



Resident Artist

Ally Ntumba joins *Montreal Life Stories*

Montreal, November 18th 2009 – The *Montreal Life Stories* project announces with great pleasure its new collaboration with Ally Ntumba, winner of the 2009-2010 contest of the Artist in Residency program.

The objective of *Montreal Life Stories* is to collect and share the stories of Montreal men and women displaced by war, genocide or other types of human rights violations. Once recorded on video, these intense, rich and powerful stories must be heard. The performing arts represent exceptional tools for spreading information as they can transmit all the power of the emotions and allow the public to live through these difficult personal stories.

As author, director and artistic director of the MOYO Collective, and thanks to his vision of theater with a purpose, Ally Ntumba was able to convince those in charge of the Artist in Residency program directed by Edward Little, professor in the theater department at Concordia University. With his *Together Each Achieves More* project, he expects to collect and interpret personal stories of members of the Congolese community with the objective of conceiving a performance with a wide scope incorporating theater, dance and music.

This project seeks to provoke increased interest in the performing arts amongst youth and young adults within communities and to promote their active participation in Montreal's socio-political life. Ntumba also wishes to create and strengthen relationships with other immigrant and refugee communities.

Congratulations to Ally Ntumba!

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