



WOODIE KING, JR.'S NEW FEDERAL THEATRE MOVES TO ALL STARS PROJECT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



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The **Castillo Theatre** and the non-profit **All Stars Project** (ASP), announce this week that the **New Federal Theatre** (NFT), founded by **Woodie King, Jr.**, will now make its home at the All Stars performing arts and development center at 543 West 42nd Street.

"**Woodie King, Jr.** has been the country's foremost Black theatre visionary for 50 years" says ASP President and CEO **Gabrielle L. Kurlander**. "Long before the struggles of Black America were presented on Broadway and off-Broadway, **Woodie King** was cultivating Black playwrights, Black actors and Black history on the New Federal stage. Simply put, he is a singular giant in this arena. **The Castillo Theatre**, which honors that tradition in its multicultural work, is deeply proud to give Mr. King and the NFT a new home."

The three-decade-long relationship between Castillo and NFT was initially developed by Mr. King and Castillo's late founding artistic director, FrEd Newman. Since that time, there have been 17 shows produced in association between the two theatres, including their current show **Zora Neale Hurston** by **Laurence Holder**, which runs until November 20, 2016, concurrent with **Castillo's Ain't Never Been Easy** by **Dan Friedman**.

Woodie King, Jr. said of this coming together, "After 46 years of performing on New York's Lower East Side, it is with great joy that the New Federal Theatre now joins the Castillo Theatre, producing at the All Stars' beautiful 42nd St. performing arts center."

The Castillo Theatre (**Dan Friedman**, artistic director, **John Rankin**, associate managing director) is located at 543 West 42nd Street, between 10th and 11th Avenues. For more information call 212-941-9400; tickets can be purchased through the Castillo Box Office at 212-941-1234 or online at www.castillo.org.