

'In the Blood'

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In the Blood, a drama by Pulitzer Prize-winning African-American playwright Suzan-Lori Parks, will be performed Jan. 11-14 in the Studio Theatre, on the Hayward campus of California State University, East Bay, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd. The Thursday through Saturday performances will begin each night at 8 p.m. The Sunday show starts at 2 p.m.

The play, which takes its inspiration from *The Scarlet Letter*, is the first stage performance in 2007 for the Cal State East Bay Department of Theatre and Dance. It is directed by Dawn Monique Williams.

"This is a drama that examines the objectified female, violence, historical fact and fiction, and takes a serious look at poverty," Williams said.

Parks received the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for drama for her play *Topdog/Underdog*, and has been awarded grants by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the New York State Council on the Arts, and the New York Foundation for the Arts.

In the Blood premiered at the Joseph Papp Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival in November of 1999.

Tickets for *In the Blood*; presented by the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences; are \$10 for general admission; \$7 for youth and seniors; and \$5 for students. For tickets, call (510) 885-3261.