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HANSBERRY'S GROUNDBREAKING STAGE CLASSIC A RAISIN IN THE SUN - SLATED FOR KANSAS CITY REP

Runs March 24-April 16, 2017 at Spencer Theatre

Kansas City, MO— Kansas City Repertory Theatre continues its 2016-2017 season with the American theatre classic, ***A Raisin in the Sun***, written by Lorraine Hansberry and directed by Kansas City Repertory Theatre's Assistant Artistic Director Chip Miller and Marissa Wolf, Director of New Works.

Raisin is a story that revolves around the Younger family that remains as universally relevant and deeply relatable today as it was more than 60 years ago when it first hit Broadway. This three-generation family yearns for different versions of a better life and the American Dream in the rapidly changing world of 1950s Chicago. These opposing forces both unite and divide the family, as each grapple with the social issues that challenge their identity and the personal choices that will determine their future. Ultimately, ***A Raisin in the Sun*** celebrates faith, courage, and the human spirit.

A Raisin in the Sun begins March 24 at KC Rep's Spencer Theatre on the UMKC campus and runs through April 16.

"It's so exciting to approach this incredible text at this moment in time," says Miller. "Hansberry was a revolutionary, and it's a gift to share this master work with a new generation of Kansas City audiences."

"With an extraordinary Kansas City and Chicago team of actors to breathe life into this muscular text, we feel the deep and timely relevance of a family on the cusp of a seismic shift in their lives," adds Wolf.

A Raisin in the Sun is made possible with support from The Celebrating our Heritage Fund - Miller & Jeannette Nichols, The Hearst Foundation, Inc., Sprint, and other generous donors.

Performances begin Friday, March 24 and run through Sunday, April 16 at Spencer Theatre. Tickets may be purchased at <http://kcrep.org/show/a-raisin-in-the-sun> by calling 816-235-2700. For group ticket sales, please call Rick at 816-235-6122. Press night is scheduled for Opening Night, Friday, March 31.

A Raisin in the Sun is appropriate for ages 10 and up.

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The Kansas City Repertory Theatre Season Continues

Constellations

Kansas City premiere
Written by Nick Payne
Directed by Eric Rosen
Copaken Stage
March 3 – April 2, 2017

A Raisin in the Sun

Written by Lorraine Hansberry
Co-Directed by Chip Miller & Marissa Wolf
Spencer Theatre
March 24 – April 16, 2017

OriginKC: New Works Festival – Rotating Repertory

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April 28 – May 28, 2017
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Written by Larissa FastHorse
Directed by Sam Pinkleton

Man in Love

Written by Christina Anderson
Directed by Marissa Wolf

Antony and Cleopatra

A production of the UMKC Department of Theatre in partnership with KCRep
Written by William Shakespeare
Translated by Christopher Chen
Commissioned by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Play On! program
Spencer Theatre
May 5-14, 2017