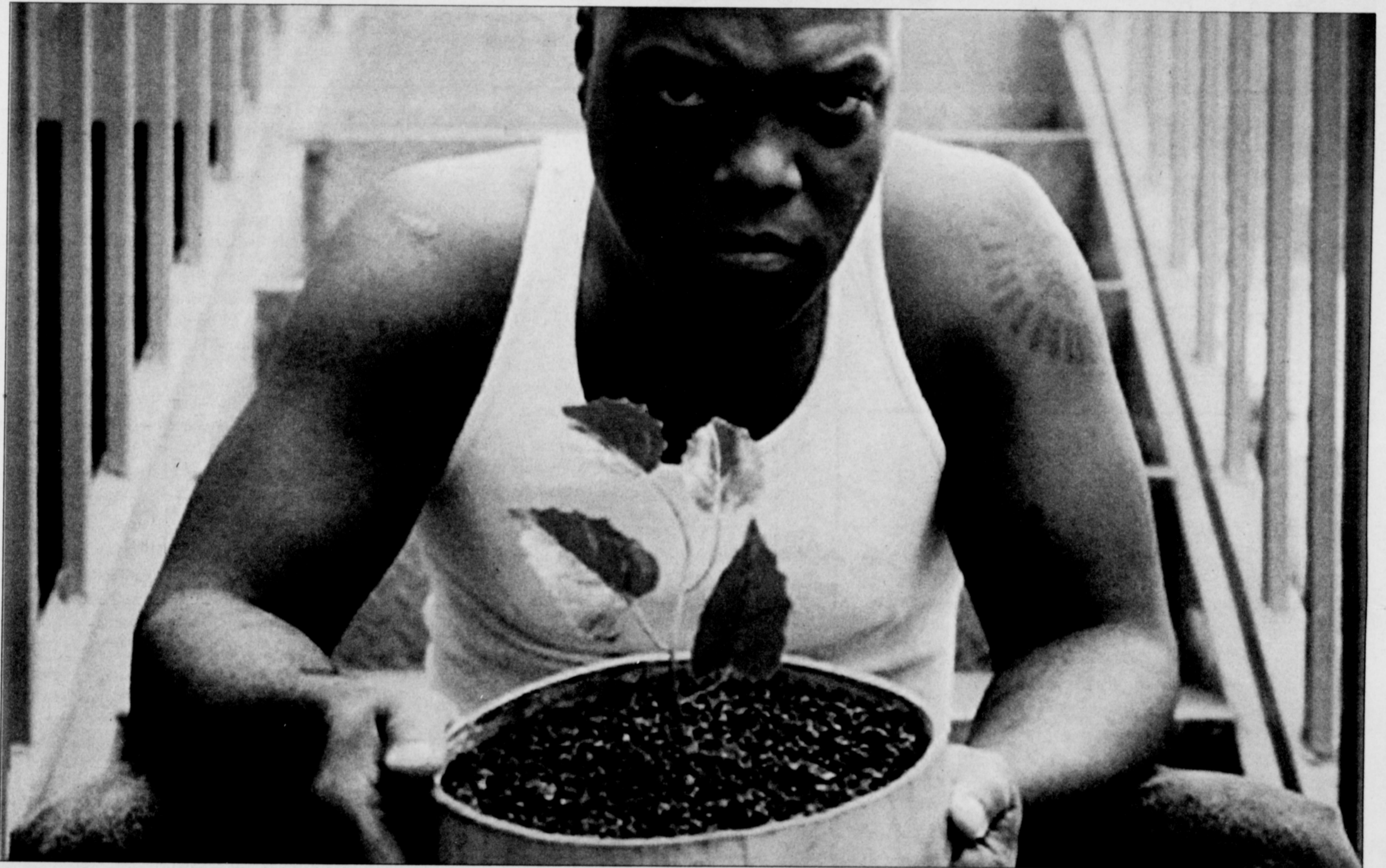




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Struggling with the Past and Future *Playhouse presents another August Wilson play*

Portland Playhouse's production of *King Hedley II* by August Wilson opens this weekend, continuing the Playhouse's exploration of the African-American Wilson's dramatic works. Tickets are available for previews on Thursday, Dec. 6 and Friday, Dec. 7, with performances from Saturday, Dec. 8 through Dec. 30 at Portland Playhouse, 602 N.E. Prescott St.

King Hedley II, set in the mid-1980s in a Pittsburgh plagued by desperation, blight, and drive-by shootings, tells the story of a man and his community struggling to reconcile with the past and build for the future.

Emmy Award-winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival actor Peter Macon will make his Portland debut as King, headlining a strong cast that includes beloved actors Victor Mack, Ramona Lisa, and Vin Shambry,

as well as John Cothran.

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Portland Playhouse, now in its fifth season of making theatre for diverse audiences in Portland, is dedicated to producing quality, intimate performances in which the interaction between artists and audience is paramount.

Tickets are \$15 to \$35 and available at the box office, by calling 503-205-0715 or visiting portlandplayhouse.org.