



Amie Brockway, Artistic Director  
Bo Elfving, Managing Director  
960 Main Street, P. O. Box 959, Margaretville, NY 12455  
Tel: 845-586-1660, Email: [info@theopeneyetheater.org](mailto:info@theopeneyetheater.org)  
[www.theopeneyetheater.org](http://www.theopeneyetheater.org)

## **THE OPEN EYE THEATER PRESENTS**

**MICHAEL COTEY, CREATOR/JOAQUIN OLIVER ARTISTIC PRODUCER  
ENOUGH! PLAYS AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE**

PLAYTIME ON WIOX RADIO AT 91.3 FM AND ON WIOXRADIO.ORG

**Tuesday October 24, 2023, 6:00-7:00PM**

The Open Eye Theater Playtime on WIOX Community Radio 91.3 FM, and streaming everywhere at [wioxradio.org](http://wioxradio.org), presents Playtime featuring Michael Cotey, Creator/Joaquin Oliver Artistic Producer of ENOUGH! Plays Against Gun Violence on October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm EDT.

The Open Eye Theater joined ENOUGH! Plays to End Gun Violence as a partner in 2022 and is joining again in 2023 along with more than fifty communities across the country to premier reading of the six winning one-act plays addressing gun violence in our community on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Michael will discuss the creation of ENOUGH!, his role, the process of selecting the plays, putting in place a nationwide initiative, and how it has grown and created an impact over the last four years. Michelle Macau and Erwin Karl will co-host the show.

**MICHAEL COTEY** (he/him) has directed multiple projects in various professional theaters throughout the United States. In 2019, he created ENOUGH! Plays to End Gun Violence. ENOUGH! calls on teens to confront gun violence by creating new works of theatre that will spark critical conversations and inspire meaningful action in communities across the country. The initiative's mission is to promote playwriting as a tool for self-expression and social change, harnessing this generation's spirit of activism and providing a platform for America's playwrights of tomorrow to discover and develop their voices today. Michael built from the ground up a coast-to-coast coalition of collaborators that includes regional giants like the Goodman, Alliance Theatre, and South Coast Rep to embrace new work by teen writers confronting the issue of gun violence. He created programming that has served nearly 3,000 artists from 29 states across two nationwide readings, garnering international press from the likes of PBS NewsHour, NPR, and the BBC.

The mission of The Open Eye Theater is to produce high quality theater performances and other educational programming for a diverse population in the Catskill Mountain Region and beyond - enriching the quality of life for theater artists, students, and audiences of all ages.

This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature. It is also made possible by generous grants from The A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, the S. Irving and Anne Nevard Sherr Foundation, the Nancy Friday Foundation and generous contributions from many businesses and individual contributors.

###