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## **INSIDE THE FAR AWAY FROM HOME EDITION**

FAR AWAY FROM HOME RECEIVES MAJOR GIFT FROM THE  
FULTON COUNTY DEPT. OF ARTS & CULTURE! YEAAAA!!!

EXPLORE THE ISSUES RAISED BY FAR AWAY FROM HOME

MEET THE FAR AWAY FROM HOME TEAM



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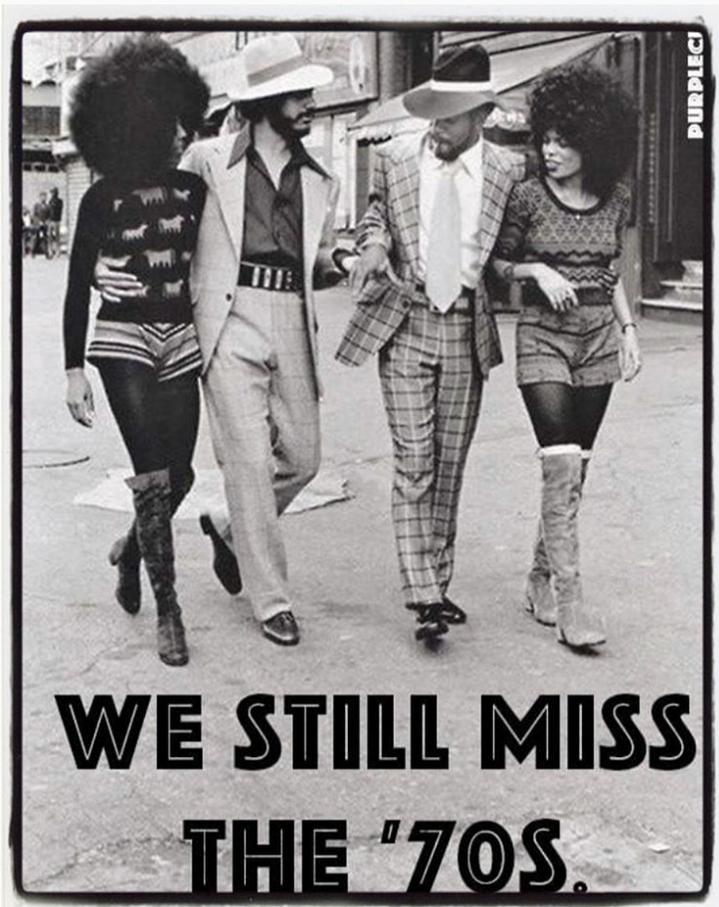
Let's celebrate!!!

We are so excited to announce that *Far Away from Home's* 1st phase of development is sponsored in part with a major gift from the Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture in support of creative entrepreneurs who can produce programming for their residents.

As we've all been relying on the arts (*binge-watching movies + old TV shows, hanging in Club Quarantine with D-Nice, TikToking, etc.*) to help us through COVID-19, racial unrest, politics-craziness, et al - such support from our county is aligned with what we people need right now. Also, recent studies report that 90+% of artists lost a significant part of our income, and 65+% of us lost all of our income due to the pandemic.

**cda** is grateful for an opportunity to employ a few of us artists within the scope of our craft.

Visit [here](#) to grab your **FREE** tickets today!



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## explore the issues raised by far away from home

Followers of my work know that alongside entertaining storytelling, my scripts also share compelling insights about real-time issues that touch us all to various degrees.

*Far Away from Home* is one of my stories with issues that are unfolding as we write and collaborate. I did not intend to write about co-dependency and self-destructive behaviors (now called *dysregulated*). This was supposed to be a simple and fun story that honored my dad with some great, original music ... ha!

LOL - well, it's still that and more. The something more is quite important, actually. I recently reflected on how so many of our love songs and scripted stories elevate unrequited love to something desirable, admirable - and it's not. Far from it.

Read more in my new e-book, "Breaking Free to Breathe: Ending Co-dependency and Dysregulated Behaviors."



Annnd, we get a chance to explore the script-related and obvious topic of fatherhood during a Fulton County Community Conversation following the reading series, as a part of the programming that we're doing for the county.

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meet the **FAR AWAY FROM HOME** team

**EUGENE H. RUSSELL, IV\***

**"GARRIMOND 'GARY' ESTES**

Award-winning, multi-talented native Atlantan: vocalist, musician, songwriter + actor. Regional credits: *East Texas Hotlinks*, *Five Guys Named Moe*, *Nell Gwynn*, *What I Learned in Paris* + more, including movies, TV + CDs.

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Eugene won the prestigious Woodie King, Jr. Award for his performance in *Before It Hits Home*. [READ MORE](#)



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**NAIMA CARTER RUSSELL\***

**"CASSANDRA 'SASSY' ESTES"**

Award-winning FSU alumna. Regional credits include *The Nacirema Society*, *Christmas Carol*, *Big Fish*, *Godspell*, *Children of Eden* + more. Film/TV: "House of Payne," "Let's Stay Together" + more.

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Naima won a Suzi Bass Award for her performance in *Memphis*. [READ MORE](#)



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# TERRY HENRY

## "DAVID ESTES"

Award-winning, versatile singer, actor, instructor + motivational speaker. National credits include: *Crowns*, *Mama Mia*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Return*, *The Amen Corner* + more.

Worked in film/TV with Sidney Poitier, Jasmine Guy, Mo'Nique + Isaiah Washington.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Terry won the LA Theatre Critic's Choice Award for her performance in *Ain't Misbehavin'*. [READ MORE](#)



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# LAMONT HILL

## "ALONZO 'LONZO' MARKS"

Multi-talented actor, songwriter, recording artist + playwright, regional credits include *Jekyll & Hyde*, *PARADE*, *A Lesson Before Dying* + more.

Music available on all digital platforms.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Lamont's performance in Actor's Express' *The Color Purple* contributed to that production's earning of six 2019 Suzi Bass Awards. [READ MORE](#)



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# CANDI DUGAS

## BOOK WRITER/PRODUCER

Award-winning writer, FAH is dr. dugas' 10th full-length script, 1st musical, seasoned producer/manager.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Best Feature Screenplay 2013 Atlanta Urban MediaMakers Film Festival; Writer for \$250K state grant for youth program; Managed multi-million dollar operating + renovation budgets . [READ MORE](#)



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# CC SUNCHILD

## CO-COMPOSER/LYRICIST

Pianist, vocalist + composer who has traveled the world with Patti LaBelle, Bruce Hornsby, Bobby McFerrin, India.Arie + more.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Currently in production as pianist + piano hand double with *Genius:Aretha*. Wrote, produced + released her debut CD, *Air*, available on all platforms. [READ MORE](#)



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# CHRISTIAN MAGBY

## CO-COMPOSER

Award-winning composer; writing + self-producing musicals on regional stages for 10+ years; trained by the Youth Ensemble of Atlanta; SCAD graduate; actor.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Composer for Atlanta Musical Theatre Festival selected, *Mother of God*. Currently recurs in the CW series, "Legacies." [READ MORE](#)



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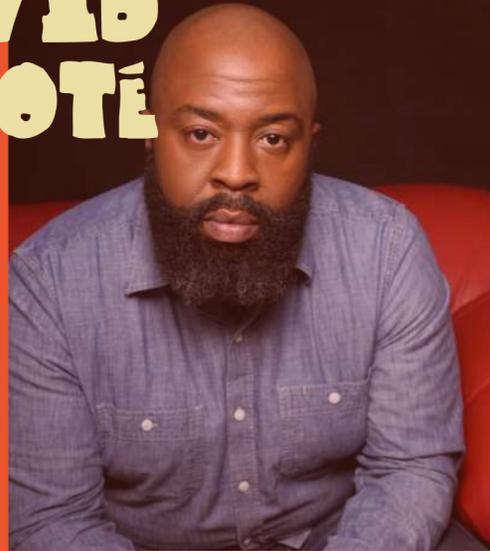
# DAVID KOTÉ

## DIRECTOR

Award-winning writer, actor + educator. With an MFA in Directing, credits include *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, *Pill Hill*, *The Color Purple* + more.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Koté's production of *The Color Purple* earned six 2019 Suzi Bass Awards. Also received The Charles Lorigans Foundation's award for excellence/leadership in theatre education. [READ MORE](#)



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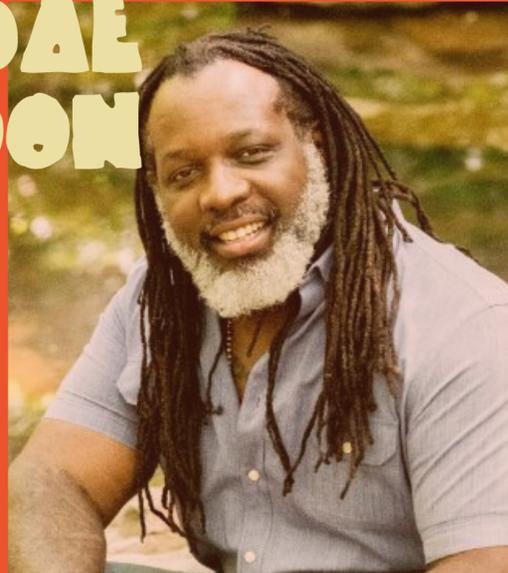
# ADDAE MOON

## DRAMATURG

Award-winning dramaturg, playwright, + theatre founder. W/ an MFA in Playwriting, Dir. of Perf. Based Interp., Atl History Center; Artistic Assoc., Found Stages Theatre; Co-founder, Hush Harbor Lab.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Alliance Theatre's 2015/2016 Reiser Lab team recipient for the immersive *Third Council of Lyons* + 2015 Int'l Ibsen Award as dramaturg for *Master Comic*. [READ MORE](#)



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