

# ODBA NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

## Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

By August Wilson  
Directed by Deidra LaWan Starnes

June 1-June 25, 2017



The time is 1927. The place is a rundown recording studio in Chicago. Ma Rainey, the legendary blues singer, is due to arrive with her entourage to cut new sides of old favorites. Waiting for her are her black musician sidemen, the white owner of the record company, and her white manager. What goes down in the session to come is more than music. This first play of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize winning 20th Century Cycle, is a riveting portrayal of black rage...of racism, of the self-hate that racism breeds, and of racial exploitation.

- Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8:00 p.m.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Theatre, 1524 Spring Hill Rd, McLean, VA 22102.
- Starring ODBA's own William T. Newman, Chief Judge of the Arlington County Circuit Court.
- Reception with the cast and crew to follow.
- The first 10 registered ODBA conference attendees will receive two free tickets each. (Additional tickets available for \$16).
- Shuttle Service will be provided for all.
- Register now to secure your complimentary tickets!