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Raquel Tyus, also known as R. J. Voice, is a poet whose work has been featured in Breakwall magazine's literary journals. She has completed a Baldwin House in-residency as a writing fellow in Cleveland, Ohio, and assisted in teaching the Black Writers in Paris English course in Paris, France. She taught this course at Colorado College. She has read and performed her works of poetry, such as Ekphrastic and Spoken Word, in many community and nonprofit organizations. She has earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English, concentrating on Creative Writing from Cleveland State University, and her Master of Fine Arts from Ashland University. She is furthering her thesis project of partial epistolary work in revisions to turn it into a larger collection of poetry and a chapbook. She is an English Instructor at Cuyahoga Community College, teaching English composition and developmental courses. Her teachings derive from authors who are people of color which is a strong catalyst for her teaching.

Speech Topics:

- **Creative Arts Unleashed:** Raquel Tyus, also known as R.J. Voice, is a published author and poet, who writes poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and plays. R.J. Voice has coached students in reciting poetry and has participated as a judge in poetry competitions. This presentation will cover critical elements essential to effectively unleashing one's creativity.

- **Becoming a Better Writer for School, College, and Career:** This presentation is designed to help audiences improve their English composition skills and discusses the benefits of completing English courses and educational goals and their impact on achieving career aspirations.