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## WOMEN SPEAK-Other Voices

SANTA MONICA--Highways presents <u>WOMEN SPEAK-Other Voices</u> an evening of spoken word by women artists on Sunday, January 30, at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved by calling Tickets LA @ 213-660-8587. On Saturday, January 29 a women's workshop on "OUR VOICES RISING" will be led by Ruth Forman in conjunction with the event. Reservations for the workshop can be made by calling 310-396-4418.

Producer Johanne Todd describes the evening, titled FROM THE EMPTY CHAMBERS--STEPPING STONES TO THE JEWEL, as "[a] mosaic of extraordinary women's voices [which] will prove to be profound, powerful, passionate, wild and fun--core" Part I is an open reading with the participants from the previous days workshop led by award winning poet Ruth Forman. Part II features the voices of Anna Homler, Bella Hui, Gay Collete Jackson, and Michelle Serros. Dialogue and book signing will follow. "The Window is Opening ...."

Anna Homler is a vocalist, poet, performance artist; Bella Hui is an interdisciplinary artist, writer, performer and educator; Gay Colette Jackson is a performance artist, writer, and poet; Michelle Serros is a writer who won first prize in the 1992 Santa Monica College Latino Literary Contest she will be signing from her new Book CHICANA FALSA and other Stories of death, identity and Oxnard.

The evening is the third under this title developed and produced by Johanne Todd. It is a series of readings regularly presenting the work of intercultural, intergenerational women with primary emphasis on the emerging voice. The commitment is to provide forums to exchange ideas, to present innovative artists, to showcase the under represented voices and to assist in providing stepping stones/bridges to the Jewel of bringing cultures together.

Highways is located at 1651 18th Street in Santa Monica's 18th Street Arts Complex, one half-block north of Olympic Blvd. Parking is available at Highways and on nearby streets. Further information and reservations may be obtained by calling Tickets LA @ 213-660-8587.

