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Virginia Repertory Theatre**

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**Virginia Rep's Children's Theatre Presents  
*Songs from the Soul*  
Written and Directed by William Dye**

**Richmond, VA** – Virginia Rep opens the toe-tapping musical *Songs from the Soul* on Friday, February 2nd at the Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn, the third show of the 2017-18 Children's Season. With book by Richmond native **William Dye** and music spanning genres and generations, this lively musical revue examines the evolution of African-American music - from gospel to motown to rap - and the essential role it has played in American life. The show is part of the Acts of Faith Festival and runs through February 25, 2018 at the Children's Theatre at Willow Lawn, 1601 Willow Lawn Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23230.

Director **William Dye** has assembled a young, energetic cast of local favorites. **William Anderson** returns to Virginia Rep for the second time this season after recently performing in *Akeelah and the Bee* at the Children's Theatre this fall. **Anthony Cosby** (*Little Engine that Could, Dreamgirls*), **Michaela Nicole** (*Fun Home, Beauty and the Beast*) and **Nicole Pearson** (*Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad, The Maggie Walker Story*) are also featured in this ensemble cast. The full cast and production list is below.

Set Design is by **Terrie Powers** (*Akeelah and the Bee, Da*), Lighting Design is by **Skyler Broughman** (*The Little Engine That Could, Buffalo Soldier*) and Costume Design is by Virginia Rep Costume Director **Sue Griffin** (*Mary Poppins, The End of War*).

Virginia Rep is thrilled to offer a [free Community Tickets Grant](#) for nonprofit organizations. We encourage all community groups who have a demonstrated need for

complimentary tickets to complete a short application on our website:  
[bit.ly/CommunityTix](http://bit.ly/CommunityTix)

## **Ticket Information**

**Box Office:** 804-282-2620

[www.virginiarep.org](http://www.virginiarep.org)

**Full Price Tickets:** \$20

**Discounted Group Rates available.**

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## **Direction & Design**

Direction/Music Direction

William Dye

Lighting Design

Skyler Broughman

Costume Design

Sue Griffin

Set Design

Terrie Powers

Stage Management

Lydia Crush

Sound Design

Derek Dumais

Tracks

Jason Marks

Props Master

Anna Baldwin

## **Cast List**

William Anderson

Anthony Cosby

Nicole Pearson

Michaela Nicole (Swing)

## **About Virginia Repertory Theatre**

Virginia Repertory Theatre is the regional professional theatre in Richmond, Virginia. With a budget of \$5 million, four unique venues, an educational touring arm, and an annual audience over 530,000, Virginia Rep is one of the largest performing arts organizations in Central Virginia. Virginia Rep stages four seasons annually: the Signature Season at the Sara Belle and Neil November Theatre, Theatre Gym Season in partnership with Cadence Theatre Company, Virginia Rep's Children's Season at Willow Lawn, and the Hanover Tavern Season.

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