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## WIGGERLOVER

### [WHITE BOY + BLACK DAD = GREY AREAS]

James Anthony Zoccoli presents a retrospective account  
of his interracial family in Chicago, 1979

Chicago DCA Studio Theater

February 5 – 22, 2010

JAZ, in association with Chicago DCA Theater, presents the world premiere of ***Wiggerlover [white boy + black dad = grey areas]***. The autobiographical production by James Anthony Zoccoli comes to Chicago DCA Theater's Studio Theater in the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington Street, from February 5 – 22, 2010. Members of the press are invited to the opening performance on Friday, February 5, at 7:30 pm.

Part memoir, part editorial, all comedy, this is the totally too-good-to-be-true story of an interracial family in Chicago, 1979. Actor/writer James Anthony Zoccoli gives a retrospective account of his life as little Jimmy: a half-Italian, half-Polish kid who thinks he's all Black when his White mother remarries an African-American man.

Performances are Friday, Saturday, and Monday evenings at 7:30 pm and Sunday afternoons at 3 pm. There are no performances on Friday, February 12, or Monday, February 15, due to the Presidents weekend holidays. A post-show discussion with James Anthony Zoccoli will follow each performance.

Tickets for ***Wiggerlover [white boy + black dad = grey areas]*** are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for seniors and students. Discounts are available for Chicago Cultural Center Mosaic Members, theater industry affiliates, military personnel, ADA companions, and large groups. All tickets are available by calling 312.742.TIXS (8497), visiting [www.dcatheater.org](http://www.dcatheater.org), or stopping by the box office, open Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 pm; Sundays, noon to 4 pm; and one hour prior to each performance.

James Anthony Zoccoli was born on the South side, raised on the North side, and has lived everywhere in between – Rogers Park, Hyde Park, Logan Square, Lincoln Square, here there, everywhere. Zoccoli is a member of Strawdog Theatre Company and has performed with Live Bait, Noble Fool, Chicago Children's Theatre, Adventure Stage, and Chicago Shakespeare Theater, including the recent production of Richard III. He authored "The Proper Papers", under the auspices of "The Hit Factory" and is currently a writer & announcer for the perpetually popular "Game Show Show... & Stuff!" ***Wiggerlover [white boy + black dad = grey areas]*** is his first play, but he has been writing this show since age seven.

A version of ***Wiggerlover [white boy + black dad = grey areas]*** was first presented at the "Abbie Hoffman Died for Our Sins" Festival at Mary-Archie Theatre in August, 2008. The play was revised and presented for workshop productions in 2009.

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**JAZ Cast and Production Team**

Writer + Performer = James Anthony Zoccoli

Director + Editor = Andrea Fears

Disc + Jockey = Gregor Mortis

The Storefront Theater and the Studio Theater, its companion theater located in the Chicago Cultural Center at 78 E. Washington Street, comprise Chicago DCA Theater, an anchor of the downtown theater district. Chicago DCA Theater offers downtown audiences an off-Loop theater experience with an exciting look at the vibrant emerging theater companies that call Chicago home.

Discounted parking is available at Wabash Randolph Self Park at 20 E. Randolph. Patrons can receive the \$10 rate by validating their ticket at the Storefront Theater box office.

For more information about JAZ’s ***Wiggerlover [white boy + black dad = grey areas]*** and Chicago DCA Theater, call 312.742.TIXS (8497) or visit [www.dcatheater.org](http://www.dcatheater.org). The enhanced website features more about DCA Theater performances and programs, including a blog, photo galleries, and visitor information.

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