

PRESS RELEASE

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EXTENDED

NOW PLAYING THROUGH FEBRUARY 20 THE STUDIO THEATRE EXTENDS TARELL ALVIN MCCRANEY'S *MARCUS; OR THE SECRET OF SWEET!*

“Magnetic... A potent eight-member ensemble... Expertly staged.” —*The Washington Post*

Due to overwhelming demand, The Studio Theatre is pleased to announce the extension of **Tarell Alvin McCraney's *Marcus; Or the Secret of Sweet!*** Don't miss the show critics are calling “irresistible,” “scintillating,” and “excellent.” This critical and popular sensation has been extended through **February 20**.

After thrilling audiences with *The Brothers Size* (2008) and *In the Red and Brown Water* (2010), The Studio Theatre brings *The Brother/Sister Plays* trilogy to a close with *Marcus; Or the Secret of Sweet*. Sixteen-year-old Marcus lives disconnected from his sexuality and family history, haunted by dreams he can't quite recall. In this provocative and luminous play, Marcus risks alienating his friends and family in his search for love. Past and present, obligation and desire, and lust and friendship collide in the sultry Louisiana heat.

MORE ACCOLADES FOR *MARCUS; OR THE SECRET OF SWEET*

“Outstanding... A lovely prose poem.” —*Metro Weekly*

“Terrific... Compelling... A dynamite eight-person cast.” —*Washington Blade*

A beautifully rendered theatrical experience... A trip more than worth your while.”
—*DC Theatre Scene*

“Rapturous action and dreamlike language... This play offers generous rewards.” —*Talkin' Broadway*

Featuring: **Stephanie Berry** (Shun/Elegua), **Shannon A.L. Dorsey** (Shaunta Iyun), **Rachael Holmes** (Osha), **Bianca LaVerne Jones** (Oba), **J. Mal McCree** (Marcus Eshu), **Montae Russell** (Ogun Size), **Nickolas Vaughn** (Terell), and **Lance Coadie Williams** (Oshoosi Size/Shua).

Director and Designers: **Timothy Douglas** (Director), **Dan Conway** (Set Design), **Michael Giannitti** (Lighting Design), **Reggie Ray** (Costume Design), and **Erik Trester** (Sound Design).

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MARCUS; OR THE SECRET OF SWEET INFORMATION

Where: The Mead Theatre

Dates: Extended! Now through February 20, 2011

Performances: Wednesday-Saturday: 8:00pm, Sunday: 7:00pm Matinees: Saturday and Sunday: 2:00pm

Select Tuesdays: January 25, February 1, 8: 8:00pm

Sign-Interpreted Performance: February 4: 8:00pm

Ticket Prices: \$35–\$65

THE STUDIO THEATRE INFORMATION:

The Studio Theatre is Washington's premiere venue for contemporary theatre, "where local audiences will find today's edgiest playwrights" (Variety). Founded in 1978 by Joy Zinoman, the theatre is in its first season under the leadership of Artistic Director David Muse. Muse is joined by Keith Alan Baker, Managing Director/Artistic Director, 2ndStage; Serge Seiden, Associate Producing Artistic Director; and Morey B. Epstein, Executive Director of Institutional Development.

One of the most respected mid-sized theatres in the country, The Studio Theatre produces the work of today's greatest writers, augmented by occasional productions of modern classics, performed by acclaimed actors in intimate spaces. Studio's programming, while purposefully eclectic, emphasizes plays of sophistication and style with true literary and theatrical merit. The five plays of The Studio Theatre Season form the core of its work, and are complemented by its Special Events, which bring unique performances and one-of-a-kind events to Washington DC, and the rawer, frequently irreverent productions of The Studio 2ndStage. Housed in a landmark complex that anchors the 14th Street Arts District, each of Studio's four theatres seats fewer than 225 patrons, giving Studio productions their signature intimacy. Throughout the Theatre's 33-year history, the quality of its work has been recognized by sustained community support as well as with 267 nominations and 54 Helen Hayes Awards for excellence in professional theatre. In addition, The Studio Theatre Acting Conservatory has trained over 10,000 students, many of whom have gone on to acclaimed careers across the country. A premiere cultural organization in Washington DC, The Studio Theatre serves more than 75,000 people annually and is proud to make a vital contribution to its neighborhood and city.

DISCOUNTS

Student, senior citizen (62+) and military discount: \$5.00 off (except Saturday evenings).

Student Rush: \$15 tickets for full-time students are available one-half hour before curtain on a seating available basis (except Saturday evenings).

Student Matinee: Wednesday, February 16, 11:00am. Call the Group Sales Manager at 202-232-7267.

Groups: for parties of 10 or more. Call the Group Sales Manager at 202-232-7267.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Accessibility: All performances are fully accessible to accommodate patrons with special needs. FM listening assistive system available. Call for schedule of sign-interpreted performances. Accessible seats available by reservation. Call the Box Office at 202-332-3300 or V/TTY 202-667-8436.

Location: 1501 14th Street, NW (Northeast corner of 14th and P Streets).

Parking: Please call the Box Office for parking information.

Metro Stops: Red Line: Dupont Circle, Orange/Blue Lines: McPherson Square, and Green Line: U Street/Cardozo.

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