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perceptions presents a reading of

AURORA LEIGH by Elizabeth Barrett Browning adapted and directed by dr. temi (brodkey) rose with Lucy McMichael* and Elizabeth Audley* as Aurora

Joy Besozzi* as Lady Waldemar Andrew Dawson* as Romney Leigh Jennifer Gawlik as Marian

Monday, June 7, 2004 At Primary Stages 45th Street Theatre (354 West 45th Street, between 8th & 9th Avenues)

Time: 7:30 pm Admission: Free

Please call 610-443-1950 to reserve seats

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How do I love thee? Let me count the ways...

Is it possible to be both a woman and also write great literature? Can a woman who writes as well as the greatest men, still find love? Elizabeth Barrett Browning says YES! to both in her phenomenal novel in verse, published for the first time in 1856, **Aurora Leigh**.

On Monday, June 7th, the public is invited to a reading of a new play based on Browning's classic novel of love and ambition. The reading will take place at Primary Stages (354 W. 45 St.) at 7:30 p.m. and will be free to the public.

Aurora Leigh is the name of the main character of the novel, a poet and a woman who must go through creative struggles and emotional entanglements all the while making brave choices and giving voice to the great questions of the Victoria Age: art, love, God, poverty, and the ever-elusive, woman question.

This reading is a collaboration between Ensemble Studio Theatre, the Harbor Theatre and Primary Stages. *The actors in this performance are appearing courtesy of Actors' Equity Association.