

RISING CIRCLE
PRESENTS

A Theater Arts Intensive for Asian & South Asian Female Teens in Queens, New York

When I was a young woman, if I wanted arts in my life, I had to go seek it out myself because I didn't see other people who looked like me doing that.

- Nancy Kim
Collective Member,
Rising Circle

Q Up

A key part of leadership is telling your story.

- Deepa Purohit
Artistic Director, Rising Circle

What is Q Up?

Q Up is a free theater arts intensive for Asian American and South Asian American high school girls from Queens, NY.

Q Up ... sparks bold self-expression
 ... provides access to artists
 ... empowers through collaboration and participation

Q Up takes place over 5 days at host venue, **Queens Theatre in the Park**, from February 23 -27, 2011. The program seeks to use the tools of storytelling and performance to impact the lives of young women. NY Daily News called Q Up a "...confidence-builder for Queens high school girls."

Q Up is a project of **Rising Circle Theater Collective** (www.risingcircle.org) and the teaching artist team includes Farah Bala, Nancy Kim, Seema Sabnani and Melisa Tien. 2011 Guest Artists are Deepti Gupta, Tina Lee and Kelly Zen-Yie Tsai.

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Schedule for the Program:

The program takes place at Queens Theatre in the Park during the NYC Schools' Mid-winter Recess in February 2011. QTP is located in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

Shuttle Transportation to, and from, the # 7 train station at Willets Point/Shea Stadium is provided. Lunch or dinner is also provided.

- **Wednesday, February 23, 2011:** Free evening performance at 7pm of "*Bodylogue*" written and performed by Deepti Gupta at Queens Theatre in the Park
- **Thursday, February 24, 2011-Saturday, February, 27, 2011:** Artist Workshop Sessions
- **Sunday, February 27, 2011:** Free Staged Reading performance by Q Up Participants at 3:00pm

What will happen during the Artist Workshop Sessions?

- You will view/experience/discuss performance excerpts by professional Asian American female artists in diverse genres.
- You will create 3 original theatre pieces and choose one to perform in a presentation of new work by Q Up participants at Queens Theatre in the Park in Flushing Meadows Corona Park
- You will spend each day working with professional Asian American female artists (theater, storytelling, spoken word, etc.) to build skills and explore theatrical storytelling methods to tell your own personal stories.

**Applications will be accepted through Monday, January 31 2011
by email or fax.**

**Email applications: nancykim@risingcircle.org
Or Fax applications: (212) 649-8451
(Attention: Nancy Kim, Q Up Coordinator)**

Participants will be notified by Friday, February 11, 2011.

Warm Up...

with **Q Up!**

APPLICATION

DATE:	
NAME:	
HIGH SCHOOL:	
AGE:	
GRADE:	
NAME OF PARENT:	
CONTACT NUMBER:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

Please list any theater and/or performing arts experience (no experience necessary):

Please circle areas you are interested and/or have experience:

Spoken word

Musical Theater

Improvisation

Dance/Movement

Writing

Other Interests:

Why are you interested in participating in this program?

I am interested in this program and will attend all sessions from February 23-February 27, 2011
SIGN:

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2011
Send your answers via email to: nancykim@risingcircle.org
Fax application to: (212) 649-8451 (Attn: Nancy Kim, Q Up Coordinator)