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The Mount Curve Company



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Pillsbury House Theatre and The Mount Curve Company return to the Dowling Studio September 7-September 29 with the follow-up to last year's acclaimed *In the Red and Brown Water*.

The Guthrie Theater presents a Pillsbury House Theatre and The Mount Curve Company co-production of ***THE BROTHERS SIZE*** by Tarell Alvin McCraney, the second play in his epic trilogy, *The Brother/Sister Plays*.

Last year's production of *In the Red and Brown Water* starring Christiana Clark (Best Actress 2011, City Pages) was named BEST PLAY OF 2011 in the Star Tribune and City Pages. Obie award winner and Tony award nominee Marion McClinton returns to direct James Williams and Gavin Lawrence reprising their characters from the first play and introducing Namir Smallwood as Oshoosi Size.

McCraney is the international writer-in-residence at the Royal Shakespeare Company and a member Chicago's Steppenwolf Ensemble. His work has been seen—and praised—in New York, London, Chicago, San Francisco, New Orleans, Atlanta, Seattle, and Washington DC. He has been called “an authentically original vision” (New York Times) and “the hottest young playwright in America” (The Chicago Tribune).

ABOUT THE PLAY

When Oshoosi Size (Namir Smallwood) comes home from prison, he hopes to resume his happily aimless life, but his older brother Ogun (James Williams), a hard-working mechanic, cannot let Oshoosi forget his mistakes. *The Brothers Size* is a rich and beautiful exploration of the bonds of love between brothers and friends, using vivid language and epic vision to bring to life on stage the complexities of a generation of African-American men. In a broader context, McCraney dramatizes the ties that bind all of us together and the urges of the human heart that can rip everything apart. Does the love of family hold you back or can it help you escape fate?

“Pumped full of a senses-heightening oxygen that leaves you tingling.” – *New York Times*

“Raw, fearless, whimsical” – *Chicago Tribune*

“A don't-miss event” – *San Francisco Chronicle*

TICKET INFORMATION

Performances are September 7—September 29, Wednesday-Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday at 1:00 pm or 7 pm.

Preview, September 7 @ 7:30 pm

Opening Night, September 8 @ 7:30 pm

Individual tickets can be reserved at guthrietheater.org or by calling the Guthrie box office at 612-377-2224.

ABOUT THE GUTHRIE THEATER

The Guthrie Theater (Joe Dowling, Director) was founded by Sir Tyrone Guthrie in 1963 and is an American center for theater performance, production, education and professional training. The Tony Award-winning Guthrie Theater is dedicated to producing the great works of dramatic literature, developing the work of contemporary playwrights and cultivating the next generation of theater artists.

ABOUT THE MOUNT CURVE COMPANY

The Mount Curve Company was formed by Frances Wilkinson, a Minneapolis-based philanthropist, film and theater producer. Ms. Wilkinson has supported or invested in theatrical work including *The Kushner Celebration*, *Eduardo Mine*, *God of Carnage* (Guthrie Theater), *In Darfur*, *Why Torture is Wrong* (The Public Theater), *Passing Strange* (Broadway), *Five Fingers of Funk* (Children's Theater Company), *Detroit* (Steppenwolf Theater Company), *Hair* (London). In addition, Ms. Wilkinson was executive producer of the film, *With or Without You* and has supported the TPT documentary, *Slavery By Another Name*, airing on PBS in 2012. Ms. Wilkinson has served on the Boards of Directors of the Guthrie Theater, Theatre de la Jeune Lune, IFP and is currently a Trustee of the Public Theater in New York.

ABOUT PILLSBURY HOUSE THEATRE

In its 20th year, Pillsbury House Theatre is proud to be a professional, Equity theatre unlike any other. In partnership with Pillsbury United Communities, one of the largest human services organizations in the state, produces award winning contemporary theater as well as supporting youth development through the Chicago Avenue Project and anti-bias training with Breaking Ice. Pillsbury House Theatre demonstrates that the highest quality art is an integral part of all healthy communities.

Pillsbury House Theatre is located at the corner of 35th and Chicago.

VISITING THE DOWLING STUDIO

The Dowling Studio is located on the 9th floor of the Jean Nouvel-designed building in downtown Minneapolis on the Mississippi River. It can be reached from elevators on the 4th and 5th floors between the Wurtele Thrust stage and the McGuire Proscenium.

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