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### New Beginnings

The University Theatre 15/16 season kicks off September 25 with the American classic OUR TOWN. This Pulitzer-Prize winning glimpse of American culture is directed by WMU Theatre Alum Kate Thomsen (pictured left).

The minimalist theatrical style of the timeless 1938 play makes it a perfect fit for our intimate York Theatre setting creating a new experience for audiences. The show runs through October 11th, [get your tickets today!](#)
started a new theatre company in conjunction with the Black Arts and Cultural Center. The Face Off Theatre Company is the new face of BACC theatre and will be presenting the play *Chains* starting Oct. 22nd. Connect with them on their [website](#) or via [Facebook](#) and support their work!

The University Theatre Box Office is open Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Walk in or call 269-387-6222. You can also order online.

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**AMERIVILLE and UNIVERSES**

The members of [UNIVERSES](#); Steven Sapp, Mildred Ruiz-Sapp, and William "Ninja" Ruiz, will join WMU Theatre students in the performance of *Ameriville* October 9 - 18 in the Shaw Theatre of the Gilmore Theatre Complex. Using Hurricane Katrina as its inspiration, *Ameriville*, is a highly entertaining performance piece that fuses hip-hop, poetry, flamenco, standup comedy, music and spoken word to encourage conversation about racial oppression in America. The unique residency, supported by the W.K. Kellogg Grant for Racial Healing, has brought the company of Universes to Kalamazoo for an eight week rehearsal and performance schedule that has put WMU theatre students under the direction of and in performance with the professional performers who created *Ameriville* 10 years ago.

UNIVERSES is a national ensemble theatre company of multi-disciplined writer and performers who fuse many performance art forms into their own unique brand of theatre art. The company was formed in the Bronx in 1995 and began performing in the popular urban poetry and music scene of the late 1990s. They have since taken their original pieces around the world, inspiring crowds and sparking conversation about just what it means to be an American citizen: right here and right now.
Remembering Marti Hearron

We celebrated the life of our caring and generous friend, Marti Hearron, in a memorial service this past Sunday hosted by the College of Fine Arts. We miss Marti and are grateful to have been such a big part of her life. Our students benefited from her friendship and generosity for many years - now future students will benefit from her generosity for years to come.