

Contemporary Black Arts Program presents an evening with actress Ruby Dee

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THE UCSD CONTEMPORARY BLACK ARTS PROGRAM ON FEB. 20 PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH RUBY DEE

Actress Ruby Dee will appear for one evening at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium, at the University of California, San Diego.

Ruby Dee is an author, a civil rights activist, director, and former newspaper columnist for the New York City Amsterdam News. She started her acting career in the early forties as an apprentice for the American Negro Theater. For three decades she has performed in some of the most acclaimed Hollywood and Broadway productions, as well as having made numerous television appearances.

Dee's one-woman presentation, "An Evening With Ruby Dee," will dramatize the writings of Edna St. Vincent Millay, Judith Viorst, Carolyn M. Rogers, Rosa Guy, Gwendolyn Brooks, Nikki Giovanni, La Verne Davis, and herself, among others.

Dee and her husband, actor and director Ossie Davis, currently host a National Public Broadcasting Network series called "Ossie & Ruby." Dee and Davis introduce and discuss a series of 12 teleplays, which includes episodes of comedy, drama, and ghost tales.

On stage, Dee has appeared in "Raisin in the Sun," "Purlie Victorious," "The Imaginary Invalid," "Wedding Band," "Boseman and Lena," "Anna Lucasta," and "Taming of the Shrew." Her motion picture credits include, "Gone are the Days," "The Jackie Robinson Story," "Take a Giant Step," "St. Louis Blues," "A Raisin in the Sun," "Purlie Victorious," and "Buck and the Preacher."

Dee's numerous television appearances include "It's Good to be Alive," "Police Woman," "Peyton Place," "The Defenders," "Today is Ours," and television films, "Roots: the Next Generation," "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "Wedding Band," "All God's Children," and "To be Young, Gifted and Black." For four years, she and Ossie Davis hosted a radio show called, "The Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee Story Hour," as well as produced a literary television series together.

In 1971, Dee won the Obie award for her performance of the off-Broadway production of "Boseman and Lena," and in 1974 she was the winner of the Drama Desk Award. For participation in urban and civil rights efforts, in 1972 Dee received the annual Martin L. King Jr. award for her participation in Operation PUSH, and she and Davis were the recipients of the Frederick Douglass award in 1972 for their participation in the New York Urban League.

Tickets for "An Evening With Ruby Dee" are available from the UCSD Box Office and from TicketMaster outlets. General admission is \$10; seniors, \$8; and students, \$6.

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