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History Comes Alive on CenterStage with Roger Guenveur Smith as Frederick Douglass

The CenterStage invites you to celebrate Black History Month as Roger Guenveur Smith becomes Frederick Douglass in a one-man show about one of the greatest personalities of the abolitionist movement. Frederick Douglass launched his career as an abolitionist with a stirring speech delivered in Nantucket when he was just twenty-three years old. His life was the inspiration for his commitment to freedom and justice not just for slaves, but for all oppressed people. Roger Guenveur Smith vividly portrays a man who rose from slavery to advise the President and the Nation on the rights of all people. On Saturday, February 17 at 8:00 p.m., prepare to be transported in time and learn more about this remarkable man.

Roger Guenveur Smith is an actor, writer, and director whose work has been distinguished with the Obie, Peabody, Audelco, Bessie, Helen Hayes, Barrymore, and NAACP Image Awards. He has served as Artist in Residence at the University of California, as NEA/TCG Playwright in Residence at the Mark Taper Forum, and has received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Charleston.

Smith's many collaborations with director Spike Lee include *Malcolm X*, *Summer of Sam*, the telefilm version of *A Huey P. Newton Story*, and his improvised creation of the stuttering hero Smiley for the Oscar-nominated *Do The Right Thing*. His eclectic range of screen credits also includes *King of New York*, *Deep Cover*, *Eve's Bayou*, *All About the Benjamins*, the telefilms *Hamlet* and *The Color of Courage*, and the innovative HBO series "Oz" and "K Street".

This show is suitable for ages 9 and older. Tickets are \$15. To make reservations by phone, call our 24-hour Box Office at 703-476-4500 (press 3). Tickets for all CenterStage events may be reserved by telephone, purchased from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day at the Reston Community Center Information and Service Desk, or purchased in person during Box Office hours. Box Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and two hours prior to curtain times. Payment with Visa or Mastercard is required at time of reservation. For season telephone orders, brochures, directions or more information call 703-476-4500, and press option 3.

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To request this information in an alternate format, call Esther Garcia, 703-476-4500.

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