



The Dillard University Theatre Program will continue its 76th season this month with a six-show run of ***For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf***, Ntozake Shange's award-winning 1975 drama. The show opens Friday, March 23 at 8 p.m. in Dillard's Cook Theatre and runs through Sunday, April 1.

The play uses poetry and dance to tell the story of seven women and their struggles with love, faith and abuse. "The audience will experience the fears, joys, tears and laughter that all people can relate to," says Patience Rayford, a Dillard alumna from the class of 2006, who is directing the production. "Ntozake Shange said, 'Where there is woman, there is magic.' That's what we hope to bring to our audience."

Before each performance, the cast and crew will pay tribute to a different woman from the greater New Orleans community as part of a new initiative, created by Rayford, called For NOLA Girls. Honorees will be selected for their work as social activists and entrepreneurs, and their influence in the community.

Tickets are \$15, and \$10 for seniors and students. For ticket information, call the Dillard University Box Office at (504) 816-4857. Several school matinees will also be produced.

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