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### **Harris-Stowe is New Home for The Black Rep's 37<sup>th</sup> Season**

*Historic partnership of two legendary organizations to bring the arts and education communities together*

ST. LOUIS, MO (October 17, 2013) – Harris-Stowe State University and The Black Rep have announced today that the theatre company will perform its 37<sup>th</sup> season at the university's Emerson Performance Center Bank of America Theatre. Three of its four productions this upcoming season will take place at HSSU.

Considered the premier African-American theatre company in the nation, The Black Rep, which was formerly housed in Grandel Theatre, will kick off its season in December on the Emerson stage. Interim President Constance Gully remarked that the partnership is an exciting venture for both Harris-Stowe and The Black Rep.

“It just makes sense for two renowned institutions to come together and integrate the resources to which we both have access,” said Gully. “We are looking forward to exposing our students to the rich tradition that The Black Rep has always brought to this community and are pleased to work with Ron Himes on this collaboration. Our student theatre group, The Harris-Stowe Players, will have the opportunity to be hands on with the best in theatre, and that is such an honor.”

Himes shared Gully's sentiments and expressed that the partnership couldn't be timelier. “We're honored to be part of this school, which has been at the heart of St. Louis education since before the Civil War,” he said. “It meshes with The Black Rep's dedication to the city, from our start on St. Louis Avenue, through our many great years at the Grandel Theatre and now at Harris-Stowe State University.”

The lineup of plays to be presented this season will be announced by Himes in the weeks to come. Season tickets for The Black Rep's 37<sup>th</sup> season are on sale now and can be purchased by calling (314) 534-3807 or by visiting [www.theblackrep.org](http://www.theblackrep.org). Single tickets for individual shows will go on sale November 25. Additionally, there will be \$10 student rush tickets also available.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 15 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Middle School Education, Educational Studies, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America's Best

Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the state of Missouri. HSSU is home of the Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute.

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