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Theatrical Intimacy Education Announces Major Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative

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Baltimore, MD: Today, Theatrical Intimacy Education announces The Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Intimacy Initiative (EDIII) to address the inequities in theatrical training spaces. The EDIII has been developed in consultation and collaboration with Kaja Dunn, Theatrical Intimacy Education Associate Faculty member and Assistant Professor at The University of North Carolina Charlotte, and Brian Eugenio Herrera, Associate Professor of Theater at Princeton University's Lewis Center for the Arts.

Theatrical Intimacy Education's purpose in developing The EDIII is to change who is in the room for conversations about theatrical intimacy, taking an intersectional approach, but centering the racist, colonialist power structures that prop up inequity in our field. Theatrical Intimacy Education aims to teach an anti-racist intimacy pedagogy to ALL artists for a culturally competent, counter traumatic rehearsal space or classroom and to develop long-term partnerships of value to artists and scholars of color.

To work towards that purpose, Theatrical Intimacy Education is announcing the four major actions of this first stage of The EDIII:

- The EDIII Summit. Hosted by Princeton University, The EDIII Summit is scheduled for March 2020 and will gather invited scholars to collaborate on a cross-disciplinary, long-term strategy for developing anti-racist intimacy pedagogy.
- The creation of an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Scholarship to provide full-tuition scholarships to Theatrical Intimacy Education workshops.
- Building relationships with HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), and theatre training programs and professional Latinx, Asian American, Middle Eastern, Indigenous, and Black Theatres nationwide
- Intimacy Training workshops specifically for self-identified people of color to work and learn in safe, racially conscious spaces.

About Theatrical Intimacy Education: Founded in 2017, Theatrical Intimacy Education is a consulting group specializing in researching, developing, and teaching best practices for staging theatrical intimacy. Theatrical Intimacy Education empowers artists with the tools to ethically, efficiently, and effectively stage intimacy, nudity, and sexual violence.