



## Arts on the Lake to Offer Theatre Ticket Scholarships to Students

Arts on the Lake plans to offer 4 to 6 theatre-ticket scholarships to local students to attend *Paradise Blue*, a new play by Dominique Morisseau at the Signature Theatre in New York City on Saturday, May 5, at 2 pm, as part of its Theatre Connections 2018 program.

AotL Theatre Connections 2018 has included new play readings at the Arts Center on Route 52 and now includes this theatre trip for Arts on the Lake supporters, patrons and students.

Author of *The Detroit Project* (a 3-Play Cycle of which *Paradise Blue* is part), award-winning playwright Dominique Morisseau is in residency at the Signature Theatre this year and also is Executive Story Editor on the Showtime series “Shameless.”

Set in 1949, *Paradise Blue* is the story of a troubled trumpeter and his ownership of the Paradise Club jazz club in Detroit’s Blackbottom neighborhood.

“We chose it for our first theatre trip,” said AotL’s Director of Theatrical Programming James Shearwood, “because of the stature of the Signature Theatre and because the play is a look at the changes a community endures to find its resilience.”

College and high school students who wish to apply for these fully-paid tickets should send an email to [theatre@artsonthelake.org](mailto:theatre@artsonthelake.org) giving a one or two sentence reason for wanting to attend. The email needs to be received by April 18. Winners will be announced by email within two days.

Parents who wish to attend with their children may purchase tickets (while they last) on the AotL website at [www.artsonthelake.org](http://www.artsonthelake.org).

Students (and others) will be responsible for round-trip travel to the theatre, but will be encouraged to take the 11:08 train from Southeast with other members of the group.

To underwrite this program, Arts on the Lake is accepting donations at [www.artsonthelake.org/donate.php](http://www.artsonthelake.org/donate.php). Questions can be answered at [theatre@artsonthelake.org](mailto:theatre@artsonthelake.org) or at (845) 228-2685 (AOTL).