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“It’s about the evolution of a culture.”
–*New York Times*, on *Flow* by Will Power

TCG Books Publishes
Plays from the Boom Box Galaxy
The First Anthology of Hip-Hop Theater

NEW YORK — Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of ***Plays from the Boom Box Galaxy: Theater from the Hip-Hop Generation***, edited by **Kim Euell with Robert Alexander**. This groundbreaking anthology collects works by established and emerging American theater artists, who are mixing music, movement, rap, spoken word and visual design to create a new form of performance that is redefining theater. The pieces range from a “spoken-word performance concert,” to “performed letters from a father to an unborn son,” to multi-character solo-performance, to more traditionally structured plays.

“Inventive, undefinable, and a lot of fun, ‘hip-hop theater’ takes an ancient genre by the horns.” –*San Francisco Chronicle*

The collection is introduced by Kim Euell, who provides a cultural/theatrical context for the work, and is divided into three sections: “Ruminations on Identity” includes *The Evidence of Silence Broken* by **Zell Miller III**, *Peaches* by **Cristal Chanelle Truscott** and *The No Black Male Show* by **Carl Hancock Rux**; “Cautionary Tales” includes *Free Jujube Brown!* by **Psalmayene 24**, *Beatbox* by **Tommy Shepherd and Dan Wolf**, and *Death of a Ho* by **Jake-ann Jones**; “Transformationals” includes *Word Becomes Flesh* by **Marc Bamuthi Joseph**, *Thieves in the Temple* by **Aya de Leon** and *Flow* by **Will Power**.

“Theater with a new spirit of possibility and a new urgency that speaks to the racial and cultural hybrid of today.” –Harry J. Elam, Jr.

In her introduction, Kim Euell writes that hip-hop theater is “the kind of work that had inspired me to commit to a life in the theater...I loved its energy and inventive approaches to language, but most of all I loved its social relevance.” She also notes, “Hip-hop theater artists are deeply committed to the goal of self-definition and of critiquing the culture.”

Kim Euell is a playwright, producer, dramaturg and educator. Her plays received productions across the country, and her articles have been published in *American Theatre* magazine, *African American Review* and the *Oakland Tribune*. **Robert Alexander** is the author of thirty plays, which have been produced at theaters across the country, and the recipient of numerous writing awards and fellowships. He has edited several play anthologies.

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