



# FreshVisions Youth Theatre Company

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"...Where a Powerful Product Meets a Powerful Purpose..."

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*A black woman pastor fighting for her faith on two fronts:  
against her own church and her own hidden past. Can she find salvation at...*

## **“The Amen Corner”**

FreshVisions Youth Theatre’s Adult Series presents, “*The Amen Corner*” by legendary award-winning author and playwright **James Baldwin**. “*The Amen Corner*” runs for three weekends: **August 10-12; 17-19 and 24-26** at the historic Germantown Theatre Centre, 4821 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144. **Friday and Saturday performances are at 8PM; Sunday matinees are at 4PM. Ticket donation for all performances is \$15; \$12 for youth under twelve.** (not suggested for youth under the age of age 9) Group rates are available. Free Parking is available next door to the theatre. For further information visit the FreshVisions’ website at [www.fvyt.org](http://www.fvyt.org), e-mail [info@fvyt.org](mailto:info@fvyt.org) or call **267-226-7135/215-713-3898**.

“*The Amen Corner*” is legendary author James Baldwin’s powerful play of love, struggle, redemption, religious fervor and worldly temptation. A charismatic black woman pastor, Margaret Alexander has her devotion to God tested on two fronts: By the forces arrayed against her at her own church-- which she founded, and also by her own hidden and denied past. When faced by the unexpected arrival of her long estranged and now deathly sick husband, Luke, Margaret, and their young adult son David are all now finally forced to face the lies, hypocrisies and denials which were too long hidden. Added to this volatile mix are the several elders of her congregation with their own hidden feelings and secret agendas to enact.

“*The Amen Corner*” is about the stripping of lies and need to be set free by the truth despite the horrific pain, loss and anguish which comes from doing this. Not only are the characters in this amazing piece changed but every member of the audience will be too after having come along as partners with them on this profoundly gripping journey. No one will be the same after experiencing this play. “*The Amen Corner*” is also filled with rousing and poignant gospel music that captures the very spirit and soul of the black church whose fervor, truth and unconquerable spirit originated from the shackles and tears of slavery.

**James Baldwin**, has been an eloquent and original voice in literature and theater for nearly 60 years. He was also a novelist, essayist, poet and social activist and social critic. His works such as *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, *Notes of a Native Son*, *The Fire Next Time* and his other play *Blues for Mr. Charlie* have thrilled and inspired millions for decades and still move and touch us today with their searing truth, humanity and power.

“*The Amen Corner*” is directed by FreshVisions associate director **Thom Wilkins** and features the dazzling acting talent of FreshVisions’ artistic associate and renowned Philadelphia actor, **Damien J. Wallace** as Luke. He has graced a number of our adult series productions, playing: the Mayor in *Day of Absence*, Blue Haven in *Ceremonies in Dark Old Men*, Lincoln in *TopDog/UnderDog* and Jacob in *Four in the Morning*. Paired opposite Damien, is honored veteran FreshVisions professional alumna, **Tanya Scott** as Sister Margaret. Joining them is our other adult alumna performer, **Briana Bailey**. Helping to round out the cast are FreshVisions’ stalwarts **Maxine “Canada” Brown**, **S. Hope Eagle**, **Learley McAllister Wilkins**, **Tyrone Mason** along with new comers to the FreshVisions family, **Lee Anthony Campbell** and **Dione Taylor**.

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