



\*\*\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\*\*\*

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**Asolo Rep to Host *A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight* – a Cultural Cabaret Event – on Sunday, December 15, 2013**

**WHAT:**

What color is our culture? Join Asolo Rep for an intimate cabaret evening that will explore the intersection of racial identity and American music. Beginning with ***Show Boat***, traveling through the Harlem Renaissance, Jazz and Motown, and continuing through contemporary pop music and modern musical theatre such as ***Hairspray*** and ***Memphis***, this insightful event will illuminate how African-American musical traditions originally came to prominence on stage and in popular culture, and have sparked a flame that has burned ever since. The cabaret features passionate performances by ***Show Boat*** artists sharing the unique sounds, history, and converging influences that make our music. Updated casting information will be posted on Asolo Rep's website, [www.asolorep.org](http://www.asolorep.org). This performance takes the place of the "Carefully Taught Cabaret" originally scheduled for November 24.

**WHEN:**

Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 7pm

**WHERE:**

Asolo Rep's Cook Theatre  
5555 North Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL 34243

**WHO:**

F. Wade Russo, musical director of ***Show Boat***, and **members of the cast of *Show Boat***.

**HOW:**

Tickets for ***A Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight*** are \$18 and are available at Asolo Repertory Theatre's Box Office, located in the lobby of the theatre. Tickets are also available by calling the box office at 941.351.8000 or 800.361.8388 or by visiting [www.asolorep.org](http://www.asolorep.org).

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