



## Dan Abrams, MSNBC Anchor & NBC News Chief Legal Correspondent Moderates panel on Teen Violence Prevention

**New York, NY, February 1, 2006** – City Lights Youth Theatre is pleased to announce that **Dan Abrams, MSNBC Anchor and NBC News Chief Legal Correspondent**, will moderate the inaugural Discussion Forum Series presented by City Lights entitled “Lets Talk About It: The Face of Violence”, featuring playwrights Jon Dorf and William Mastrosimone; John Woodall, Harvard Professor and Founder of the Unity Project, Damaris Webb, Director; and Dr. Jeanette Cueva, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons. This innovative forum will provide a unique opportunity for educators, students, artists and industry professionals to discuss violence prevention in schools. The Discussion Forum will take place directly following the 2pm performance on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Dan Abrams** joined NBC News as a general assignment correspondent based in New York in 1997. A former Court TV reporter and anchor, Abrams has continued his legal reporting at NBC News covering legal stories for “NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams,” “Today,” and “Dateline NBC.” He has covered all of the highest-profile trials of the past decade, including the Bush v. Gore post-election legal battles, President Clinton’s impeachment trial, the Oklahoma City Bombing Trials and Appeals, and as of late the Scott Peterson trial and the legal issues associated with the war on terror.

Prior to joining NBC News, Abrams served as an anchor and reporter for Court TV. During his tenure, he covered the O.J. Simpson murder trial from Los Angeles, the International War Crimes trial from The Hague, Netherlands, and the assisted-suicide trials of Dr. Jack Kevorkian from Detroit and Pontiac, Michigan. From 1995 to 1997 Abrams was also an NBC News consultant.

An accomplished writer, Abrams has published articles in several outlets including in The New York Times, USA Today magazine, The American Lawyer, and the Yale Law and Policy Review. Abrams also writes a monthly legal column for Men’s Health magazine.

A 1988 cum laude graduate of Duke University in Durham, N.C., Abrams received a bachelor of arts degree in political science. He received his law degree from Columbia University in 1992. He currently resides in New York City.

**City Lights Youth Theatre**, founded in 1991, is a non-profit educational organization providing theatre arts programs for young people of diverse backgrounds. City Lights programs engage New York City youth ages 3-19 in the creation and performance of theatre through after-school and weekend classes, full-scale productions, and in-school residencies. Please call 212.262.0200 or visit our website at [www.clyouththeatre.org](http://www.clyouththeatre.org) for more information on our programs.

### Performance Information:

*Now You See Me* written by Jon Dorf  
*Bang You're Dead* written by William Mastrosimone  
Directed by Damaris Webb

**Performance Location:**  
The McGinn/Cazale above the Promenade  
2162 Broadway between 76<sup>th</sup> and 77<sup>th</sup> Streets

Thursday February 2 & 9, 7:00 pm  
Friday February 3 & 10, 7:00 pm  
Saturday February 4, 7:00 pm  
Saturday February 11, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Sunday February 5, 7:00 pm  
Sunday February 12, 2:00 pm

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