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Exciting theatre exchange programme for local actors

AN exciting new theatre exchange programme between actors from Port Elizabeth and United States of America will take place during June.

Marti Gobel and her company from Milwaukee will be taking Port Elizabeth by storm, with a view to a long-term exchange with groups from Port Elizabeth.

Their stay here will include the one-woman production of "Neat" and will also include a workshop and play-reading for 40 Port Elizabeth thespians.

The Renaissance/Uprooted Theatre has been negotiating this exchange for some time, and the company finally arrived in Port Elizabeth on June 9.

Apart from rehearsing the show and preparing for performance, Marti Gobel will be running workshops with actors from the Port Elizabeth area. The project has been arranged with the Isithatha Trust, an initiative started by Sharon Rother, Gift Buqa and Phambili Ngcanyisa, together with Judith Tientyen of the Sinakho Trust. The project is being run in collaboration with the Port Elizabeth Opera House.

The actors involved in the workshops will get to be a part of 1 Voice! 1 Play! 1 Day! which is a national US project for the upliftment of African American Theatre.

"Neat" is written by Charlayne Woodard, a magnificent storyteller who spins her own

exquisite real-life remembrance of her brain-damaged aunt, Neat, and the profound change she brought to Charlayne's life.

"Neat" will be performed by Marti Gobel

at the Barn on Friday 14 June and Saturday 15 June at 7.30 pm. Tickets are R65 and R50 for students and pensioners. These are currently on sale at Computicket.



"Neat" will be performed by Marti Gobel at the Barn on Friday 14 June and Saturday 15 June as part of an exciting new theatre exchange programme between actors from Port Elizabeth and the United States of America. PHOTO: SUPPLIED