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El Camino College Compton Center Theater Arts Program Presents "Two Trains Running"

The El Camino College Compton Center Theater Arts Program is presenting *Two Trains Running*, written by the Pulitzer Prize-winning August Wilson, on November 19-24, at 7:30 p.m., with a 3:00 p.m. Sunday matinee only on November 22. The production is presented at El Camino College Compton Center, Building Y, Room 82. Admission is \$5 and seating is limited.

The presentation is produced through a special arrangement with Samuel French Play Service and directed by Dr. P.J. Van Niel, who formed the program in 1972 and has been at its helm ever since. Dr. Van Niel has received a Kennedy Center award from the American College Theatre Association for dedicated service in leading a small department. This production is special in that it is a participating entry in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, which annually aims to recognize and celebrate the finest and most diverse work produced in university and college theater programs.

Two Trains Running is one of a series of plays dealing with African American culture and history in the twentieth century, and centers around the manner in which the poor urban black community reacted to legal victories of the civil rights movement. The play has been described as one of Wilson's most pointedly political works and the story takes place during the heyday of the black power movement, a time of great upheaval in the U.S. race relations.

The El Camino College Compton Center theater arts program focuses coursework and production by exploring theater in the context of history, psychology, ethics and morality, physical movement, spatial relationships and concepts of balance. It encompasses reality-based acting, directing, design and stagecraft. A sense of community is fostered in the theater classroom and in each production.

For information about the production or the theater arts program, contact the El Camino College Theater Arts Program at 310-900-1600, ext. 2966.

El Camino College Compton Center is accredited and serving the residents of our local communities. Students may earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or receive career training. Fees are only \$26 per unit. The college catalog and class schedule for day, evening, weekend and online courses is available on the Web site at www.compton.edu or may be picked up at El Camino College Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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