

# HoCoPoLitSo

Howard County Poetry & Literature Society  
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## **SUNSET BABY – A Special Presentation with Discussion**

A unique one-night only special presentation of Dominique Morisseau's ***Sunset Baby***, engaging and connecting Howard County and Baltimore audiences, will be presented at **8:00 p.m. Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**, Smith Theatre, Horowitz Center, Howard Community College, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md 21044. **SPECIAL 2-FOR-1 tickets are available at <http://www.repstage.org/Productions/sunsetbaby/> using code: HOCO.** General Admission is \$40.00. This program, presented in partnership with the Howard County Poetry and Literature Society (HoCoPoLitSo), Rep Stage and Center Stage, is made possible by an Outreach Grant from the Howard County Arts Council through Howard County government.

The *Guardian* calls the play, "Smart, entertaining and moving as it grapples with the tensions between past and present while asking penetrating questions about the nature of liberation Morisseau's script, sings with intelligence." Morisseau, who received the Kennedy Prize for Drama in 2014, is a playwright and actress. Her literary work has been featured in the *New York Times* best-selling short-story collection, ***Chicken Soup for the African American Soul***.

This Baltimore/DC area premiere of ***Sunset Baby***, directed Joseph Ritsch, will be performed by Rep Stage and ***streamed live*** to Baltimore's Center Stage followed by post-performance panel discussion facilitated by Production Dramaturg **Khalid Long**.

Khalid Yaya Long, instructor and researcher, is a PhD student in the Theatre and Performance Studies program at the University of Maryland, College Park. His research focuses on African American/Diasporic theatre history, drama, and performance; intersections of race, gender, class, and sexuality; directing and acting. He serves as a representative for the Black Theatre Association (ATHE).

For more information visit [www.repstage.org](http://www.repstage.org), call 443.518.1500 or email [hocopolitso@yahoo.com](mailto:hocopolitso@yahoo.com).

Seniors in Columbia can request transportation by calling the Senior Events Shuttle at (410) 715-3087. HCC is an accessible campus. Accommodation requests should be made to HoCoPoLitSo by May 7, 2015.

For more information about HoCoPoLitSo and its sponsored programs and activities, visit <http://hocopolitso.org>.

HoCoPoLitSo is a nonprofit organization designed to enlarge the audience for contemporary poetry and literature and celebrate culturally diverse literary heritages. Founded in 1974, HoCoPoLitSo sponsors readings with critically acclaimed writers; literary workshops; programs for students; and *The Writing Life*, a writer-to-writer interview show. HoCoPoLitSo receives funding from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the state of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Arts; Howard County Arts Council through a grant from Howard County government; The Columbia Film Society; Community Foundation of Howard County; the Jim and Patty Rouse Charitable Foundation; and individual contributors.