

Book Signing and Opening Reception for our 5th annual Black Panther Party Film Festival



Thurs, Sept 26 6- 9pm MLK Jr Labor Center 310 W 43rd St NY, NY 10036

Special Guest Ngoma Free admission open to public RSVP johnson.bill710@gmail.com



Ngoma is a performance poet, multi-instrumentalist, singer/songwriter and paradigm shifter, who for over 40 years has used culture as a tool to raise socio-political and spiritual consciousness through work that encourages critical thought. A former member of Amiri Baraka's "The Spirit House Movers and Players" and the contemporary freedom song duo "Serious Bizness", Ngoma weaves poetry and song that raises contradictions and searches for a solution to a just and peaceful world. Ngoma was the Prop Slam Winner of the 1997 National Poetry Slam Competition in Middletown, CT and his been published in African Voices Magazine, Long Shot Anthology, The Underwood Review, Signifyin' Harlem Review, Bum Rush the Page/Def Poetry Jam Anthology, Poems on the Road to Peace-(Volumes 1, 2, and 3) Yale Press and Let Loose On the World-Amiri Baraka at 75. He was featured in the P.B.S spoken word documentary The Apropoets with Allen Ginsburg. Ngoma has curated and hosted the poetry slam at the Martin Luther King Family Festival of Social and Environmental Justice at the Yale/Peabody Museum since 1995. He was also selected to participate in the 2009 Badilisha Poetry Xchange in Capetown, South Africa. In December of 2011 He was initiated as a Priest of Obatala in Ibadan, Nigeria. In June of 2013 he was initiated as a Priest of Ifa. On his latest CD "Lessons From The Book of Osayemi" Ngoma serves up another helping of smokin' spoken word with jazz/funk/fusion with a slice or two of world beat. Electric Violin, Yidaki a.k.a Didgeridoo and Garage Band tracks serve as a platform for his political and spiritual conscious raising lyrics along with his vocalizing a song or two to sweeten your palate and feed your mind. Known for controversy this CD will not disappoint as the newly initiated Ifa Priest invokes Orishas and Eguns to join the party with enough funk to put a hump in your back. You'll be nodding your head to this. www.ngomazworld.com