

# Eastern is presenting 'Africa to America'

WILLIMANTIC — The Theater Program at Eastern Connecticut State University will present two performances of “Africa to America: Perspective, Pride and Power” on Sunday at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Proscenium Theatre of the Fine Arts Instructional Center.

Directed by Eastern theater professor DeRon Williams and written by Wendy Coleman, chairwoman of theater arts at Alabama State University, the performance chronicles the history, heritage and legacy of African Americans through oration, music and dance.

The performance depicts the struggles, determination and triumphs of African ancestors and descendants who survived the voyage from Africa to America.

The audience will see representations of some of the most notable icons of the civil rights movement, including Harriet Tubman, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., Angela Davis, Rosa Parks and Barack and Michelle Obama.

It will feature original poetry and choreography by Eastern students. A post-show discussion with Coleman and Williams will follow the 4 p.m. performance.

Tickets are free, however, guests are encouraged to reserve tickets in advance by visiting [easternct.showare.com/africatoamerica](http://easternct.showare.com/africatoamerica). Walk-ins will be accepted as tickets remain available.