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BUFFALO, N.Y. -- Diaspora, The Experimental Performing Arts Co., a Chicago-based group, will be in residence at the State University of New York at Buffalo from March 15 through March 20. During the company's residency, sponsored by the Black Student Union, performances, lectures and workshops have been scheduled.

"Rituals and Celebrations," a multi-media work, will be presented on Friday, March 19 and Saturday, March 20 at 8 pm in the Katharine Cornell Theatre in the Ellicott Complex, Amherst campus. General admission is \$2.00; students, \$1.50.

Reshain Randson Boykin, founder and director of the Diaspora group is currently a doctoral student in U/B's English Department. He describes "Rituals and Celebrations" as a "trip-tick collage for performance."

Other events during the residency include a jazz workshop by Amina Claudine Myers, formerly of the Gene Ammons Quartet; instrument making workshop: percussion and woodwind by Douglas Ewart; a master class in African dance by Ernest Luis, a lecture/slide presentation, "Third World Alternatives in the Visual Arts" by Yaounde' Olu, painter and sculptress. Company members Rita Warford, vocalist, and Rrataa Christine Jones, an actress who played the role of Sandra in the film "Cooley High," will assist in the workshops.

The workshops and lectures are free and open to the public. Contact the Black Student Union, 831-2830, for information on workshop schedules.