

2009 – 2011  
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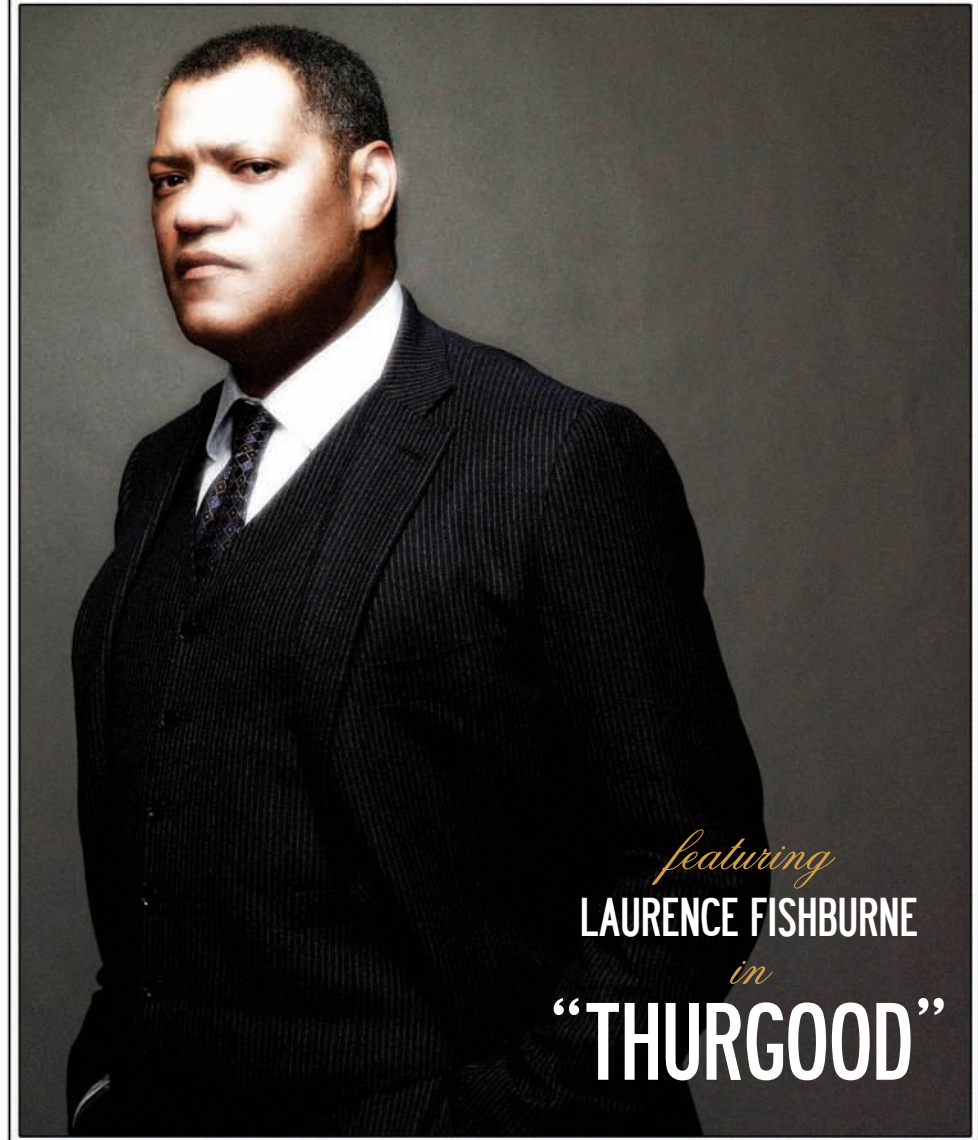
THE LEAGUE OF ALLIED ARTS CORPORATION



70th Anniversary

**PLAYBILL**

GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE



Laurence Fishburne in  
**THURGOOD**

A Play by George Stevens, Jr.

Directed by Leonard Foglia



Tony Award Winner, Emmy Award Winner and Oscar Nominee Laurence Fishburne transforms into Thurgood Marshall to tell the triumphant story of how a boy from the backstreets of Baltimore changed history. From arguing the 1954 landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education* to becoming the first African-American Supreme Court justice, Thurgood Marshall's tenacious advocacy broke open the civil rights movement, paving the way for the young African-American leaders of our future.

LEAGUE OF ALLIED ARTS 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The League of Allied Arts was established in 1939, when Langston Hughes came to Los Angeles and no theatre would permit an African American to present a play. Fortunately, two friends of Langston's - Dorothy Vena Johnson and Juanita Miller decided to pool their resources and create a theatre space on Central Avenue where Langston was able to successfully present his play - *Don't I Wanna Be Free*. And the rest is history.

These two visionary women realized that if African American artists were to have the opportunity to create and present their artistic endeavors, and African American lovers of the arts were to have the opportunity to enjoy the works of our artists- we had to support the artists and the arts. Thus they founded the League of Allied Arts.

The League of Allied Arts Incorporated is now celebrating its 70th Anniversary. Its members and alumnae continue a rich legacy and tradition: to advocate for and support the artists and the arts, to provide cultural enrichment for the community, and to raise funds for scholarships for students to pursue their studies of the arts. The League is grateful to its countless supporters over the years, for their contributions to the League's programs, the scholarship fund, and to the artists and the arts for, "since 1939, the League has been keeping the arts 'central' in the Los Angeles community.

*\*100 Los Angeles Area High School Students to receive tickets to see the Play and dialogue with Laurence Fishburne in conjunction with the League Scholarship Fund, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and the Langston Bar Association.\**

The League of Allied Arts Corporation  
*70th Anniversary Celebration*  
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010

**GEFFEN PLAYHOUSE**

10886 Le Conte Avenue

Westwood Village, Los Angeles, California

**6:30PM ~ RECEPTION HONORING THE LEAGUE**

Hosted by The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Los Angeles County Supervisor Second District

**7:00PM ~ PROGRAM**

**LEAGUE SUSTAINING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Funded by The League, Northrop Grumman,  
and the Fuller B. Gordy Mentors' Fund

*League Honors*

Presented to: Laurence Fishburne

**8:00PM ~ THEATRE PERFORMANCE**

(90 minutes/no intermission)

**PLATINUM TICKETS**

Reception & Orchestra  
seating ~ Donation:  
\$150 per person

**GOLDEN TICKETS**

Reception & Mezzanine  
seating ~ Donation:  
\$100 per person