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Charter Oak Culture Center presents "The Brighter Side: An American Family Odyssey"

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 16-18, 2006, performances beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15, \$10 for seniors, Charter Oak and Let's Go! Members and \$5 for students.

The Brighter Side: An American Family Odyssey, a one-woman musical play written and performed by Napua Davoy, is one of the most life-affirming experiences you are likely to encounter in a theater today.

In *The Brighter Side*, Napua Davoy tells her story of growing up in the South. A short history of our coming into this modern world and shedding our former selves is told through the portrayal of her family. Davoy dares 12 characters and weaves a fabric of memories through songs and monologue. *The Brighter Side* has enthralled audiences since its first workshop performance in 2004. Recently in Edinburgh, Scotland the play had its world premiere.



In the tradition of great raconteurs through the ages, Ms. Davoy brings the stage alive with a panoply of vivid characters, as she holds the audience rapt with a tale of mother vs. daughter, East vs. West, a painful childhood vs. a second chance. It is a complex and uplifting musical autobiography that distills a family's turbulent history into a potent evening of theater.

Brave Cool World presents

The Brighter Side

a one-woman musical play by
Napua Davoy
Directed by
Grethe Holby

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"I laughed. I cried.
I would go again and again."
"Storytelling at its best."
"Napua Davoy is like an oracle."
"There's genius in her voice."
"This woman is AMAZING!"

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Not only is Ms. Davoy a gripping storyteller, she is also a singer and composer of exceptional talent. This unforgettable play is propelled by 10 memorable songs from jazz to opera. A highly respected jazz vocalist before she was drawn to theater, Davoy has appeared on concert stages throughout the United States, Russia and Europe.

Preview audiences in New York have been moved to tears by the power of *The Brighter Side* experience:

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New York based playwright/composer/performer Napua Davoy is truly a theater triple threat. She has recently completed both the book and score of a large-scale romantic jazz operetta in the *Porgy & Bess* style entitled *MIAMI* and she has just begun composing music for a new play based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

But *The Brighter Side of Alzheimer's* is a unique work. It is also an opportunity to see an emerging new theatrical talent up close and very personal.

This Charter Oak production is directed by Grethe Barrett Holby, Costume Design by Camille Assaf.

For more information, contact The Charter Oak Culture Center, (860) 249-1207.