

Strong female cast announced for San Jose Rep's 'Black Pearl Sings!'

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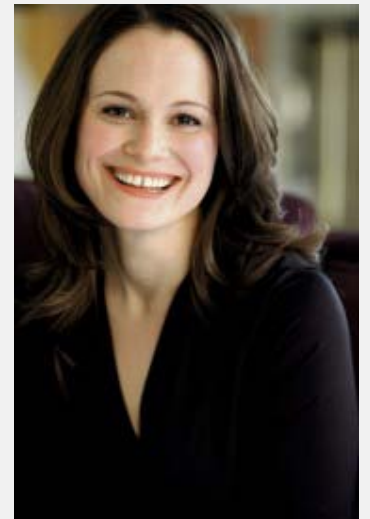
Music unites the strangers in a powerful story that illuminates America's racial divisions and the attempts of the two women to bridge them. Performances begin September 2nd and continue until September 26th. Pay What You Will performance is on Thursday, September 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Jannie Jones (Pearl) recently received critical acclaim in the National Broadway tour of All Shook Up as Sylvia. Her Broadway and off-Broadway credits include The Full Monty, Mama I Want to Sing, and Faith's Journey. Additional credits include Hair and August Wilson's Women. She received critical acclaim for her one-woman shows My Castle's Rockin': The Alberta Hunter Story and Ethel Waters: His Eye Is On The Sparrow, which premiered at Florida Studio Theatre. Jones has toured nationally and internationally to more than 23 countries.



Jannie Jones (Pearl)

Jessica Wortham (Susannah) has performed in David Mamet's Boston Marriage at Capital Repertory Theatre; Green Girl at the Public Theater; The Ruby Sunrise, Merry Wives of Windsor, and A Christmas Carol at Trinity Repertory Company; Crime and Punishment, Twelfth Night, Dracula, and the Humana Festival premieres of The Ruby Sunrise, No. 11 (Blue and White) and Back Story, all for Actors Theatre of Louisville. Internationally she has appeared in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof at the English Theatre Frankfurt and Crimes of the Heart at Vienna's English Theatre.



Jessica Wortham (Susannah)

Black Pearl Sings! is written by Frank Higgins and directed by the Rep's Artistic Director Rick Lombardo.

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