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FREE PLAY ON SATURDAY AT RIVERTOWN THEATERS FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Kenner, LA. – A free performance of the comedy “The Slabtown District Convention” will held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 at the Rivertown Theaters for the Performing Arts, 325 Minor St.

The play is an extension of the Black Heritage Festival events. That celebration took place on Feb. 11 in Rivertown. State 5th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Marc Johnson, who coordinated the return of the Black Heritage Festival, said a free play for the community will become a yearly part of the festival.

Slabtown is a comedy about a group of characters traveling to a black Baptist Church convention. It has been presented in Kenner several times in the past 30 years, and Johnson said his grandfather was a part of a group of residents that put on the popular play in the 1980s and 1990s.

“This is an opportunity to emphasize the importance of the church in African-American history,” Johnson said. “It’s a comedy, yet it gives you a sense of the importance of the church as an institution in the black community – not just for people to practice their faith but also for people to socialize, come together and do other activities.”

The doors at the Rivertown Theaters open at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Johnson at (504) 376-1440.

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