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## Syracuse Shakespeare-In-The-Park Brings You the CNY Regional Premiere of *August: Osage County* by Tracy Letts

Did you know the CNY regional premiere production of ***August: Osage County*** by **Tracy Letts** plays at the **Empire Theatre, NYS Fair**, on *Fri/Sat, Feb 9,10, 16 & 17 at 7:30 pm and Sun, Feb 11 & 18 @ 2 pm?*

Tickets are available at TicketLeap.com and more information is always available on our website, [www.ssitp.org](http://www.ssitp.org). Prices range from \$20 for premium orchestra seats to \$15 through \$10 for mezzanine and balcony seats. *Discounts on non-premium seats are available for seniors 62+, students, and Syracuse University alumni, staff, students and faculty with ID.* Free parking is available at the NYS Fair on a first come, first served basis. Look for the signs that say "**August**" to lead you to the theatre.

The cast is led by **SALT** award winners **Binaifer Dabu** as *Violet Weston* and **Simon Moody** as *Beverly Weston*. The rest of the stellar cast also includes many **SALT** award nominees/winners known for their work throughout the Syracuse theatre community: *Barbara Fordham-Shannon Tompkins, Ivy Weston-Julia Berger, Karen Weston-Marguerite Mitchell, Bill Fordham-Tony Brown, Jean Fordham-Bella Calabria, Steve Heidebrecht-Basil Allen, Mattie Fae Aiken-Kassandra Melendez-Ramirez, Johnna Monevata-Kimberly Grader, Sheriff Deon Gilbeau- Jay Merante, "Little" Charles Aiken- Max Smith and Charlie Aiken-Ronnie Bell*

The powerful play written by **Tracy Letts** in 2007 was an award winning movie subsequent to its debut at the **Steppenwolf Theatre** in Chicago and a very successful **Broadway** and **National Theatre** London run. The play won five **Tony Awards** including **Best Play** and ran for 648 performances in addition to winning the **Pulitzer Prize!**

It has been compared to, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, by the late **Edward Albee**, in its tenacity and ferocity as it sheds many lights on one family, some comic, but mostly tragic. These insights and body blows resonate with families trying to recover from life's twists and turns. How people change us and those we love as we deal with real and imagined problems like success and failure, love and hate and devotion and addiction are powerful forces that can color our existence now and in the future. You will laugh and you will cry but you will never forget this powerful show...

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