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Changing the Conversation on Homelessness Downtown

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CREATIVE SESSIONS
Monday mornings 8:30–10:30a, Minneapolis Central Library
These weekly workshops are the springboard for Dramatic Encounters and Performances.

SPRING/SUMMER DRAMATIC ENCOUNTERS*
Tuesdays 11a–1p through June, between 6th & 8th streets on Nicollet
These short performances or vignettes building understanding and connection amongst downtown Minneapolis community members – homeless and housed.

FALL PERFORMANCES
September 10 rehearsal/preview, September 11–13 at 12 noon, and September 14 at 5p, Nicollet Theater in the Round
Performances include include a pre-event social hour for the downtown community and take place in the outdoor amphitheater on in front of the library.

MORE ABOUT DRAMATIC ENCOUNTERS
Dramatic Encounters might be a gallery of human sculptures with text, short segments of Homeless News, conversation prompts, ice breaking theater exercises or other creations from the hearts and minds of zAmya Theater company and library workshop participants.

zAmya Theater Project uses community-based theater to build understanding and connection between people with and without experience in homelessness. zAmya is a Sanskrit word that means “aiming for peace”.

Action Steps

LISTEN: Take the time to hear the stories – change your mindset.
There are many myths surrounding homelessness, including “People who are homeless don’t want to work.” Often, people lose their job and home through no fault of their own, and without assistance, it becomes a downward spiral that is hard to get out of.

ADVOCATE: Consider joining a network organizing to end homelessness.
St. Stephen’s Advocacy in Action Network
Street Voices for Change
Individuals with past or current experience with homelessness advocating for change. Email svoc@dceh.org or call 612-767-9219
Make Homes Happen Coalition
A grassroots coalition for individuals and organizations, mobilizing for production and preservation of affordable Housing and protection of tenant rights in the city of Minneapolis. Email rteng@mccdmn.org or 612-843-3270

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SHORT PERFORMANCES
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AND CONNECTION BETWEEN
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DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS.

TUESDAYS
JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25
11AM TO 1PM
BETWEEN 6TH AND
7TH ST. ON NICOLLET

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