

# SOARTSPRO NEWS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF STATE OF THE ARTS PRODUCTIONS

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## WELCOME!

This is the first issue of SoArtsPro News, the monthly newsletter of State of the Arts Productions. We'll have news of our past, current and upcoming productions, interviews, fundraising events, and more. Thank you for supporting our community theatre, this year celebrating its 10th anniversary!

## About Us

State of the Arts Productions (SoArtsPro) Community Theater started as a dream in the mind of the Artistic Director Quentin Edwards. With the help of a select board of directors, including current Broadway performers and community members, SoArtsPro brings a different breed of theater to the Colmubus area. Our seasons are diverse and different, including the classics, dramas, comedies, and contemporary and classic Broadway musical fare.

We lost Quentin on July 5, 2014, due to complications from kidney disease. The SoArtsPro Board of Directors works hard to keep his vision and memory alive!

The mission of State of the Arts Productions is to offer quality performances that enlighten, educate, and most importantly, entertain our community and beyond.

We believe that theater should and can be for everyone. We will strive for non-traditional casting whenever possible.



*White Guy on the Bus, Spring 2022*



*Always a Bridesmaid, Spring 2019*



*Songs for a New World, Spring 2021*

# The Productions

Our two-year cycle includes two musicals, a comedy, and a drama. Our production history includes "The Color Purple" (winner of 4 Theatre Roundtable awards), "White Guy on the Bus", "Rumors", "The Hundred Dresses," "Caroline or Change," "Annie," "The House of Blue Leaves," "The 1940s Radio Hour," and more.

## Our Next Production

Our next production is "Home," April 20-22, 2023 at Dance Theater Company. A 3-actor drama tells the story of Cephus Miles who inherits the family farm in South Carolina. Not believing in the Vietnam War, he is imprisoned for draft evasion. After being released, his new life in the city goes bad. He returns home to South Carolina and settles on the land again with his childhood sweetheart. It's the story of an indomitable spirit and the longing for fulfillment.

## How You Can Support SoArtsPro!

- **Attend our productions!**
- **Place an ad in our programs!**
- **Shout-outs to cast members in the program!**
- **Donate on our website**  
**SoArtsPro.com/contact!**
- **Support our fundraising efforts on social media!**
- **Keep reading our newsletters for future info on fundraisers!**

## Our Board of Directors

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