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ASOLO REPERTORY THEATRE PRESENTS

A WESTCOAST BLACK THEATRE TROUPE READING OF A RAISIN IN THE SUN

WHAT: A staged reading of Lorraine Hansberry's American classic, *A Raisin in the Sun*, performed by members of Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe. Since *Clybourne Park* takes its cues from the discussions about race and real estate originally set forth in *A Raisin in the Sun*, Asolo Rep is partnering with WBTT to offer audiences the rare opportunity to travel on the journey that unfolds over the course of these two remarkable plays. Jim Weaver will direct this production that was originally presented by WBTT in January-February of 2012. The reading will be followed by a Q & A session and a champagne toast with the cast.

WHEN: Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Mertz Theatre
The FSU Center for the Performing Arts
5555 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34243

CAST:

RUTH YOUNGER	Jaszy McAllister
TRAVIS YOUNGER	Bryson Gregory
WALTER LEE YOUNGER	Will Little*
BENEATHA YOUNGER	Dhakeria Cunningham
LENA YOUNGER	Lonnetta Gaines
JOSEPH ASAGI	Joshua Nwankwo
GEORGE MURCHISON	Emmanuel Avraham
BOBO	James Pierre
KARL LINDER	David Abolafia

*Member of Actors Equity Association

WHY: To help audiences make the connections between these two works while examining both under the larger lens of the American Character Project.

HOW: Tickets are \$15-\$20 for the reading, Q & A, and champagne toast (or just \$5 if purchased together with a ticket for *Clybourne Park*). A \$35 ticket includes the reading and a pre-performance reception beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the Asolo Rep Box Office and can only be purchased in person or by phone at 941.351.8000. Sponsored by Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

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