Welcome to our first ITT newsletter!

Here you will find information about our on-going activities, upcoming events, live performances and more...

This information will soon be featured on the new ITT website!

Coming March 2014!

Inside this issue:

1. ITT projects and live performances for Spring 2014: Check out our projects and activities for this semester and learn how to get involved.

2. ITT Fall 2013 achievements: We had a lot of wonderful experiences last semester and we have gathered the highlights here for you to learn about them.
Changing the world one performance at a time...

ITT Spring 2014 projects and live performances

What's new with ITT this semester?

1) ITT will produce and perform in a web series created by Nicole Hodges Persley complete with Teaching Guides and Community Kits for student organizations, staff, and faculty to engage in “difficult discussions” about diversity.

2) In partnership with Professor Rebecca Rovit, ITT hopes to conduct workshops on improvisational theatre for social change with Haskell University students.

3) Also in outreach partnership with Project Voice, Kansas City, Kansas. (Community Arts Org. dedicated to empowering artists of color) ITT will conduct workshops to engage the community.

Live performances:

1) Nicole Hodges Persley presented ITT initiatives and an improvisational workshop to Life Restoration Ministries in Lawrence, Kansas (LRM is a local non-profit org. dedicated to helping communities restore healthy lifestyles after leaving abusive home environments). Feb 8th.

2) ITT Students, in partnership with Independence Inc. of Lawrence, will conduct workshops on social change this semester with community members with disabilities. Coming in April 2014.

3) ITT Students will perform at KU’s School of Public Affairs and Administration. Conference May 21st.

3) ITT is planning a session with the GTA’s of the Theatre Department on the topic of Diversity. Schedule TBD - shooting for early March 2014. Hope to schedule a session with staff too!
What’s Wrong With This Picture?

This semester ITT will be producing and filming an Interactive Educational Web Series called What’s Wrong with this Picture? created by professor Nicole Hodges Persley. The series will include community outreach packets for off-campus discussion and teaching prompts for staff and faculty at KU.

ITT students will write, produce and perform all the sketches in the series. We like to invite all students, staff and professors who are interested in learning about ITT to come and join us!

We invite you to come visit us and see what we do. If you like it and are interested in participating in one or more ITT sessions, please join our team as an actor, writer, filmmaker; or simply share your insight with us.

ITT meets every other Thursday from 5-7pm in Room 235. Please contact us for rehearsal schedule.

During the month of February, we will meet to rehearse and film our first web series sketch: The Thanksgiving play, written and directed by Gina Sandi-Diaz. We started filming February 13th and will continue to shoot on Feb 27.
ITT Fall 2013

Achievements:

• Established a KU community partnership with the KU Honors program.
• Created a cross-campus dialogue about the Arab spring in Egypt in our performance of Comedy of Sorrows in the Studio 354 series. We joined Harvard and Vassar as one of 3 universities in the United States to read this play on college campuses.
• Created and produced ITT short films that can be downloaded and used by students, teachers and staff to discuss issues of sexual orientation and GTA sexual harassment in the classroom. These scripts were researched and written by KU ITT members Marcus Farrison and Bianca Jimenez.
• Professor Nicole Hodges Persley developed a new web series that will include community outreach kits and teacher instruction guides. The series began filming this spring.

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