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## FREE WORKSHOP STAGING OPENS IN LONDON

### Debut of *Branches* by New South African Playwright

**LONDON, ENGLAND July 19, 2014**– The Ohio State University (OSU) Department of Theatre is producing a one-night-only FREE workshop staging of *Branches* by new playwright Melonie Mazibuko. The workshop staging will take place at 7:30pm on 19 July 2014 at the Tristan Bates Theatre, Covent Garden, London.

*A child is born in a shoebox. And in a laundry basket. And on a bookshelf. And one child is growing branches. Branches, a debut play from a new South African writer, witnesses one woman's attempts at the impossible in a world where she is forbidden to be a mother, where young women are disappearing, and where an entire race is dissolving into extinction.*

Mazibuko is a theatre maker and performer with a degree in Musical Theatre from Tshwane University of Technology in Pretoria, South Africa. She is currently in her third and final year of the Master of Fine Arts in Acting Program at The Ohio State University. The play is directed by Jennifer Schlueter, joint artistic director of the for/word company ([www.for-word-company.net](http://www.for-word-company.net)) in Columbus, Ohio, USA, and is produced by The Ohio State University Department of Theatre.

*OSU Theatre is a vibrant, active department that focuses on actor-driven new works creation and to this end we provide opportunities for students to develop and create new performance work.*

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