



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 20, 2018**

**Broadway Center and University of Washington Tacoma present  
Bruce Norris's Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning drama, "Clybourne Park"  
At Broadway Center's Studio 3 from May 4–May 12  
*Race and real estate collide in a series of emotional, explosive, and at times darkly funny  
confrontations***

**TACOMA, WASH.** – Broadway Center and UW Tacoma team up this spring to present "Clybourne Park," a darkly humorous drama exploring issues of race and real estate in America. The play is directed by Marilyn Bennett and features a local cast and crew comprised of community members and UW Tacoma students. Performances run May 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7:30pm, and May 6 at 3pm. [Tickets are free for UW Tacoma students and \\$15 for the general public, and are on sale now.](#)

Winner of both the Tony Award for Best Play (2009) and a Pulitzer Prize (2011), Bruce Norris' "Clybourne Park" imagines the circumstances after Lorraine Hansberry's groundbreaking play, "A Raisin in the Sun"—New York Drama Circle's Best Play of 1959—immediately after the play, and fifty years later, in 2009. As race and real estate collide in a series of emotional, explosive, and at times shocking confrontations, "Clybourne Park" challenges our notions of how far we have come toward true racial acceptance.

Warning: "Clybourne Park" contains adult material, language, and themes.

**Ensemble members:**

Nikkia Atkinson (Francine/Lena) UWT '11  
Joanadene Howard (Betsy/Lindsey) UWT '19  
Deya Ozburne (Bev, Kathy), local actor; Affiliate Artist, Toy Boat Theatre  
Mark Peterson (Albert/Kevin), local actor  
Jed Slaughter (Russ/Dan), local actor  
Jason Sharp (Karl/Steve), local actor  
Charlie Stevens (Jim/Tom/Kenneth), Rogers High School, '19

**Production Team:**

Marilyn Bennett, Director; Founding Artistic Director, Toy Boat Theatre; Adjunct Faculty, UW Tacoma  
Lydia Valentine, Assistant Director; Faculty member, Seattle Girls' School  
Kait Mahoney, Stage Manager, local theatre artist  
Jillian Lee, Assistant Stage Manager, local theatre artist, UWT '15  
Michael Kula, UWT SIAS Faculty Liaison  
Deaf Character Resource: Melanie Gladstone; local theatre artist, teacher of the deaf

**Design Team:**

Nic Olson, Scene and Lighting Design; Artistic Director, New Muses Theatre  
Dylan Twiner, Sound Design; local theatre artist, faculty, Charles Wright Academy  
Naarah McDonald, Costume Design; local theatre artist, owner, Productivity Parlour

[Toy Boat Theatre company](#) members run from emerging theatre makers to seasoned pros. The company has engaged in several community and university collaborations, and favors unpretentious yet literate plays that make an honest emotional connection, and explore issues that hold up as the central focus of a production.

[Tickets to “Clybourne Park” are free for UW Tacoma students and are on sale now to the general public for \\$15.](#) To buy now, call the Broadway Center Box Office at 253.591.5894, toll-free 1.800.291.7593, online at [BroadwayCenter.org](#), or in person at 901 Broadway in Tacoma's Theater District.

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