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CONTRA COSTA COLLEGE TO PRODUCE ORIGINAL THEATRE WORK BY ITS VERY OWN FACULTY MEMBER.

SAN PABLO, CA (Nov. 6, 2006) – Contra Costa College is proud to present a fall theatre play production by former student and current faculty member, Terrence Ivory titled “In The Midst Of Them.” Opening night is scheduled for Friday, December 1 and will feature a special dinner theatre before the performance at 8 pm.

The play takes place in the 1940s in Kimball, West Virginia. In the midst of them is a black coal miner, Harold Mourning, fighting to form a collective labor union in a segregated town. But first he has to overcome rumors of infidelity, murder, and family secrets. Inspired by Ivory’s grandmother’s stories as a coal miner’s daughter, “In The Midst of Them” depicts the way of life in a coal mining town centered around many universal themes: betrayal, escaping reality through alcoholism, wanting to belong, redemption, and the power of forgiveness. The full-length play is not a musical; however, it has original lyrics and a coal miner’s cadence.

“In The Midst of Them” will be the first stage play written and directed by a former student. Ivory attended Contra Costa College in the fall of 1995 before transferring to Grambling University in Louisiana. He later earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from the prestigious Actors Studio Program in New York City. Ivory is currently a part-time instructor in the Drama department at Contra Costa College and the president of Ivory Arts, Inc., a Theatre and Performing Arts company.

Theater dates for the play are Friday, December 1 – Saturday, December 2 and Thursday, December 7 – Sunday, December 9 at 8 pm. The 3 Seasons Restaurant on campus will host the opening night theatre dinner starting at 5:30 pm with a 3-course traditional southern style dinner



served at 6 pm. The stage play performance will take place at the John and Jean Knox Performance Center for the Arts located at 2600 Mission Bell Drive in San Pablo.

Tickets are \$25 for the dinner and play and RSVPs are required by Tuesday, November 21. Tickets for the play only are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and may be purchased by calling 510-235-7800 x 4363. For more information about the play, visit www.ivoryartsinc.com or call 1-800-624-9149 x 105.

ABOUT IVORY ARTS

Ivory Arts Inc. was founded in 2003 by Mr. Terrence Ivory as a Theatre and Performing Arts company devoted to uplifting and empowering today's youth through programs that foster integrity, self-awareness and creativity. Ivory holds a Master of Fine Arts in Acting from the prestigious Actors Studio Program in New York City and believes that Theatre Arts has an impact that goes beyond the stage – it improves performance in school and life.

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