

On The Inside

## **SandM Productions**

## **CAST:**

Kelechi Ofoha as Tracy: Acting has always been a part of Kelechi's life; she graduated from high school as a High Skills Specialist Major in Arts and Culture. She then continued on to Toronto Film School. She loves acting, being on stage, in front of the

camera and also has a love for production. Music also plays a big part in her life, so musical theatre is definitely something that she looks forward to receiving more training in. Being able to create content with substance and meaning is part of what Kelechi craves. This is what she wants to do for the rest of her life.

**Ryan Kotack** as Clay: Originally from Kitchener-Waterloo, Ryan Christopher Kotack studied professional theatre at University of Guelph to then pursue a film/ TV career in Toronto. He feels privileged to help tell an important story in his first Toronto Fringe Festival. You may have seen him in shows such as the medieval drama REIGN & science fiction thriller DEFIANCE. His selected film credits include; IN THE HOUSE OF FLIES, ANTISOCIAL II, & AGAPE. He stars as ASIM, in the award-winning drama short film BOSNIAK, that is currently screening on CBC Reflections.

**Harry Lavigne** as Ben: Harry is a Humber College, Theatre Arts graduate and also been trained in Theatrical Adjudication. Harry is proud to have received the Theatre Ontario award in 2009 for Outstanding Director for his work on the play "Rabbit Hole" which also won the Elsie Award for Best Production. Harry is very excited to be involved in both The Fringe Festival and this thought-provoking production. Thank you to Michelle for this amazing opportunity and for telling this story so well.

Marnie Bennett as Nurse Sharon: Marnie Wohl Bennett studied theatre at The University of Winnipeg and appeared in a variety of Winnipeg based productions connected to Winnipeg's Prairie Theatre Exchange. She taught theatre internationally and collaborated with local youth in Guyana and Kenya using Popular Theatre and Theatre of The Oppressed as a vehicle for change. Since coming to Toronto 14 years ago, she has integrated her background in theatre into her innovative Gestalt based Psychotherapy practice. Marnie is excited and honored to be returning to the stage as Nurse Sharon.

## **CREW:**

**Michelle Thoms** is the Playwright and Director. Michelle graduated from the University of Windsor in Drama in Education. When she isn't writing and directing, she is a secondary teacher and mother to three children. Her inspiration to write the show is rooted in her experiences working alongside underprivileged youth in self-contained classrooms. Michelle immediately drew connections between Ashley Smith's story and the students she has worked with.

**Catherine Gava** is the Stage Manager: Catherine Gava is currently an Etobicoke School of the Arts Musical Theatre major and dedicates her artistic training to the performing arts.

**Eliza Osborne**, P.R Media Rep.: Eliza Osborne is currently an Etobicoke School of the Arts Drama major and has a passion for performing on stage.

**Clayton Barr,** Sound Designer: Clayton is currently a Drama major at Etobicoke School of the Arts. He enjoys making short films with his friends, as well as editing films and audio.