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Thought-provoking play, *Intimate Apparel*, explores the lives of women, love and social issues in early 1900s

Colorado Springs (January 9, 2018) – The Theatre Company of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College is excited to present the touching play, *Intimate Apparel* by Lynn Nottage, Feb. 8-25, 2018 and directed by Scott RC Levy.

Playwright Lynn Nottage is the winner of two Pulitzer Prizes – making history as the first female playwright to win two Pulitzers for drama, the first woman of color to win two of these prestigious awards in any category, and the second African-American playwright to be recognized twice. Nottage is also the winner of the 2004 New York Drama Critics Circle Award, and the Outer Critics Circle Award, among many others.

This beautifully written and intensely personal story weaves a delicate tapestry of the joys and sorrows of an African-American seamstress in 1905 New York City. Esther sews elegant intimates for socialites and prostitutes alike as a vibrant cast of characters plays part in her determined search for love and respect in a world that seems to overlook her.

“... thoughtful, affecting ... The play offers poignant commentary on an era when the cut and color of one’s dress – and of course, skin – determined whom one could and could not marry, sleep with, even talk to in public.” –Variety

The cast includes Lauren Hooper, Lynne Hastings, Katie McGehee, Betty Hart, John Eric Parker (who will be leaving his Broadway role in *The Book of Mormon* to perform in this play), and Michael Lee with scenic design by Christopher L. Sheley, lighting design by Holly Anne Rawls, costume design by Sera Bourgeau, and stage managed by Kate Ferdinandi.

Intimate Apparel

When: Feb. 8-25, 2018, show dates and times vary – visit website for details

Where: Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, 30 W. Dale St.

Tickets: Starting at \$20

Something else: Patrons are invited to join dramaturg Eviva Khane for a salon to talk about the show immediately following the Feb. 16 and 23 performances.

More: Patrons can enjoy an incredible *Intimate Apparel* themed dinner menu for evening performances and a delectable brunch buffet for matinée performances. Or, choose from the small plate menu in Deco Lounge. Reservations: (719) 634-5583

More: A free guided backstage tour will be offered following the Feb. 22 performance and a free talkback session will be offered following the Feb. 25 performance

Even more: Theatre patrons receive free admission to the FAC Museum on the day of their ticketed performance.

Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College

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