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*In collaboration with Inglewood Theater Group & Brandon Rainey*

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**HOLLYWOOD, CA (JUNE 14-16, 2019): "Hello America" is coming to the 2019 Hollywood Fringe Festival and plans to take it by storm with this explosive production. It opens at the Hudson Theatres Backstage, located at 6539 Santa Monica Blvd in Hollywood, on June 14-15 at 8:00 pm and June 16 and June 23 at 7pm.**

The show, which is written and directed by Brandon Rainey, features an amazing cast of black male actors who take you on a hysterical but emotional journey of masculinity, spirituality, fatherhood, sexuality, love, lust & identity using creative storytelling, monologue, audience interaction, film & music.

"Hello America" is inspired by "For Colored Girls who considered suicide when the rainbow is Enuf", "For Black Boys who considered Homicide when the streets were too much" and the father episode from "Fresh Prince of Bel Aire". It already began to make some buzz sold out workshop performances at Greenway Court Theater, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and USC. Rainey makes no apologies as it addresses these issues and was inspired by the two mentioned plays but wanted to bring it into present day. Although it paints painful pictures like police brutality, cointel, homophobia, suicide and other controversial topics; the joys of being a father, dating someone, living your truth unapologetically no matter who you love and simply shooting the breeze in the barbershop make it a roller coaster of human emotion you can see over and over.

The Hollywood Fringe Festival is an annual, open-access, community-derived event celebrating freedom of expression and collaboration in the performing arts community. Each June during the Hollywood Fringe, the arts infiltrate the Hollywood neighborhood: fully equipped theaters, parks, clubs, churches, restaurants and other unexpected places host hundreds of productions by local, national, and international arts companies and independent performers.

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