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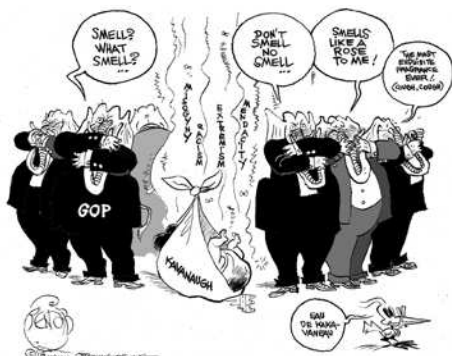
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Actor Seth Rue (left) and director Bobby Bermea tackle issues of race and class in the groundbreaking, one-person play 'Fires in the Mirror' from Portland's Profile Theater and showing Oct. 10 through Oct. 21 at Artists Repertory Theatre, downtown.

# On Race and Class

## Portland Profile Theater tackles a divided nation

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At a time in our nation when there is much division, giving a theatrical voice to the diversity in our humanity is a great way to start Portland's Profile Theatre current new season which focuses solely on female and person-of-color playwrights, led by a local black actor and director of color.

"Fires in the Mirror" is a groundbreaking theater production that gives voice to the people directly impacted or involved in the unrest that ensued in Brooklyn, N.Y. after a racial and religious tragedy. Based on true events, the play follows the tension that occurred in 1991 when an African-American child was hit and killed by a car in a rabbi's motorcade and a Jewish man was slain in retaliation.

The one-person play stars Portland actor Seth Rue, who transforms himself into multiple real-life witnesses to the Crown Heights riots. The show is

directed by another local favorite, Bobby Bermea. "Fires in the Mirror" was written by Anna Deavere Smith, an African American actress, writer and educator who has dedicated her career to exploring the intersection of art and social justice.

In 1992, Deavere Smith performed the lead role in a trailblazing form of storytelling theater that established her as a force in the playwright world. She interviewed many people connected to the Crown Heights events, among them the Afro-Caribbean community, the Lubavitcher Jewish community, and civil rights activists including Rev. Al Sharpton and Angela Davis.

Smith turned her interviews into a script and performed them as a one-woman show, offering a full and complex view of the unrest.

Profile Theatre presents the play for 10 days only, from Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 21 on the Morrison Stage at the Artists Repertory Theatre, downtown.

Rue, a local actor known for his role in the TV

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# Amazon Hiring 2,000 Workers

Amazon announced Tuesday it will start hiring for more than 2,000 seasonal and full-time roles for its customer fulfillment centers and delivery facilities around Portland.

The online retailer said it expects to make hundreds of on-the-spot job offers and hopes these positions can be the start of a long

career at Amazon. The company said job candidates can walk in, apply and receive a job offer on the spot at a hiring event or apply online at amazon.com/portlandjobs. One of the hiring events takes place Thursday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Amazon Fulfillment Center Staffing Office, 1250 N.W. Swigert Way in

Troutdale.

A recently announced Amazon \$15 minimum wage will apply to all hourly associates on top of Amazon benefits, which apply to full-time, part-time, and seasonal associates, officials said. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent.