

Ira Aldridge Repertory Players Partnership Announcement

Ira Aldridge Repertory Players partnership with Educational Cultural Complex's (ECC) will build on San Diego Community Colleges history of supporting the best in the arts in San Diego. Through this terrific collaboration, ECC will be supporting the growth and success of great theater in San Diego, providing a temporary home for Ira Aldridge Repertory Players. 2012 season.



Ira Aldridge Repertory Players' Artistic Director Calvin Manson has made a name for himself producing and directing African-American plays in San Diego for over twenty-eight years. He has a strong commitment to achieve artistic excellence in community theatre. He brings quality to the stage and tells stories that portray the flavor and circumstances of the African American

community and issues that influence all humanity. Allowing the voice of the human spirit to be heard through the arts, his plays bring awareness, understanding and a platform for change.

Ira Aldridge Repertory Players has produced more than 75 original productions and contracted over 300 artists. Our production has received the San Diego Theater Critic's Craig Noel Award, Act Community Theater Audrey's Award and Negro Ensemble Theatre Company's Award for Best Playwright.

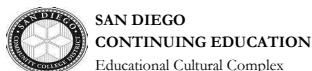
"As an artist and an artistic leader, I am constantly inspired by where should we go next, how we can challenge ourselves and our audience to new, inspiring experiences in the theatre," says Artistic Director Calvin Manson."

At Ira Aldridge Repertory Players, we are endeavoring to lay a strong foundation for excellence and build a local theatre company that you can be proud to say is in your own backyard. Please join us as we celebrate 28 years of storytelling and we hope you continue with us on our journey so we may reach another such milestone.

Calvin Manson

Founder/Artistic Director

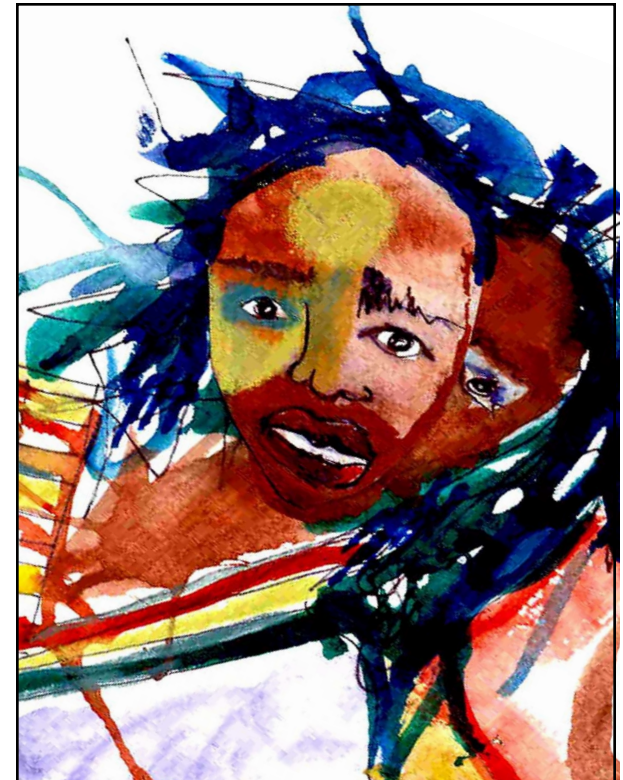
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Ira Aldridge Repertory Players
4214 Boundary Street
San Diego, CA 92104

Ira Aldridge Repertory Players in conjunction with San Diego Community College District Educational Cultural Complex

Presents



3 Plays with a Purpose

GOD'S TROMBONES: *Seven Negro Sermons in Verse*

By James Weldon Johnson

POETICAL *Not to be Played on the Radio*

Written by Calvin Manson

THE GOSPEL AT COLONUS

The Tony Winning Musical

Adapted by Bob Telson & Lee Breuer

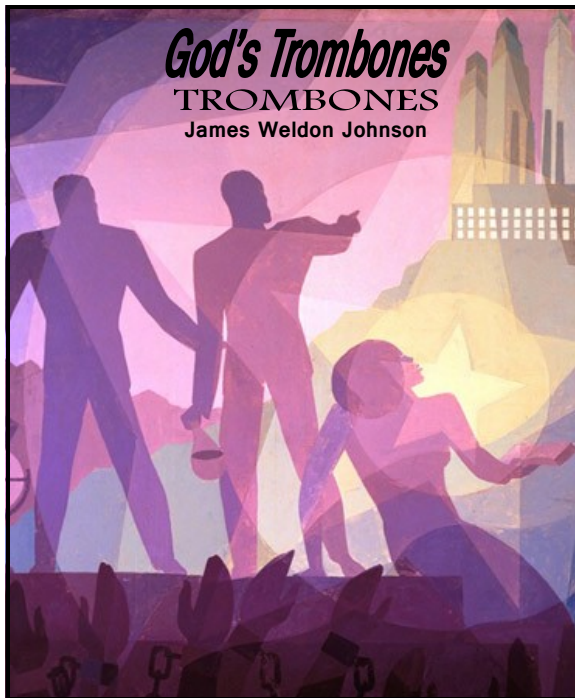
IARP'S 2012 THEATER SEASON

Ira Aldridge Repertory Players in conjunction with Educational Cultural Complex presents its 2012 Season 3-Plays with A Purpose

*For 28 years,
Ira Aldridge Repertory Players
has devoted and demonstrated the
significance of theatre in telling the
stories that create people lives.*

Artistic Director, Calvin Manson is proud to announce the 2012 season. We have been busy re-designing the way we work so that we can re-connect with all of you, our valued patrons and community!

We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with San Diego Community College District, Educational Cultural Complex, which allows us to plan our upcoming season "3-Plays with a Purpose." We are confident that this strong partnership with Educational Cultural Complex will create new opportunities for Ira Aldridge Repertory Players, allowing us to grow artistically and ensuring San Diego remains a destination for the arts.



We kick off our "3-Plays with a Purpose" season with James Weldon Johnson's *God's Trombones: Seven Negro Sermons in Verse*. Ira Aldridge Repertory Players adaptation of James Weldon Johnson's work is a powerful tribute to the old-time black preachers who thundered from the pulpits. Mixing free verse with

gospel music, modern and praises dance, *God's Trombones* will offer a multitude of sterling stage experiences.

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 11, 2012

GOD'S TROMBONES: *Seven Negro Sermons in Verse*

Written by James Weldon Johnson

Adaptation & Directed by Calvin Manson

Musical Directions by - Eric Overstreet and Patrice Ann Rieves

Composer and Arrangement by Travis Stephen Gooden

Choreographer Steve Beard

Director/Choreographer Bayview Baptist Church Gospel Dance Troupe

Choreographer C. Anthony Cole

Founder/Artistic Director of C. A. C. Repertory Dance Theatre

Featuring: S.D. County The Gospel Music Workshop of America



The second play in our 2012 Season is A World Premiere written by Calvin Manson, *POETiCAL - Not to be Played on the Radio*. *POETiCAL, Not to be Played on the Radio* gives you a close-up look into the lives of people who too often go ignored a world of op-ed pieces or gritty "real-life" dramas. Spoken-word woven with life stories and songs will catch you by surprise, snap you to attention, make you laugh out loud, or snatch your head and say... hmmm! *POETiCAL, Not to be Played on the Radio* talks about life in the city and on the streets from the people who have been there and done that.

JULY 13 - JULY 27, 2012

POETiCAL - Not to be Played on the Radio

Written & Directed Calvin Manson

The third production in our 3-Plays with a Purpose Season is the electrifying, soul-stirring, foot-stomping gospel, *The Gospel at Colonius*. This uplifting musical spectacle was called "a miracle" by *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.



Set in a modern day Pentecostal church, this radical reworking of Sophocles' *Oedipus at Colonius* seamlessly blends the agony of Greek tragedy with the ecstasy of American gospel music to profound effect.

IARP's cast will deliver the ground-shaking, old-fashioned revival meeting. Written by Lee Breuer with music by Bob Telson.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2012

The Gospel at Colonius

A Musical Adapted by Bob Telson & Lee Breuer

Directed by Calvin Manson

So there you have it...an amazing season of theatre! We hope you'll join us for the 2012 season. We are incredibly excited about the plays we have in store for you this year and we can't wait to start our partnership with Educational Cultural Complex. See you at the theater!

Testimonials from Theater goers

"You've opened up a huge opportunity for me to see more live theater." -Mary B.
"Being able to be part of the community and actively seeing shows is so important to me. I really appreciate it. Michael S, Actor and Theatre Enthusiast

All shows will be performed at

EDUCATIONAL CULTURAL COMPLEX THEATER
4343 Oceanview Blvd., San Diego, CA. 92113

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