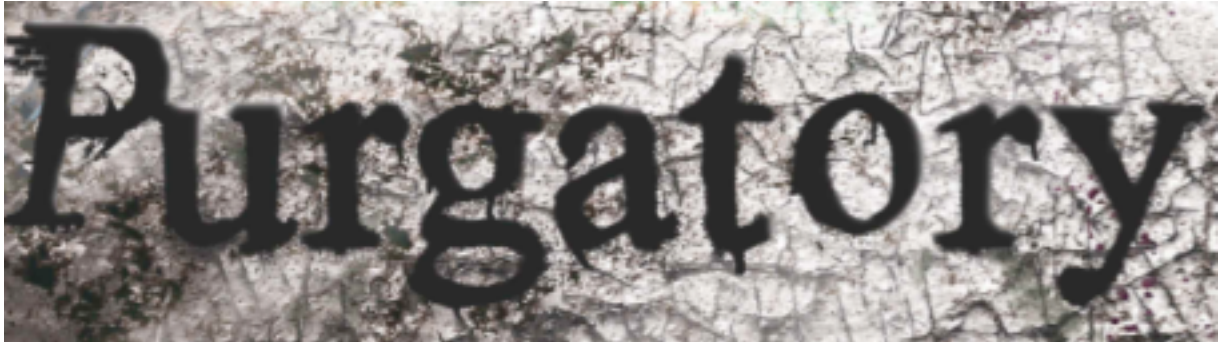


**Freeport Records, London Urban Collective, Pleasance Theatre Trust  
in association with Execution Charitable Trust present:**



**A new Hipopera from London Urban Collective based on Dante's Purgatory  
The Pleasance Theatre, London N7 / June 3-5 2010  
Director: Harry Leckstein Producer: FM Umlaut  
[www.londonurbancollective.com](http://www.londonurbancollective.com)**

Following on from their award-winning Hipopera *Inferno* (Best Narrative Short, Chicago International Hip Hop Film Festival 2009), the acclaimed Urban Collective youth music project returns to the capital with a new cast of breakthrough artists and a new adaptation of Dante's *Purgatory* for a spectacular stage performance.

The project, now in its sixth year, selected 30 aspiring artists and producers from open auditions and empowered them to write, record and promote *Purgatory* under expert guidance.

Giving this urban youth project its distinctive and aspirational edge, Urban Collective challenges young people to tackle a classic text, tapping into their creativity and imaginations to question how the epic story resonates today. The end result is a performance in which every word, every lyric, every idea has been freshly conceived by the Collective for this new version of *Purgatory*.

Pleasance Theatre director Anthony Alderson said: "London Urban Collective is such a unique and exciting project and it has been inspiring to see how talented and determined the Collective are to bring this epic and powerful story to life through their own words and experiences. We're delighted to be supporting Urban Collective and showcasing *Purgatory*."

Previous Urban Collective projects have launched the careers of Jonny Fox (The King Blues), Lykez, Iman, Jody McKenna and producers Resin and Steely.

**London Urban Collective's *Purgatory* debuts at The Pleasance Theatre, Carpenter's Mews, North Road, London N7 9EF on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.45pm. Tickets are £6 (group tickets of 10+ are £5 and teachers go free) from The Pleasance Box Office on 020 7609 1800 and [www.pleasance.co.uk](http://www.pleasance.co.uk).**

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