



Bianca Borrás (left) as Ruth, Joseph Turner (center) as Walter Lee and Debbie Burt-Frazier (right) as Lena "Mama" Younger



SSC PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS
LORRAINE HANSBERRY'S
A Raisin In The Sun

Directed by **Bobbie Saltzman**

When you measure a man, make sure you measure him right.

COMING SOON!

The SSC Playhouse of South Suburban College, celebrating its 10th anniversary, announces a weeklong run of trailblazing, African-American playwright Lorraine Hansberry's classic stage play, *A Raisin In The Sun*. Taking place in the 1950s Chicago Southside, it is the story of a black, middle-class family struggling to create a stable life and to create their own American dream.

Hansberry's play ushered in a new movement for black theatre artists.

The Broadway production, directed by the late Lloyd Richards in 1959, was the first to be staged by a black director. The play ran on Broadway for 530 performances in a little over a year, surprising investors who were hoping to simply break even. The play was awarded the 1959 New York Drama Critics Circle Award. The play inspired a generation as Hansberry's voice spoke messages of fairness and equality that were on everyone's lips at the time. It also expressed her disdain for the crass materialism and commercialism that was to become a burden of the next generation, both black and white. Miss Hansberry lived to see her play made into the 1961 Hollywood film starring Sidney Portier, but death from cancer in 1965 at the age of 35 cut her life short.

April 12, 13, 14, 15, 2011 at 8:00pm
April 16, 2011 at 2:00pm and 8:00pm
April 17, 2011 at 2:00pm

Tickets:

\$8 Adults / \$6 Seniors, Students. SSC students and staff: Buy one ticket at \$6 and get the second ticket free.
email: boxoffice@ssc.edu • 24/7 voicemail: 708-210-5741

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RAISIN CAST

Debbie Burt-Frazier ... *Lena "Mama" Younger*
Joseph Turner..... *Walter Lee Younger*
Ashley Currin..... *Beneatha Younger*
Bianca Borrás..... *Ruth Younger*
Isaiah Herron..... *Travis Younger*
Jarvis Brown..... *Asagai*
Robbie Herron, Jr. *George Murchinson*
Robert Smagacz..... *Karl Linder*
Robbie Herron, Jr. *Bobo*

RAISIN CREW

Director *Bobbie Saltzman*
Stage Manager *Samantha Pacyga*
Artistic Master Carpentry *Dean Scalzitti*
Lighting Designer..... *Lydia Bellamy-Palma*
Costume Designer..... *Michelle Bryant*
Production Assistant *Raven Phillips*
Prop Mistresses..... *Raven Phillips, Irene Stewart*
Costume Mistress..... *Heather Jackson*
Light Board Operator *Manuel Medina*
Sound Board Operator *Tene Roberts*
Set Construction *Bill Graham, Leffié Martin, Jr., Dean Scalzitti*
Stage Crew..... *Leffié Martin, Jr., Raven Phillips*
Light Hang Crew.. *Dominic Bellamy-Palma, Tina Drechny*
Group / Ad Sales *Jeannda Welton*
House Manager *Jeannda Welton*
Ushers *Eary Wilson, Bev Kasperek, Doris Love*
Concessions.. *PAC Rats Theatre Company*

- In Manville, NJ, it is illegal to feed animals whiskey or cigarettes in a public park.
- In Newark, NJ it is illegal to buy ice cream after 6 p.m. unless you have a written note from a doctor.

To unclog a freshly opened ketchup bottle, insert a Glad Flexible Straw® all the way into the bottle to add air and start the ketchup flowing.

Ponderisms As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells "THEIRS"?

UPCOMING FREE EVENTS

Friday, April 297:30pm

Jazz Concert: The South Suburban College Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Andy "the band guy" Hoefle, will blow your socks off in a concert of groovy tunes.

Monday, May 27:00pm

Guitar Recital: The students of Linda Kelley present a concert that includes pop and classical numbers as well as a choral harmony or two.

Tuesday, May 37:00pm

Piano Recital: The students of Joyce Sluis and Marilyn Bourgeois climb up to the Steinway Model A and present their latest accomplishments. Cookies and punch will be served following the recital.

Tuesday, May 32:00pm

Music Students Recital: Music students of most SSC Faculty present a recital of various and sundry classical pieces. Also featured will be Ellie Shunko and "Big Al" Jackson as piano lid lifters.

Wednesday, May 4.....7:30pm

Ensembles Concert: The "Babies" (SSC Voices, Jazz Band and Jazz Combo) show us geezers how to swing as they rip through a number of really great jazz tunes. Fred Miller and "Big Al" Jackson are the directors. Come and hear the fabulous talent here at SSC. There will be something for everyone at this concert.

Friday, May 6.....7:30pm

Band Concert: SSC's Symphonic Band and Jazz Orchestra perform in a dueling concert. Both bands are directing by Andy Hoefle.

Wednesday, May 11.....7:30pm

Thornwood High School Band Concert: Join the T'Wood Concert band, under the direction of Paul Anderson as they perform in their spring concert. Keep a close eye on the band members - you may see some of them in SSC bands next year.

All concerts will be held in the Kindig Performing Arts Center at South Suburban College, 15800 State Street, South Holland, IL. There is no charge for admission, however, donations for music scholarships will be accepted. Call the music office at 708-596-2000, ext. 2316 for more info or email: MusicDept@ssc.edu.

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There's A Zombie On Your Lawn!

Nobody was quite sure what caused it.

An alien pathogen riding the tail of Halley's Comet? Radiation from a downed satellite? Your guess is as good as ours, but one thing's for sure - the dead are rising, and they are hungry for your brains.

Now, of course it's illegal to sell reanimated corpses, so we've had to rely on resin facsimiles to stand in for a frightening visage of death. Watching over your garden is a monstrous shambler, pale, vile and seemingly hungry! Guaranteed to scare away any trespasser, without the headaches of accidentally releasing a real zombie. All those complications, bodies, and police forms - who needs the hassle?



CASTING CALLS!

SIMPLY LIVIN' PRODUCTIONS is looking for 2 African American male actors between the ages of 20-33 for the play *When it Rains...* One role requires the ability to sing. Please contact Sonja Lee at simplyliv@yahoo.com if you're interested.

Please attach a resume and headshot with your email. This production will be held at Bloom High School in Chicago Heights, IL in June and July. Rehearsals are at the Chicago Heights Public Library on Tuesday evenings and / or Saturday afternoons.

SOUTH SUBURBAN FAMILY SHELTER is looking for actors for *The Vagina Monologues*. Auditions will take place on April 6 from 7pm-9pm and on April 9 from 10am-2pm. No acting experience necessary!! Readings will be provided.

Call 708-794-2140 ext. 303 to schedule a time and for location information.

The play will be presented for V-Day, which is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. Proceed for the play will benefit for South Suburban Family Shelter on June 3 and 5 at Prairie State College.

PAC Rat Meeting SUMMER Schedule!

The next PAC Rat meeting will be **THURSDAY, June 2nd @ 7:00pm** in the PAC Lobby. (Location subject to change)

CURTAIN'S UP

Orland Park Theatre Troupe will present *The Wizard of Oz* featuring our own **JAMEL WILLIAMS** as the Cowardly Lion.

Performances are at Carl Sandburg High School, 13300 South LaGrange Road, are Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. A matinee performance will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1.

Reserved seat tickets are currently being sold at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Adult tickets are \$18 while seniors and students are \$16. Children's tickets are \$14. Additional information is available by calling the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708-403-7275.



Homewood Flossmoor Park District presents the classic fairy tale, *Snow White*, directed by **DAWN LEADER-PELOSO**. Performances

take place on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at 7:00pm and on Sunday, April 10 at 2:00pm. Park District Auditorium, 2010 Chestnut Rd, Homewood, IL. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for youths and seniors.

Back by popular demand, the Children's Theatre Company of South Suburban College presents *Cinderella*.

The January cast reunites for 6 shows only. Thursday and Friday, July 7 and 8 at 9:45am and 11:30am and Saturday, July 9 at 11am and 2pm. Tickets will be \$5 each with group rates for day care centers and schools. Tickets go on sale June 1st. Email boxoffice@ssc.edu for more info.



PAC Rats Shirts



The PAC Rats will be offering t-shirts fairly soon. The shirts will be short sleeved 50/50 poly-cotton blend.

You will have your choice of black, red, kelly green, maroon, navy blue, dark charcoal gray and California blue (a sort of turquoise). All shirts will have a white screen print. Final cost of shirts will depend on the total number of shirts ordered. Figure about \$11-\$15 each. Email Ellie by June 1, 2011 with size, colour(s).



Bizarre Holidays in January

National Careers in Cosmetology Month

3rd	Festival of Sleep Day
7th	Old Rock Day
10th	Peculiar People Day
14th	Dress Up Your Pet Day
18th	Winnie The Pooh Day
21st	Hugging Day
30th	Escape Day

Bizarre Holidays in February

National Embroidery Month

1st	Serpent Day
3rd	Cordova Ice Worm Day
10th	Umbrella Day
13th	Get a Different Name Day
16th	Do a Grouch A Favor Day
22nd	Be Humble Day
27th	International Polar Bear Day

Answers: 1-b-2-d-3-c-4-c-5-c

RANDOM THOUGHT...

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.



CHILD ACTOR QUIZ

1. This former child star played Brad Taylor on the hit sitcom "Home Improvement."

- A Jonathan Taylor Thomas
- B Zachery Ty Bryan
- C Danny Ponce
- D Danny Pintauro



2. Who played the part of Mikey in the 80's movie "The Goonies"

- A Corky Nemac
- B Corey Haim
- C Cory Feldman
- D Sean Astin



3. Who played the part of Loomis on the TV show "Fish" and Willis on the hit TV show Diff'rent Strokes"

- A Alfonso Ribiero
- B Emmanuel Lewis
- C Todd Bridges
- D Gary Coleman



4. Who played the part of Wesley on the show "Mr. Belvedere."

- A Brice Stone
- B Brice Isright
- C Brice Beckham
- D Brian Thomas



5. He played Rusty Williams on the television show "Make Room For Daddy".

- A Rusty Staub
- B Russ T Wyndopane
- C Rusty Hamer
- D Rusty Scrudivah



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won't fly...

Reason # 4



Answers From Last Edition

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Did You Know That...

- Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- The average person laughs 13 times a day.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- German Shepards bite humans more than any other breed.
- Over half of all American's live within 50 miles of their birthplace.



King Cake and other Mardi Gras facts

Inside every cake is a tiny baby (generally plastic now, but sometimes this baby might be made of porcelain or even gold). The tradition of having King Cake Parties has evolved through time, and the person who receives the slice of cake with the baby is asked to continue the festivities by hosting the next King Cake party or providing the King Cake at the next years festivities.

Originally, King Cakes were a simple ring of dough with a small amount of decoration. Today's King Cakes are much more festive. After the rich Danish dough is braided and baked, the "baby" is inserted. The top of the ring or oval cake is then covered with delicious sugar toppings in the traditional Mardi Gras colors of purple, green and gold.

Mardi Gras 2011 falls on Tuesday, March 8.

In more recent years, some bakeries have been creative with stuffing and topping their cakes with different flavors of cream cheese and fruit fillings.

Here are some other frequently asked questions;

Q: Are Carnival and Mardi Gras the same thing?

A: Don't confuse Carnival and Mardi Gras! Carnival refers to the period of feasting and fun which always begins on January 6th, The Feast of the Epiphany.

Mardi Gras refers to Fat Tuesday, the final day of revelry before Ash Wednesday, when Lent begins.

Q: What is the significance of the Mardi Gras colors, and where did they come from?

A: Rex, the King of Carnival, selected the Mardi Gras colors and assigned meaning to them in 1892.

Purple stands for justice, green for faith, and gold for power.

Q: Why does Mardi Gras fall on different dates each year?

A: The date of Mardi Gras changes every year because it's connected to Easter, which can fall on any Sunday between March 23 and April 25. Mardi Gras is scheduled to be 47 days before Easter.

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