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**YWCA LANCASTER AND THEATRE FOR TRANSFORMATION TO  
PRESENT “TO CROSS AN OCEAN FOUR CENTURIES LONG”**

*A tribute to early American slaves and their hard work that went without reward*

LANCASTER, Pa. –Theatre for Transformation and YWCA Lancaster will present The Sweeter the Berry Community Arts Showcase, featuring a new play by local playwright Dr. Amanda Kemp, as part of downtown Lancaster’s First Friday activities, September 2, 2011, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. It will be held in YWCA Lancaster’s activity room at 110 N. Lime St (corner of North Lime and East Orange streets). The event is free and open to the public.

The Labor Day weekend performance will feature the debut of a new one-woman play: To Cross an Ocean Four Centuries Long, by playwright Dr. Amanda Kemp of Theatre for Transformation. The performance examines the labor of slaves in the new world and how their hard work and sacrifice helped to build a nation while their contributions went without recognition, payment or reward. It is directed by Pat Lemay and featuring AJ Walker on Percussion.

The evening will also feature local performers and visual artists, including: Oliver Tingling, Theatre for Transformation’s Middle School Film Project, Gracie Berry and others. For more information, please contact Lisa Fairman at 717-371-3785 or Angela Trout of YWCA Lancaster, 717-393-1735, ext. 224.

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