



The City College  
of New York

**Press Contact:**

**Keith L. Forest @ (917) 714-8998**

[keithlforest@gmail.com](mailto:keithlforest@gmail.com)

Photos available [here](#)

**New Heritage Theatre Group and The City College of New York**

**Present**

**“If Only Yesterday”**

**The Moving Finale of the**

**Inaugural Voza Rivers Legacy Series**

New Heritage Theatre Group (NHTG), in partnership with The City College of New York (CCNY), proudly presents the culminating staged reading presentation of the Inaugural Voza Rivers Legacy Series, a powerful celebration of emerging voices and the next generation of storytellers.

The final presentation, [If Only Yesterday, a Screenplay by Eric Richardson-Hagan](#) marks a fitting close to this landmark series. A current MFA Film student at CCNY, Richardson-Hagan represents the enduring and dynamic partnership between NHTG and CCNY, bringing fresh perspective to a legacy rooted in artistic excellence.

*As Alzheimer’s erases his present, Charles Horton clings to the past—reliving a life filled with friendship, love, and hard-earned joy. But as his estranged daughter returns to his bedside, one question lingers: can love be reclaimed before it’s too late? Through memory, humor, and regret, **If Only Yesterday** becomes a moving story about what we remember, what we lose, and what still has the power to heal.*

Directed by **Michael Anthony Green**.

This final staged reading will take place on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 6:30 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM) in **Theatre B at Aaron Davis Hall, [129 Convent Ave. \(between West 133rd & 135th\)](#)**.

**The Voza Rivers Legacy Series** honors and extends the visionary leadership and enduring impact of Roger Furman (1924–1983), the legendary founder of New Heritage Repertory Theatre, and Voza Rivers, who has led the organization – now known as New Heritage Theatre Group – since 1983. The series is dedicated to cultivating bold new voices while

building on a rich cultural legacy. This inaugural cycle is powered by a dynamic production team including **Irene Gandy**, **Amy Sprecher**, and **Aaliytha Stevens**, under the leadership of Executive Producer **Voza Rivers**.

---

#### **About New Heritage Theatre Group**

NHTG is the oldest Black nonprofit theater production company in New York State. Established in 1964 by the late Roger Furman and led by Voza Rivers since 1983, its mission is to provide a platform for both emerging and established multidisciplinary artists; and to preserve, celebrate, and advance cultural and social change by shining a spotlight on the voices of BIPOC and other underserved communities.

#### **About The City College of New York**

Since 1847, CCNY has provided a high-quality and affordable education to generations of New Yorkers in a wide range of disciplines. CCNY embraces its role at the forefront of social change. It is ranked #1 by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* out of 369 selective public colleges in the United States on the overall mobility index. This measure reflects both access and outcomes, showcasing CCNY's success in helping students from low-income backgrounds move into the upper-middle class.

**INTERVIEW & PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**

**###**