

Forget Me Not Family Society



BLANK
BY BRIAN STANTON

Annual Workshop

November 2nd - 4th, 2012
Delta Hotel, Richmond, BC

Come join us for a totally different kind workshop experience. On November 3rd we will be entertained, challenged, dazzled and perhaps mystified by Brian Stanton in his award winning performance of BLANK. This will be followed by a half day creative workshop where Brian will coach us in innovative ways to share our story. By releasing our voices, we are able to embrace who we are and where we come from.

WHAT IS BLANK?

BLANK is an award winning, nationally acclaimed solo play exploring adoption and identity, written and performed by adoptee Brian Stanton. Upon receipt of his original birth certificate, Stanton is not only bewildered at the sight of the blank space where his name should be, but also strangely comforted with the reveal of his first mother's name. Playing 12 characters, Stanton embarks on a mythical quest for identity ultimately discovering the horrific truth of his birth, an instinctive love for his birth mother, and a grateful dedication to his adoptive family.

BLANK had its World Premiere in Los Angeles, CA in April of 2010. Since then, BLANK has visited Off Broadway New York, Dallas, Orlando, Kansas City and several cities in Southern California. His performance has garnered critical acclaim including a "Best Solo Actor" award at the United Solo Theatre Festival in New York City and 2 StageSceneLA awards: "Outstanding Actor in a Solo Performance" for Stanton and "Outstanding Director of a Solo Performance" for director McKerrin Kelly. Stanton has also reached out to the adoption community performing for events, workshops and national support organizations such as the American Adoption Congress, the Concerned United Birthparents, and the Alliance for the Study of Adoption and Culture.

November 2nd, Friday Evening

- Gathering & Hospitality

November 3rd Saturday,

- Morning: BLANK (the performance)
- Afternoon: creative workshop (lunch included in workshop fee)
- Dinner (cost not included in the Workshop Fee)

November 4th Sunday,

- Morning: Support group meeting
- Lunch (cost not in the Workshop Fee)

Details about workshop content and format, workshop fee, quest room reservations and registration will be announced in the next Adoption Circles, May, 2012.