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**"Tazanne" presented at *Giving Voice: The Power of Words in African American Culture* at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC**

**Who/What:** The Asante Children's Theatre (ACT) Academy is invited to perform in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival, an internationally-known annual outdoor event. The annual festival takes place outdoors on The National Mall amongst other nationally recognized historic icons such as the U.S. Capitol, the Washington Monument, the Kennedy Center and the Smithsonian Institute. More than 1 million visitors from all around the world attend this free event which highlights some of the best of African American oral traditions and verbal arts.

The Asante Children's Theatre Academy members will give a special performance of "Tazanne", a Haitian folktale adapted to the stage by Deborah Asante at the Kennedy Center on July 2, 2009. "Tazanne" is a cautionary tale about the pitfalls and consequences of talking to strangers and will feature Academy members David Anderson, Jaron Cook, Shayla Hill, Ceymone King and Kennedy King with live drum accompaniment provided by Ms. Keesha Dixon. The presentation is produced by The Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

"Tazanne" will be presented at *Giving Voice: The Power of Words in African American Culture* at a special performance on Thursday, July 2, 2009.

**When:** 2009 Smithsonian Folklife Festival Dates: June 24-28 and July 1-5, 2009  
Asante Children's Theatre Academy Performance Dates: July 1-5, 2009

**Where:** FMI: The National Mall, Washington D.C., USA.  
<http://www.nps.gov/nr/travel/wash/dc70.htm>;  
FMI: The Smithsonian Folklife Festival, <http://www.festival.si.edu>.

**Tickets:** Free admission