University of Maryland
Department of American Studies
Presents:

“Ancestors Remembered –
The Cream Shall Rise”

The Minister of Poetry
Ty Gray-EL

The Poetry and Slave Narrative Storytelling program presents excerpts from the critically acclaimed book, *Breath of My Ancestors* and “A Black Woman’s Smile” the internationally proclaimed black woman’s anthem for the 21st century.

A heart-warming and eye-opening experience, Ty Gray-EL seeks to entertain as well as educate. His work aims to:

1. **Stimulate an interest in** African American history by revealing little-known, often-neglected facts left out of history books.
2. **Use poetry and storytelling to** motivate young and old to achieve.
3. **Improve race relations by** dispelling myths of racial inferiority.
4. **Support and work in conjunction with** other organizations seeking to improve the social and economic status of African Americans.

**Date:** Wednesday October 3, 2012
**Time:** 4:30 - 6:00 pm
**Location:** 1100 Tawes Hall