

## State of the Arts Productions Presents

Home is an award winning heart-moving one act drama takes audiences on an emotional journey through the cycles of life. From adolescence to adulthood, of the three main characters, this three person cast portrays a mindblowing 25+ characters throughout this play

# HOME

BY SAMM-ART WILLIAMS

DIRECTED BY JULIE WHITNEY-SCOTT

Thursday, April 20 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 21 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 22 2:00 p.m.

Seniors/Students \$10

General Admission \$15

Columbus Dance Theatre

592 E. Main Street

This production is brought to you through the generosity of the Greater Columbus Arts Council's Thrive Grant.

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**State of The Arts Productions (SoArtsPro) Community Theater,**  
Started as a dream in the mind of the Artistic Director L. 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 Columbus area.

Our seasons are diverse and different, including the  
classics, dramas, comedies and contemporary and classic  
Broadway musical fare.

*We lost Quentin July 5, 2014 due to complications from kidney  
disease. The SoArtsPro Board of Directors work hard to keep his  
Vision & Legacy 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.



**Celebrating the Memory of  
State of the Arts Productions  
Founder**

**L. Quentin Edwards**

**10/2/79 - 7/5/14**

**We Love and Miss You!**

**Donate Life!**

# PRODUCTION TEAM

<i>Director</i>	Julie Whitney-Scott
<i>Stage Manager</i>	Ariel Wiles
<i>Light Designer</i>	Kurt Mueller
<i>Set Design</i>	Julie Whitney-Scott
<i>Stage Crew</i>	SoArtsPro Volunteers
<i>Marketing &amp; PR</i>	Melanie Dancy
<i>Costumes</i>	Julie Whitney-Scott
<i>House Manager</i>	Larry V. Edwards
<i>Ushers</i>	SoArtsPro Board Members

**Julie Whitney-Scott** has shared her directorial talents for over three decades in Central Ohio with many theatre companies, including her own company, Mine 4 God Productions (Several), Columbus Black Theatre Festival (Several), State of the Arts Productions (Godspell), JCC Gallery Players (Intimate Apparel), State Rights Theatrics (The Onion Dome) and with the students, she teaches at CATCO is Kids. Julie will also be directing for Actors Theatre of Columbus this summer 2023 (A Raisin in the Sun.) "I'm so excited to work again with SoArtsPro on HOME, a beautiful poetic play that is sure to inspire the audience to keep dreaming and trusting in the ones that love them the most."

**Ariel Wiles** is thrilled to be a part of State of the Arts Productions of "Home" as the stage manager. This will mark the second time Ariel has participated with State of the Arts Production; previously directing "White Guy on a Bus." Ariel Wiles is a Columbus based playwright, director, and actor. She has written, directed and produced seven original plays and has performed them at various theaters around Columbus, Ohio. Ariel has served as a director for a few local theater companies including Out of the Box Community Theater, Mine for God Productions, Young Writer's Theater Festival, and Stage Right Theatrics.

# THE STORY

Originally produced by the legendary Negro Ensemble Company, Home centers on Cephus Miles, a farm boy in the small community of Crossroads, North Carolina who grows up in a society where opportunities are few and advancing up the economic and social ladder means leaving and (usually) never returning. After various interactions with the female members of his town, Cephus enters a family-sanctioned engagement with Pattie Mae, the prettiest and smartest young lady in Crossroads. When Pattie Mae leaves to go to college, Cephus counts on her promise to return to marry him, but feels humiliated when he learns that she has married a soon-to-be wealthy professional. In spite of his apparently loose morality, Cephus feels strongly about avoiding the Vietnamese War at all costs. Five years in prison as a draft resister leave him despondent, and when he gets out, he finds his farm has been sold for taxes. With all doors shut in Crossroads, he sets out for the big city to make his fortune. Lacking a high school diploma, the best job he can get is loading and unloading trucks. The high life seems within reach until his prison record gets him fired. Sliding from welfare to the streets he hits rock bottom--but not for long. A mysterious benefactor has purchased his old farm and invites him to return to Crossroads. After 13 years away from the South, Cephus returns to discover numerous surprising changes, including the absence of segregated bathrooms. Nevertheless, he remains an outsider for the other townsfolk, who invent stories about how mean and disagreeable he is, until Pattie Mae, now divorced, returns to inform him that it was she who bought back his farm and helped him rehabilitate his life. Eventually both Cephus and Pattie Mae realize that, although they left to seek happiness elsewhere, they have finally returned to one another older, wiser, and aware of the true meaning of home.

# HOME

*Cross Roads, North Carolina*

A Prison, Raleigh, NC

Very Large American City

## CAST (In Order of Appearance)

*Woman One/Pattie Mae Wells* . . . . . GRACE AULS

*Woman Two* . . . . . ALICIA HOFFMAN

*Cephus Miles* . . . . . THEO WHITE

**July 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

[www.Mine4godproductions.com](http://www.Mine4godproductions.com)

**11<sup>th</sup>**

# Columbus Black Theatre Festival



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*Cowboy Chuck* by Robb Willoughby  
*The Flash* by Jasmyn Green  
*Mrs. Dunn* by Marj O'Neill-Butler

*I'm Not Buying It* by Vickie G. Hampton  
*The Wedding Ceremony* by Marjorie Conn  
*Bed of Rose Thorns* by Julie Whitney Scott

*Daddy or Daddy with an I* by Louis DeVaughn Nelson

6 weeks Youth Writing & Acting Workshop May 20<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup> & Performance at the CBTF

LIMIT SPACE MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND (10 – 18 years)



# THE CAST

**Grace Auls** (Woman One/Pattie Mae Wells) has been acting and storytelling all her life and wants to pursue a permanent career in the arts. She graduated with BA for theater from Otterbein University and has been recently accepted to attend the University of Central Florida for her MFA.

**Alicia Hoffman** (Woman 2) is excited to be doing a production with State of The Arts Productions. You may remember them from Crazy for You (Patsy) Bare (Sister Chantelle) and Georgia MCBRIDE (Jo). When not on stage they enjoy bowling in a bowling league, playing video games, and hanging out with friends and family. They would like to thank their husband for watching their two beautiful children while they follow their dreams. They would like to leave you with a quote "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world" - Harriet Tubman

**Theo White** (Cephus Miles) is an award-winning actor with extensive experience in theater, film, and modeling. He has been in a variety of plays including "Breakz," "A Mystery On A Train," and "Clash of Colors" directed by Ariel Wiles. He was also in "Where Winter Rests On A Wounded Heart" directed by Julie Whitney Scott for the Columbus Black Theater Festival. Theo's code in life is to "always finish what you start and never give up."

# Team & Cast Photos



*Grace Auls*

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*Alicia Hoffman*

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*Theo White*

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*Ariel Wiles*



*Julie Whitney-Scott*

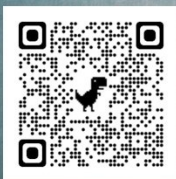


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## Youth Writing & Acting Workshop



May 20<sup>th</sup> – June 24<sup>th</sup>

Saturdays 2:30 – 5:30pm.  
Martin Luther King Library  
1467 E. Long St.  
Cols. OH 43203

Performance Dates:

July 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00-5:30pm Free to Public

Main Library Auditorium 96 S. Grant Ave. Cols. OH 43215

July 7-9<sup>th</sup> Finalist Perform at the CBTF.

Columbus Performing Arts Center Van Fleet

549 Franklin Ave. Cols. OH 43215

[www.mine4godproductions.com](http://www.mine4godproductions.com) to Register as spots are limited!

