

UF School of Theatre and Dance to Stage Encore Performance of “Gator Tales” at 2015 Oral History Association Annual Meeting in Tampa

Gainesville, FL—On Thursday, October 15, 2015, the UF School of Theatre and Dance will stage an encore performance of “Gator Tales” at the Oral History Association Annual Meeting at the Tampa Bay History Center in Tampa, Florida. “Gator Tales,” an archival drama, is based on oral histories from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP) and the African American History Project (AAHP) archives and brings to life the unique experiences of African American students at the University of Florida from integration to the present.

The cast performed for sold out audiences during the show’s first run at the University of Florida from February 13-22, 2015, and also performed “Gator Tales” at the International Collegiate Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland this summer.

A behind-the-scenes look at “Gator Tales” is available on Vimeo and the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program website: <https://vimeo.com/119245728>

The “Gator Tales” performance will begin at 7:30 pm on Thursday evening in TECO Hall, and followed by a brief, post-show talk-back between the audience, play director Kevin Marshall, the cast, and Dr. Paul Ortiz, Director of SPOHP. The talk-back is an opportunity for the audience to pose questions and discuss any of the themes the play presents. Audience members will also be asked to fill out a brief survey evaluating the production.

“Gator Tales” will be free and open to the public, and is organized by SPOHP and the UF School of Theatre, with co-sponsorship by the Florida Humanities Council.

For more information about the Oral History Association Meeting Annual Meeting, please visit: <http://www.oralhistory.org/annual-meeting/>.

For more information about this event or the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, please call (352)-392-7168 or visit <http://oral.history.ufl.edu/>.

For more information about the UF School of Theatre and Dance, please visit <http://arts.ufl.edu/academics/theatre-and-dance/>.

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