series*

**Location:** Science Museum of Minnesota  
120 West Kellogg Blvd  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Directions:** <http://www.smm.org/visitorinfo/planyourtrip/directions/>

**Dates:** Saturday, February 24, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm  
Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 1pm to 3pm  
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**Tickets:** There is a fee of \$5 per person.

**Registration:** Sign up by contacting the Science Museum of Minnesota at (651) 221-4511.

The two-hour workshops are facilitated with a maximum of 30 participants aged 12 years and up. Participants are encouraged to see the exhibit before participating in the workshop.

The Science Museum and Penumbra Theatre are offering these workshops for school groups. Contact the Science Museum at (651)221-4511 for details.

For more information about the exhibit *RACE: Are We So Different?*, visit the website - [www.smm.org](http://www.smm.org)

For more information about Penumbra Theatre, visit the website - [www.penumbratheatre.org](http://www.penumbratheatre.org).

For more information about Augusto Boal please visit the websites - <http://www.brechtforum.org/IPE/boal.htm>  
<http://www.ptoweb.org/about/boal.php>