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TOUGALOO COLLEGE PRESENTS AMIRI BARAKA'S "THE DUTCHMAN"

BEGINNING FRIDAY, APRIL 7 AT 7:00 P.M.

Tougaloo, MS - Tougaloo College will present the *avant garde* playwright, Amiri Baraka's "The Dutchman," as part of its annual Humanities Festival (April 3-7). The play, intended for mature audiences, deals with racial conflict and relationships between blacks and whites, in particular. The subject matter, while thought-provoking, can be inflammatory. Much like the legendary ghost ship for which the play was named, the implication is that the Dutchman will continue to sail "so long as blacks allow the white world to control the premises of the racial debate."

The play is directed by Rebecca Hardin-Thrift (drama instructor at Tougaloo College) and will be presented beginning Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. There is another performance Saturday evening, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. and a Sunday matinee on the 9th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$4.00 and for students with I.D., \$2. For more information, please call 601-977-4512.

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational four-year liberal arts institution, located on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as "The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi," the College is led by its first female president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 88%, well above the national average, and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. More than half (66%) of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. It has produced more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents. Its alumni include Congressman Bennie Thompson, Judges Tomie Green, Denise Sweet Owens and Constance Slaughter-Harvey; scholars and educators Dr. Jayne Sargent, Dr. Jerry Ward, Dr. Oscar Rodgers, Dr. Joffre Whisenton, Dr. Rosentene B. Purnell, and Dr. Joyce Ladner; Attorneys Reuben Anderson, Edward Blackmon, Isaac K. Byrd, Robert Gibbs, Precious Martin and Dennis Sweet; physicians Dr. Aaron Shirley, Dr. Malcolm Taylor, Dr. Myrna Alexander Nickens and Dr. Alphonso Willis; and Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, founder of the Boys Choir of Harlem.