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TRINITY REP RESIDENT ACTRESS BARBARA MEEK RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM RHODE ISLAND INTERNATIONAL FRINGE FESTIVAL

AWARD CEREMONY AUGUST 7, AT 7PM AT VETS MEMORIAL

PROVIDENCE, RI: We are thrilled to announce that Trinity Rep's beloved Barbara Meek has been selected as this year's **Roger Williams Independent Voice Award**-winner from the Rhode Island International Film Festival. This award is presented semi-annually to an outstanding artist whose vision promotes tolerance, compassion, and understanding, inspired by Roger Williams' legacy of providing an open door to all people, and will be granted to Ms. Meek at an award ceremony on August 7, 2012 at 7pm at Vets Memorial in Providence.

Ms. Meek has been a member of Trinity Rep's resident acting company since 1968, and in that time has performed in over 100 productions, including *Red Roses for Me, Brother to Dragons, Macbeth, Billy Budd, The Old Glory, House of Breath, Black/White, Wilson in the Promise Land, The Skin of Our Teeth, Lovecraft's Follies, You Can't Take It with You, Son of Man and the Family, The Taming of the Shrew, Love for Love, The Threepenny Opera, Aimee, A Man for All Seasons, Peer Gynt, Tom Jones, Cathedral of Ice, The Little Foxes, Eustace Chisholm and the Works, Rich and Famous, Boesman and Lena, Equus, Whiskey, Uncle Tom's Cabin: A History, A Christmas Carol, The Shadow Box, Death of a Salesman, Sly Fox, The Suicide, 13 Rue de L'Amour, The Dresser, The Front Page, Pygmalion, Bus Stop, The Wild Duck, Jonestown Express, Passion Play, Tartuffe, The Country Wife, Not by Bed Alone, The Beauty Part, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, The Visit, Our Town, Quartermaine's Terms, The Lady from Maxim's, The House of Blue Leaves, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, The Man Who Came to Dinner, Camino Real, The Cherry Orchard, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Red Noses, Italian American Reconciliation, And What of the Night?, The Obscene Bird of Night, Amateurs, Fences, From the Mississippi Delta, Slavs!, Once in a Lifetime, The Return of Don Quixote, Fires in the Mirror, Into the Woods, Romeo and Juliet, Having Our Say, The Music Man, As You Like It, Master Class, My Fair Lady, The School for Scandal, The New England Sonata, Wit, Nickel and Dimed, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Richard II, Henry IV, Henry V, Suddenly Last Summer, Cyrano de Bergerac, Cherry Orchard, Our Town, The Clean House, All the King's Men, Richard III, Blithe Spirit, The Dreams of Antigone, A Raisin in the Sun, The Importance of Being Earnest, Dead Man's Cell Phone, The Syringa Tree, Camelot, The Crucible, Steel Magnolias. Ms. Meek has also performed with Vienna's English Theatre, Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Hilberry Repertory Theatre, Dallas Theater Center, Cleveland Play House, and O'Neill Theater Center. Additionally Ms. Meek has appeared in numerous television shows, including a regular role on *Archie Bunker's Place* and a feature role in the Emmy Award-winning television movie *See How She Runs* with Joanne Woodward.*

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Ms. Meek holds an Honorary Doctor of Arts Degree from the University of Rhode Island, the 2004 Pell Award for Excellence in the Arts, the Foundation for Repertory Theatre Award, the Wayne State University Arts Achievement Award in Theatre, and the Norton Prize for Sustained Excellence. In 2006, she was awarded the Edward Bannister and Christiana Bannister History Makers Award from the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.

The **Rhode Island International Film Festival (RIIFF)** is ranked as one of the top-12 festivals in the United States, and is one of 65 festivals worldwide that is a qualifying festival for the Academy Awards through its partnership with the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences. For more information about this year's FLICKERS: Rhode Island International Film Festival, running Aug. 7 to 12 at The Vets (formerly Veterans memorial Auditorium), please visit their website at www.RIFilmFest.org or call them at 401.861.4445.

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