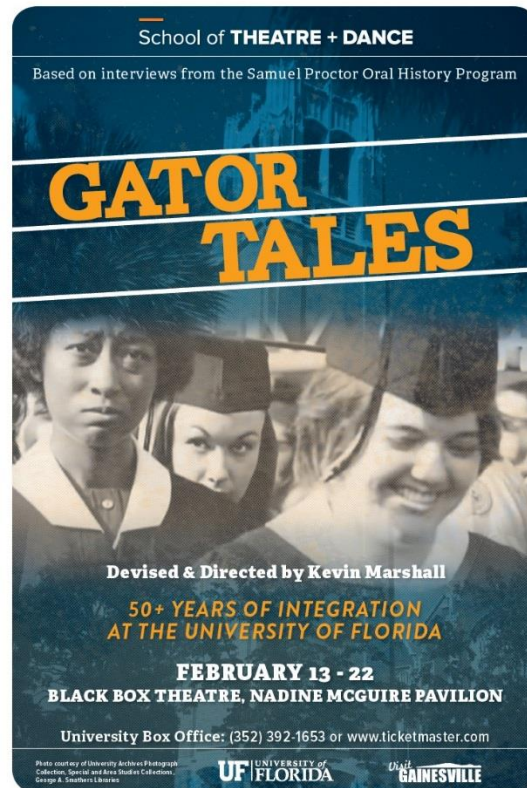


UF School of Theatre and Dance Presents *Gator Tales*

Gainesville, FL— From February 13 to 22, 2015, the UF School of Theatre and Dance will perform a new drama entitled *Gator Tales*, an original play devised and directed by Professor Kevin Marshall in conjunction with the UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP). This is the first time that interviews from the SPOHP collection have been adapted to a full-length theatrical production. Inspired by the unique experiences of African American students at the University of Florida, from the first students who attended more than 50 years ago to members of the current student body, *Gator Tales* dramatizes honored stories from SPOHP's African American History Project archive. This live theatre performance brings vividly to life the voices of local people who struggled for civil rights and the generations that followed. Featured voices include:

- Joel Buchanan
- Ron Coleman
- Bernard Hicks
- Thomas Holland Fay
- Joseph McCloud
- Maime Lee Meath
- Evelyn Moore Mickle
- Stephan Mickle
- Leitha Nichols
- David Padgett
- Laura Scott Reaves
- Samuel Taylor
- Gladys Thompson
- Albert White



Gator Tales will premiere on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Blackbox Theatre at McGuire Pavilion (1800 McCarty Drive). Performances will follow on February 14 and 17-21 at 7:30 pm and on February 15 and 22 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$17 for the general public and \$13 for seniors and UF students, faculty, and staff. Parking is available in the Reitz Union parking garage and the parking lot at Center Drive and Museum Road.

To purchase tickets visit the University Box Office website at http://oconnellcenter.ufl.edu/BoxOffice/University_Box_Office.aspx.

For more information about the UF School of Theatre and Dance, visit <http://www.arts.ufl.edu/welcome/td/>

For more information about the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, call (352) 392-7168 or visit <http://oral.history.ufl.edu/>.