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**TWO RIVER THEATER ANNOUNCES SPECIAL INSIDE TWO RIVER EVENTS FOR YOUR
BLUES AIN'T SWEET LIKE MINE, A WORLD PREMIERE WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
RUBEN SANTIAGO-HUDSON**

RED BANK, NJ— Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, announces Inside special Two River events for its production of *Your Blues Ain't Sweet Like Mine*, a world premiere written and directed by Ruben Santiago-Hudson. Featured in the cast are Brandon J. Dirden (Zeke), Andrew Hovelson (Randall), Merritt Janson (Judith), Roslyn Ruff (Janeece), and Charles Weldon (Zebedee). The production will run through May 3, 2015, with the opening night on April 17, 2015. Single tickets starting at \$20 are now available from 732.345.1400 or tworivertheater.org. *Your Blues Ain't Sweet Like Mine* is sponsored by lead sponsor WBGO Jazz 88.3FM and WBGO.org.

In *Your Blues Ain't Sweet Like Mine*, an Upper West Side dinner party invitation brings an unlikely group together, spawning a passionate and explosive debate on America's relationship to race. Inspired by the play's themes, Two River will present special events that look at America's history and draw the conversation into the present.

**Special Exhibit: The Gene Alexander Peters Collection of Rare & Historic African
American Artifacts, Thursday, April 23 from 6-8pm with a lecture from 7:15-7:45pm**

Two River will exhibit select artifacts from the Gene Alexander Peters Collection of Rare & Historic African American Artifacts in the theater's Lobby on Thursday, April 23 from 6-8pm. Peters will speak about the collection from 7:15-7:45pm and will be available to answer questions. The exhibit chronicles five critical periods for African Americans within the history of America: slavery; segregation & "Jim Crow;" the Civil Rights Era; the Black Power/Black Student Movement; and the Black Panther Party.

Gene Alexander Peters is a cultural history consultant and collector of rare African American artifacts. His collection has been exhibited nationally at numerous landmark educational institutions and museums, including the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in Harlem, NY and the Smithsonian Museum-Anacostia in Washington, DC. For additional information, please visit his website at: WWW.SLAVEHISTORY.ORG.

Nosotros: A Day at the Theater: Spanish-captioned Performance of Your Blues Ain't Sweet Like Mine, Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 2:30-4:45pm

As part of Two River Theater's ongoing Nosotros series, which makes theater accessible to Latino audiences, *Your Blues Ain't Sweet Like Mine* will be translated into Spanish via a screen visible to the audience. While the adults in the family watch the play, their children and grandchildren will enjoy stories, theater games, and snacks in the theater lobby under the supervision of bilingual teaching artists and babysitters. These family-friendly events will take place between the hours of 2:30 and 4:45pm. Tickets for this performance are \$10; patrons should use the code "Spanish captions" when booking.

Special Panel Discussion with Mayor Ed Johnson, Governor James McGreevey and Ruben Santiago-Hudson, Saturday, April 23 from 4:30-6pm

Following the 3pm matinee performance on Sunday, April 26, Two River will present a special discussion about creating social change with Two River Artistic Director John Dias, playwright and director Ruben Santiago-Hudson and two special guests: Ed Johnson, who served the City of Asbury Park from 1998-2013 as Mayor, City Councilman and Chairman of the Urban Enterprise Zone, and former governor of New Jersey James McGreevey. Johnson is a Visiting Scholar & Lecturer in Political Science at Rutgers University and Brookdale Community College. McGreevey currently serves as executive director of the Jersey City Employment and Training Commission; through his work with the commission and other volunteer activities, McGreevey spearheads re-integration programs for former prisoners who are seeking rehabilitation.

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