

Playwright/actor to perform at AU

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Actor/playwright Mark M. Cryer will present "99 Questions you've always wanted to ask an African American but were too afraid for fear they'd break their foot off in you're a**!" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, on the Alfred University campus. His appearance at Alfred University is sponsored by the Division of Performing Arts in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. "If you could ask any question of an African American, what would it be?" Armed with a video camera and a simple offer to anyone who chose to answer, Cryer creates "a funny, poignant and powerful statement about what we think and what we know about African Americans in this one person multi-media play." Cryer is also an assistant professor at Hamilton College where he teaches a variety of acting courses as well as African American Theatre. He has taught at Cornell University, Hobart, William & Smith and written numerous plays including, *Objects In The Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear*, *Buzzard Luck*, and *No Other People*. Cryer has performed off-Broadway, in television film and at many regional theaters. He is a member of Actors Equity (AEA) and the Association for Radio & Television Artists (AFTRA). "99" is made possible with grants from NYSCA & the Cultural Resource Council of Onondaga County, State Senator John DeFrancisco Regrant Program and Hamilton College.