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It's What We Do

viBe Theater Experience provides a safe, creative space for under-served young women to share their stories and use their voices to build and transform themselves and their community.

viBe Theater Experience empowers teenage girls by engaging and inspiring them to create, rehearse, design, publish and perform personal and truthful collaborative theater pieces. We build creative literacy skills that challenge girls to self-reflect and develop a creative voice while encouraging trust, self-confidence and mutual respect.

We partner with public schools, arts and community-based organizations to ensure the greatest dimension of diversity in our participants and supporters. We seek new and young audiences from the community, because we are cultivating new voices as well as new listeners.

viBe Theater Experience is a solution to the dilemma of decreased access to creative and positive outlets for New York City 's young women.

Words from the Co-Directors

Dear Friends and SuperStars,

As the brightest superstar (the sun!) starts sneaking back into our lives with the glorious sprouts of spring, **viBe Land** is a busy, budding place! New projects are blooming and our originals are flowering again! We hope that you can join us and see the sparkling colors of a new crop of viBe Girls as they dig their roots to grow into the women of the future!

Actin', Singin' and Dancin'. . .

chandra thomas & **dana edell**
founders and co-directors

Tune In To

Get ready to add a few tracks to your iPod! **viBeSongMakers** is releasing the first-ever viBe CD—original songs written and sung by viBe Girls! RockStar Katie Eastburn leads our newest viBe Alumnae program where 6 amazing girls make music! viBe also sings the praises to Sophie and Rebecca, our special viBe guest teaching artists in lyric writing and singing mechanics. Look out for the CD release party & live performance this SPRING!

soundbite preview of viBe SongMaker **theresa's** latest song:

*she was only 16
all she wanted was to live her dream
be true to herself
no worries 'bout anyone else
trying hard to forget her past
never win just coming in last
now she's on the road again
to find her true identity
wondering how hard it is
how hard to be me*

Congratulations to **alina candice**, **christina**, **jessica**, **mabel**, **mandy**, **najee**, **tiffany**, **stephanie**, **zaidy** our TEN extraordinary girls in viBeStages Spring 2005! These supertalented young women were chosen from almost 60 applications! We're also thrilled that viBe Apprentice (and viBe Alumna) **brittney** is working as assistant director for...

(yet-to-be-titled)
the SPRING viBeStages show!
a brand new show totally created by
viBe Girls

May 8th & 9th, 2005
Both shows at 7:30pm
at CenterStage NY
48 21st Street (between 5th and 6th Aves.)
totally FREE!!

In case you missed it the first time...

viBeSolos is remounting our wildly successful December show as part of Rebel Verses' Theatre Festival! Come see Genna, Ari, Unique and Tinaya perform excerpts from their original one-woman-shows.

viBeSolos
March 16 & March 18 at 7pm
at CenterStage
48 21st St
(between 5 and 6 Aves.)

not to be missed!

and stick around after to catch other amazing performances by local young artists- viBe thanks to our new friends Jinn & Jill at Developing Artists!

viBeStuff

The stunning **viBe Brochure** is hot off the press- filled with photos of viBe Girls, quotes and info. We'd love to send you one—just email us your mailing address! Huge thanks to Wonder Woman **Debbie Tobias** for her gorgeous design! Also, the official **viBe DVD** is now complete! Video Maestro **Cindy Weil** has created a glittery 3-minute ode filled with viBe Girl talent. For just \$5, you can have a viBe DVD of your very own! AND of course, we have **vee-Shirts!** You can sport and support viBe for \$10. Email us at viBeNY@yahoo.com for more information.

Announcing viBe Girl 2019: Congratulations to viBe superFriends **Sarah Moore** (viBeSolos director) and **Alex Shub** (principal of High School for History and Communications) on the birth of their beautiful daughter **Lola Shub** on January 25. We look forward to her stage debut!

Coming Soon Keep your eyes peeled for the **viBe Book**—COMING SOON!!

Speaking from Her Voices:
a viBe Mom & viBe Daughter
In this edition, **Arianne Napier**, a 15 year old viBe Alumna and current participant, and her mother, **Michele**, share their thoughts about viBe:

In viBe I have had one of the best experiences of my life. viBe was an escape for me. It helped me become more of a patient person, a subtle person; it helped me find the path that I am supposed to go down. It made me feel comfortable, safe, accepted, and respected and that's a feeling every teenage girl should have.
~ Arianne

viBe continues to be a wonderful experience for Arianne. Her creativity has been nurtured within the viBe environment. She appears more self-confident.
~ Michele

A Little More viBe

- viBe graciously welcomes your support. You can make a **donation** that directly aids our programs and participants. Your **tax-deductible contribution** can be made payable to viBe Theater Experience. Please send to our address below. It is never too late!
- We are always seeking **vibe Celebrities, also known as viBe Volunteers!** If you are interested in helping out as a guest artist, field-trip leader, envelope stuffer, advice giver, party planners, please email or give us a ring to find out how you too can be a celebrity!

Before We Go . . .

We must wish you a **sunny and viBrant springtime** season and look forward to you joining us for our next performances. Of course, we love hearing from you:

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