

## Mfoniso Udofia

### Resident Playwright

July, 2016 -- June, 2023

MFONISO UDOFIA, a first-generation Nigerian-American storyteller and educator, attended Wellesley College and obtained her MFA in acting from the American Conservatory Theater. Ufot Family Cycle plays, SOJOURNERS and HER PORTMANTEAU, were produced Spring 2017 as part of New York Theatre Workshop's season. In Winter 2016, Playwrights Realm produced the off-Broadway World Premiere of SOJOURNERS. In Spring 2016, The Magic Theater in San Francisco produced the West Coast Premiere of SOJOURNERS and the World Premiere of the third installation in the Ufot Family Cycle, RUNBOYRUN. Mfoniso is the recipient of The Playwrights' Center's 2017-18 McKnight National Residency and Commission with which she will write the 7th, as of yet untitled, installation in the project 9-play Ufot Family Cycle. During Summer 2017, Mfoniso will workshop 5th cycle play, IN OLD AGE, at Portland Center Stage's JAW Festival; 6th cycle play, ADIA AND CLORA SNATCH JOY with Berkeley Rep's Ground Floor; and 2nd cycle play, THE GROVE, with the OCC in Seattle. Mfoniso is also currently working on Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Play On! commission translating Shakespeare's, OTHELLO. She's also the Artistic Director of the NOW AFRICA: Playwrights Festival and a proud member of New Dramatists class of 2023. Mfoniso's plays have been developed, presented and/or produced by Seattle Repertory Theatre, New York Theatre Workshop, Playwrights Realm, The Magic Theatre, Dr. Barbara Ann Teer's National Black Theatre, Hedgebrook, Sundance Theatre Lab, Space on Ryder Farm, NNPN New Play Showcase, Makehouse, Soul Productions, terraNOVA, I73, The New Black Fest, Rising Circle's INKTank, At Hand Theatre Company, The Standard Collective, American Slavery Project, Liberation Theatre Company and more. Her acting credits include: [feature starring Elliot Gould] Fred Won't Move Out, [play] Current Good, [musical] Children of Eden, A Christmas Carol and more. Please follow her at [www.mfonisoudofia.com](http://www.mfonisoudofia.com) [1].

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