



Austin Film Festival Hosts Script Reading of "From Here to Nowhere," An Original Screenplay by Award-Winning Writer/Director Ya'Ke Smith

WHAT: Widely regarded as one of this generation's next film directors to watch, Ya'Ke Smith has made a name for himself as a filmmaker with a veracious style of storytelling that takes an unflinching look at issues facing today's society.

Ya'Ke's films have received world-wide acclaim and screened at numerous festivals. Join Ya'Ke and some of the finest actors Central Texas has to offer at a staged reading of Ya'Ke's screenplay "From Here to Nowhere."

WHEN: Sunday, February 8, 2009
7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cap City Comedy Club
8120 Research Blvd.
Austin, TX 78758
(512) 467-2333

COST: This event is free and open to the public.

SYNOPSIS:

When hurricane Katrina forces Ed to San Antonio, he reunites with his estranged mother, Dorothy, who abandoned him in New Orleans ten years earlier. Ed struggles to find his place in San Antonio and often bumps heads with the locals. He is constantly baited by Black, the local drug lord, but is determined to steer clear of the life of drugs and crime that he was so heavily involved in back home. He sets out on a journey to re-invent himself, while attempting to get his singing career off the ground. On this journey, he meets Jay, an aspiring filmmaker and model student. Ed looks up to Jay, and he and his mother, Sarah, take him under their wings. But when Dorothy gets back on drugs and steals money from Black, Ed is forced to make a decision that may derail him off track.

"From Here to Nowhere" is a story about self-discovery, redemption and the search for one's true self.

For more information about Ya'ke Smith or the screenplay, visit www.exodusfilmworks.com. For more information about the Austin Film Festival, visit www.austinfilmfestival.com.

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