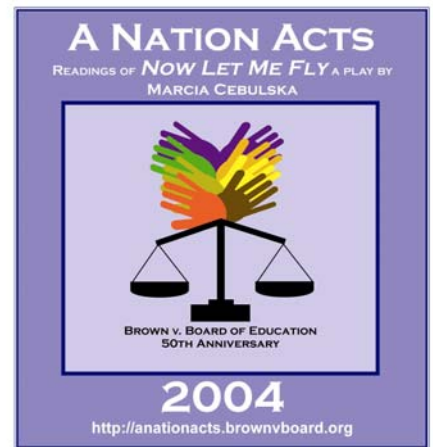


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Local Group to Take Part in Nationwide Simultaneous Readings for *Brown v. Board* Anniversary

On (date) _____, at (time) _____ p.m./a.m. at (location) _____,
 (address) _____, (group) _____ will take part in
A Nation Acts, a program of simultaneous readings across America of the play *Now Let Me Fly*. **A Nation Acts** commemorates the 50th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the landmark Supreme Court case that overturned “separate but equal,” ending legal segregation and jump-starting the Civil Rights Movement.

During **A Nation Acts**, hundreds of readings of the Brown Foundation commissioned play, *Now Let Me Fly* by Marcia Cebulski, will occur on May 17, 2004, the actual anniversary date, or alternate dates—April 4 or May 1. *Now Let Me Fly*, the story of the unsung heroes and heroines behind the struggle to end legalized segregation in America, is based on oral histories and personal interviews with the real people involved in the struggle leading to *Brown v. Board of Education*. Thurgood Marshall, lead attorney in the *Brown* case, is a major character in the play.

A Nation Acts is a virtual, grassroots movement designed to educate citizens about the legacy of *Brown*, to correct common myths associated with the case and to fuel grassroots discussions about race. It is an internet-based movement that encourages Americans nationwide to hold readings in their homes, schools, barbershops, churches, and theatres. Reading locations around the country are tracked on a virtual map at <http://anationacts.brownvboard.org>.

For more information about the local reading, contact (phone or local url) _____.