

William Marshall to appear in "As Adam Early in the Morning"

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William Marshall, noted Black actor, will appear in a one-man dramatized poetry performance Monday, June 3, at the University of California, San Diego.

The program, titled "As Adam Early in the Morning," will be presented at 8 p.m. in the UCSD Theatre on the Matthews campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Marshall first performed "As Adam Early in the Morning" on KNBC-TV in Los Angeles one year ago. The show received two Emmy Award nominations, one for producer and one for individual achievement by an actor.

Man's journey through life is recounted in the program through the works of such writers as Walt Whitman ("Song of Myself"), James Weldon Johnson ("The Creation"), Richard Wright ("Between the World and Me"), Billy Strayhorn ("Lush Life"), Victor Hernandez Cruz ("Urban Dream"), Marvin X ("The Peoples' Child"), Edmond Rostandt ("Cyrano de Bergerac) and William Shakespeare ("As You Like It").

The effect is that of one man alone in all existence, musing on creation, youth, old age, death and oblivion through the dramatization of song and poetry.

Marshall has appeared on Broadway and television and in motion pictures. His theater credits include "The Green Pastures," "Oedipus Rex," "Othello" and "Toys in the Attic."

He has made guest appearances on the television shows "Bonanza," "Star Trek," "Daniel Boone" and "The Man from Uncle." Recent film roles have included parts in "Zig Zag," "Shelia" and "Mask of Sheba."

For the past five years, he has been a professor of Black theater and Black arts at San Fernando Valley State College in Northridge.

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