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In Commemoration of  
the 50th Anniversary of the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery Alabama  
and "Bloody Sunday"

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**TABLA RASA GALLERY**

presents

**"My Selma" and "A Defiant Leader"**

(may be unsuitable for children under age of 15)

Readings by Willie Mae Brown

taken from her memoirs (TBP 2015)



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Sunday, February 15, 2015

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2:00 - 3:30 PM

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Call 718.833.9100 for events and schedule updates.

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**FREE**

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The public is invited to Tabla Rasa Gallery on Sunday, February 15, at 2:00 until 3:30 pm, for a PREVIEW of the reading by Willie Mae Brown, which will be presented at the Selma Public Library, in Selma Alabama as part of the tribute to the historical events which occurred there in 1965. **Tabla Rasa Gallery**, located at **224 48th** Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, is **free** and open to the public.

**About this presentation:**

Alabama was the stage for a number of the most significant events in civil rights history and home to many individuals who shaped the course of the Civil Rights Movement in America. March of 2015 is the 50th anniversary of the voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery Alabama and "Bloody Sunday."

According to Miss Brown, "We all know what happened in Selma, Lowndes County, Birmingham, and many places in the south, the deep south. We've heard of many killings. We've heard of the killings of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, Emmett Till, and others. We've heard the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, "I have a dream"- being the most familiar, and we've heard of the long lines to register to vote.

"But there were other things going on in Selma at the time. There were whispers of homes suddenly catching afire, talks of beatings that were never recorded in the newspapers, disappearances of young black men, and guns being drawn on Negro men on Water Avenue. These were confrontations that the media did not record, and that investigators hid." And these are the stories that were told to or heard by Willie Mae Brown, and which she brings to the audience. They happened in the back woods of Alabama, were never spoken of in public, and have since died with the victims and their families. Miss Brown invites the public to take a glance into her personal history, as described in her forthcoming audio book, "My Selma," previewing at Tabla Rasa Gallery on February 15, 2015.

**About Willie Mae Brown:**

Ms. Brown is an author, visual artist and story teller

**Willie Mae Brown** will read two selections from her memoirs slated to be published in 2015.

Selections are:

1. My Selma
2. A Defiant Leader (**content may not be suitable for children under the age of 15**)

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**Directions to Tabla Rasa Gallery:**

The gallery is located two express subway stops from Manhattan on the "D" or "N" train to 36th Street Station, plus one "R" stop to 45th Street (or a just few short "R" stops beyond Park Slope).

By car, Tabla Rasa is on 48th St between 2nd and 3rd Aves, Brooklyn. Ample street parking is available.

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**About Tabla Rasa Gallery**

Tabla Rasa Gallery is located in the burgeoning art destination of Sunset Park, Brooklyn. The gallery is known for their consistently stunning exhibitions. Within the 4000 square foot turn of the century carriage house, the gallery exhibits primary and secondary market artwork by emerging, mid-career, and established artists, in all media, including painting, sculpture, installation, drawing, print media, digital, film and video.

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*Tabla Rasa Gallery is honored to host this presentation.  
We hope you can join us for the reading on Sunday, February 15th.  
Sincerely,  
Audrey & Joseph Anastasi*