



**News Release  
Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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**Virginia Rep Introduces Felicia Curry  
as Celie in *The Color Purple***

**Public Auditions for Remaining Cast on November 2, 2013**

**EMCEE hosts include Radio One, Cheryl Miller from Channel 6, and  
Karla Redditte from Channel 12**

Richmond, VA – Virginia Repertory Theatre introduces Washington, DC actor, Felicia Curry, in the lead role of Celie in the 2014 summer production of *The Color Purple*. This inspiring musical based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Alice Walker, features a joyous score of jazz, ragtime, African music and blues. The show will run June 19 through August 3, 2014 at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, 114 West Broad Street.

Felicia Curry is one of the regions most sought after musical theatre performers. She has performed on stage at many of the nation's leading regional theatres, including Arena Stage, Signature Theatre, Ford's Theatre, Studio Theatre and has been seen in multiple productions on The Kennedy Center stage. She is a Helen Hayes Award recipient for her work in Signature Theatre's groundbreaking production of *Les Miserables* and a Helen Hayes nominee for her work in *Godspell* and *Aida* at Toby's Dinner Theatre. She has toured nationally with the Capital Steps and Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka*.

**Public auditions** for the remaining roles in *The Color Purple* will take place on Saturday, November 2, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Local celebrities from Radio One, CBS-6, and NBC-12 will EMCEE the event. The casting call is for African American adults and children ages 7 and up who are strong singers, actors, and dancers. Auditions are by appointment in two-hour sessions: 10:00 a.m. to noon, noon to 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Those auditioning will be asked to perform one of five songs. Accompaniment lyrics and tracks can be downloaded from the website. Family and friends are invited to watch the audition. Admission is free and open to the public.

For downloads, online forms, and more details on the auditions and show please visit <http://va-rep.org/auditions.html> or email [casting@va-rep.org](mailto:casting@va-rep.org) or call 783-1688 option 3.

For information about tickets for *The Color Purple* coming June 19 – August 3, 2014 visit [http://va-rep.org/show\\_color\\_purple.html](http://va-rep.org/show_color_purple.html).

#### **Ticket Information for *The Color Purple***

Box Office 804-282-2620

[www.va-rep.org](http://www.va-rep.org)

**Full Price Tickets:** \$48-\$60

**Discounted Group Rates and Rush tickets available.**

**U-Tix for college and high school students \$15. Available by phone or in person day of show only. Student ID required.**

**The Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre is equipped with a new state-of-the-art induction loop hearing system that is compatible with all telecoil-equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants. A handheld receiver and headphone system is also available free of charge for anyone who is hearing impaired.**

#### **About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre, located in Richmond, VA, combines the talents and strengths of two nonprofit companies that shared facilities, resources, and management teams for over a decade. Now the heritages of Barksdale Theatre (founded in 1953) and Theatre IV (founded in 1975) live on in their new form, as Central Virginia's leading professional theater company. Virginia Rep presents national caliber productions of the great dramas, comedies, and musicals as well as classics, contemporary works, and world premieres, always seeking to demonstrate the unique power of theater to engage, enthrall, educate, and inspire. Productions are staged at four distinct venues: the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre and Theatre Gym at the downtown Virginia Rep

Center, Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre of Virginia located at Willow Lawn, and at Hanover Tavern, home to Virginia Rep's Barksdale Season.

