Fireflies is a theatrical performance that examines the culture of dehumanization. This piece purposes to inspire thought, meaningful dialogue, and change.

Students of Western Michigan University are the target audience for this program. This program is currently touring the Residence Halls of Main Campus.

That the audience will think about how language dehumanizes those around us and realize that they need to take responsibility in discovering and understanding other ethnicities.

Theatre for Community Health (TCH) is an exciting way to communicate health and wellness messages across the campus. Since 1991 TCH has produced peer education outreach productions that tour WMU classrooms, residence halls, and nearby campuses. Themes for the productions include discussion of sex and healthy relationships, the college alcohol culture, and diversity issues.

FireFlies is one of many performance pieces presented by TCH with a run time of 30 minutes.

WILLARD – Matt
CILLA – Jessica
MALIK – Darren
DEVONN – Amann
RICKY – Nick
DRAKE – Noah
PETE – Piyoz
JIMBO – Kyle
ALIZA – Sarah
ALEX – Ajai
FARAH – Marida

JIMBO: So guys, I wanted to tell you that my cousins are visiting from upstate and they’re really really nice people, but they’re not very… um, how should I put it?

DRAKE: Verbal?
JIMBO: No. They, you know, they, they, they…
MALIK: Stutter?
JIMBO: No, no. They’re really [puts hand out to make a gesture.]

JOY: Young?
JIMBO: Well, yeah, younger than us, maybe. But that’s not it. It’s a small town that they come from and they’re not very.

ALIZA: Cosmopolitan?
JIMBO: Yes. I was going to say “exposed”.

DEVONN: It’s cool Jimbo. I remember when I first met you and you weren’t very “exposed” either. We’re all on the spectrum man.

JIMBO: Thanks guys. Here they come, let’s not overwhelm them. I’ll introduce you.

[JIMBO and CILLA enter the room. JIMBO sees WILLARD and CILLA and invites them over.]

JIMBO: Hey cuz and cuz! Glad you could make it. Come on over and meet my friends. Guys, this is Willard and Cilla.

WILLARD AND CILLA: Hi, hi everybody.

JIMBO: First off, this is Pete, he’s my roommate.
PETE: Hi there. It’s nice to meet you.

WILLARD: How do you like having my cousin for a roommate?
PETE: Oh he’s okay, but he sucks at Reach.

JIMBO: Watch it!

WILLARD: So you’re not really blind. How many fingers am I holding up?

[ALIZA starts to show him a finger of her own when JIMBO jumps in.]

JIMBO: Okay. Now I’d like you to meet…someone else!

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