



Authentic Creative Advocacy

Through captivating performances and creative collaboration workshops, the zAmya Theater Project builds understanding and connection between individuals who have experienced homelessness and those who have not. From understanding and connection, hearts and minds are changed. Solutions are imagined and achieved.



COLLABORATIVE Since 2004 the zAmya Theater Project has been changing hearts and minds through performances and workshops in hundreds of Minnesota locations including: The Guthrie Theater, Edina Realty, Salvation Army, Thrivent Financial, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless Annual Conference, Basilica of St. Mary, and Augsburg College.

TRANSFORMATIVE zAmya Theater Project believes theater can change the narrative of homelessness. Our performances grow from stories lived by participants and crafted by our core artistic members. We share them because we know that if we want to unravel this crisis then we have to unravel the story.

INNOVATIVE Informed by experienced advocates and direct service providers, zAmya is led by professional artists, and employs a core group of actors who've experienced homelessness to create the plays, co-facilitate workshops, and guide the direction of the company.

SEE WHAT HAPPENS.



Bring zAmya to your organization

zAmya offers companies, schools, shelters, and other organizations 30 – 90 minute theatrical productions and creative learning and awareness raising opportunities.

PERFORMANCES zAmya performances are about homelessness and related issues such as addiction, mental health, institutional racism, and incarceration. They are written from the perspective of those affected. In spite of the heavy subject matter, zAmya performances are cited for their raw authenticity, talented performers, unexpected humor, and unique aesthetic blend of realism, satire, musical theater, and spoken word. Whatever the form, our material is grounded in truth. 30-90 minute performances include post show conversation with performers.

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES Custom designed to fit your needs, these creative, thought-provoking sessions typically involve lively team exercises and activities and are co-facilitated by zAmya troupe members and creative leadership.

COLLABORATIONS zAmya partners with organizations to design play-making processes, extended workshop series, and performance commissions.



Workshop participants “circle up” to share takeaways from an exercise

“Last night’s zAmya performance at the Guthrie Theater truly changed opinions, and we hope, some lives. Our neighborhood needs education, ways to get involved, and avenues for that involvement... zAmya was incredibly powerful in spreading the word last night. I hope that we can continue to work together.”

– Claudia Kittock
Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association, Performance Host



Marvin Howard and Crystal Spring perform “A1 Affordable Commercial” from *Little Foreclosed House on the Stolen Prairie* — 2008



The cast of *Home Street Home Minneapolis* — 2016

STOP STARING. START SEEING.

zAmya is a Sanskrit word that means “aiming at peace.” For zAmya Theater Project, aiming at peace means aiming toward a community with safe, stable, affordable housing options for all.

Get Involved:

Help change the narrative of homelessness.

:: DONATE

:: PARTICIPATE IN A WORKSHOP

:: HOST A PERFORMANCE

“zAmya gives me a sense of belonging, community, and acceptance, and the confidence to do things I never thought possible.”

– Robert Blood,
Troupe and Board Member

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