

KELLI STEVENS KANE

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**"An Evening With Kelli Stevens Kane"
Performances from Three Original Works
Friday May 25, 2012, 8:00pm
at the August Wilson Center**

Pittsburgh, PA - Kelli Stevens Kane, a 2011-2012 August Wilson Center Fellow, will present an evening of performances from three original literary works in the August Wilson Center's First Voice Festival on Friday May 25, 2012, 8pm.

This performance is the public presentation of Kane's work as an August Wilson Center Fellow.

Said Kane, "I applied for the Fellowship to develop the performance side of my written works. This show will feature excerpts from each work that center around my grandmother, Georgetta Holmes Stevens, aka 'Big George.' The funny thing about Big George is that she used to go to funeral homes in Pittsburgh's Hill District whether or not she knew the deceased person."

A description of the show states: "Reconnect with who you're meant to be in a dynamic and transformative evening of performances by poet, playwright, and oral historian Kelli Stevens Kane. In her stage debut of three original literary works, 'Big George's Wylie Avenue,' 'I Never Laughed So Much at a Funeral,' and 'Hallelujah Science,' Kane invites you to greet the world with a renewed sense of courage and freedom."

Directed by Mark Staley.

The show is free to the public.

The August Wilson Center is located at 980 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

KELLI STEVENS KANE is a poet, playwright and oral historian. Kane's literary works--an oral history manuscript, "*Big George's Wylie Avenue*"; a play, "*I Never Laughed So Much at a Funeral*"; and a poetry manuscript, "*Hallelujah Science*"--represent four generations in her family, all rooted in Pittsburgh's Hill District. Kane is a 2011 August Wilson Center Fellow and a 2011 Cave Canem Fellow. Kane reads nationally, including recent performances at the Cornelia Street Cafe and Bowery Poetry Club in New York City, The Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, and TEDxWomen Pittsburgh.

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