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**Leimert Park Village Theatre Consortium
announces
Readers' Theatre at the Vision
Play Reading Series**

Los Angeles - The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the Leimert Park Vision Theatre Consortium are proud to announce the re-launching of its play reading series, ***Readers' Theatre at the Vision (RTV)***, in advance of the second annual **Leimert Park Village Festival of Staged Readings** that is currently scheduled over Labor Day Weekend from September 3 to 6, 2015.

The twice monthly *RTV* series opens March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., with **"ER: The Resurrection Stage Play"** written and directed by Jeneen Robinson, and continues on Monday March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with **"Crescent City Ghost"** written by Christina Cottles and directed by Jennifer Jones. Readings take place at the Vision Theatre, 3341 West 43rd Place, Los Angeles, CA, 90008. Tickets are \$5.00. For more information, or to submit a work for consideration in the series, please call 323.290.2386.

The purpose of the *Readers' Theatre at the Vision* play reading series is to give new and established playwrights an opportunity to develop their work in front of a viewing audience. Participants will receive constructive comments and feedback from patrons as well as professional playwrights for the purpose of assisting them in honing their plays towards professional production. The series also provides an opportunity for directors, actors, musicians, and choreographers to hone their craft in a low tech safe environment, conducive for nurturing new works or the re-vamping of established works.

The goal of the series is to create a selection of stage plays that will be showcased in the second annual 2015 Leimert Park Village Theatre Festival of Staged Readings, and, in turn, help develop a library of exceptional stage plays to bolster future production. The RTV will also serve to build a repertory of talented thespians for productions at the fully restored Historic Vision Theatre in 2017.



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The first Annual 2014 Leimert Park Village Theatre Festival of Staged Readings was a tremendous success. Along with four partnering Leimert Park theaters and facilities, the festival presented 14 staged readings of new works, revivals, and established stage plays from 14 historic, new, and diverse theater companies from across the City of Los Angeles. The festival also presented three industry panels: The History of Theatre in South LA; Dance SouthLA at the Vision; and The Future of the Vision Theater. Actress and entrepreneur Marla Gibbs was the honored at the closing gala and awards ceremony with a Proclamation from Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Certificates of Recognition from Council President Herb Wesson and Councilmembers Bernard Parks and Curren Price.

DCA Director of Special Projects, James Burks, says: "The Department of Cultural Affairs along with the Leimert Park Vision Theatre Consortium and its Partners - Inner City Cultural Center, Bronson Productions, and Twinbiz - are pleased to announce we have tentatively agreed to a sister festival relationship with the internationally renowned National Black Theatre Festival, now in its 14th bi-annual season, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The first West Coast Theatre Festival is slated for the Vision Theatre's 2018 Season."

About the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs

The **Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)** generates and supports high quality arts and cultural experiences for Los Angeles' 4 million residents and 40 million annual visitors. DCA advances the social and economic impact of the arts and ensures access to diverse and enriching cultural activities through: grantmaking, marketing, development, public art, community arts programming, arts education, and building partnerships with artists and arts and cultural organizations in neighborhoods throughout the City of Los Angeles.

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