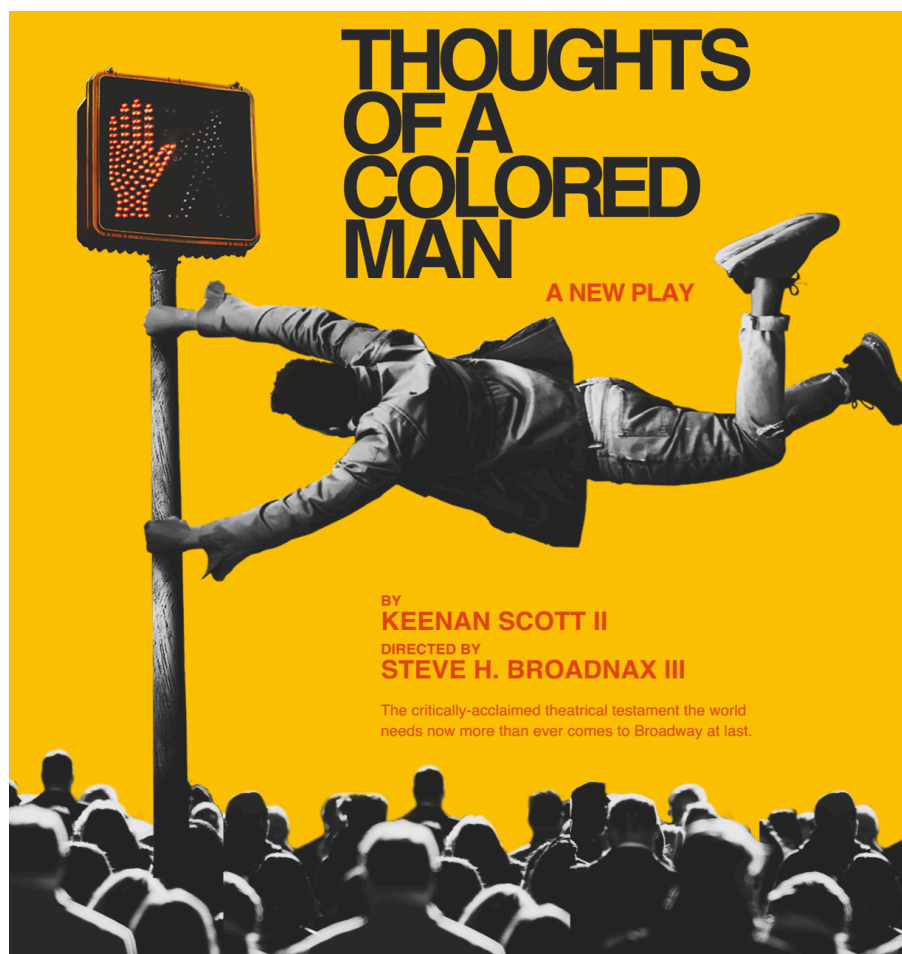


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BLACKS ON BROADWAY

“Thoughts of a Colored Man” Will Put Black Men Front And Center!

At a time when Black men in this country feel that their lives are in danger from abusive police officers and racists and they feel that their voices don't seem to matter and no one is listening anyway. It is so refreshing to know that a young, Black playwright is making his Broadway debut with a play about Black men. Keenan Scott II, will open his drama, “Thoughts of a Colored Man” at the Golden Theater, located at 252 W 45th Street on October 1, 2021. The play will share seven Black men talking about their hopes, sorrows, fears and joys. They will deliver those thoughts utilizing spoken word, slam poetry and rhythm. These seven men will reveal the inner lives of Black men.



Scott is a playwright, poet, actor, director and producer. Looking back at the history of this play it was first workshopped and developed at The Arena Stage and New York Theatre Workshop. It premiered at Syracuse Stage in 2019-2020 and transferred to Baltimore Center Stage. Now, Broadway bound, Scott has received a great honor, as he has been named a TED2021 Fellow. The TED Fellows Program recognizes people at work on world-changing ideas, offering them tools to amplify the power of their vision.

Each year, a new group of 20 fellows from around the world, and from every discipline, are welcomed into this incredible international community of remarkable thinkers and doers who have shown unusual accomplishment, exceptional courage, and the potential to create positive change around the world in their respective fields. How amazing it must be to be recognized in such a way.

The ensemble cast members of this provocative drama are men that we all will easily and happily recognize. They come with stage, television and screen experience. One of my favorite actors, veteran Keith David, who starred on Broadway in “Seven Guitars” and has done countless movies will be a member of this incredible cast. He will be joined by Luke James, who everyone will know from “The Chi,” Dyllon Burnside, who just finished a phenomenal run on “Pose,” Bryan Terrell Clark who starred in “Hamilton” on Broadway, Tristan “Mack” Wilds who made his mark on “The Wire,” Forrest McClendon who was seen in “The Scottsboro Boys,” and Da’Vinchi, who will be in Showtime’s “Black Mafia Family.”

The production will have direction by Black director Steve H. Broadnax. It also is being produced by Black producers Brian Moreland, Ron Simons, and Sheryl Lee Ralph, along with Samira Wiley and Dianna Dimenna. The creative team includes music by TeLa and Brother Kamau, set design by Tony Award nominee Robert Brill, co-costume design by Tony Award nominee and Drama Desk Award winner Toni Leslie James and Devario D. Simmons, lighting design by Ryan O’Gara, projection design by Tony and Drama Desk Award nominee Seven Ortel, and sound design by Mikhaal Sulaiman.

“Thoughts of a Colored Man” will be a production to experience, a chance to hear what our Black men are thinking about. It will finally put Black men front and center on Broadway!

For tickets go to www.thoughtsofacoloredman.com or call 800-447-7400