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CONSECRATED GROUND

MONTREAL, April 29, 2010 – Africville, Nova Scotia, built over generations, destroyed in one day. Black Theatre Workshop presents its Discovery Series reading of *Consecrated Ground* by George Boyd, based on true events. This Governor General Award nominated play will be a staged reading by professional actors directed by Tyrone Benskin, and presented on May 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Mai Café, 3680 Jeanne-Mance.

Africville, situated in Halifax's north end peninsular – First settled by Black refugees of the war of 1812 became the home of Halifax's Black community well into the 1950's. Denied the basic amenities such as water, power and sanitation, it was still home until the bulldozers arrived and the residents were relocated to public housing. *Consecrated Ground* exposes the tragedy of Africville in the 1960s, which still resonates with the people of Halifax today. George Boyd, one of Canada's great story tellers, paints a rich, human portrait of a family and a community fighting for their place in a world constantly looking to evict them.

George Boyd is an award winning playwright and former co-host of CBC Morning News and has had his plays produced to audience and critical acclaim around the world. Other plays include *Shine Boys* and Black Theatre Workshop's production of *Le Code Noir*, presented in 2009. He currently resides and works in Montreal.

The focus of the Discovery Series is to continue unearthing great stories from within the African Diaspora in an effort to introduce Montreal audiences to the wealth of ingenuity offered by Afro-Canadian writers. *Consecrated Ground* is a staged reading by professional artists. For more information go to www.blacktheatreworkshop.ca.

May 17th 7:30 p.m. Mai Café 3680 Jeanne Mance

TICKETS: \$12 - boxoffice@blacktheatreworkshop.ca 514-932-1104 ext. 226

Limited Seating Reserve in Advance

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