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DELROY LINDO HOSTS A SCREENING OF *WONDROUS OBLIVION* AT BERKELEY REP

Film event with acclaimed actor and director is free for donors to this nonprofit theatre

WHO: Actor and director Delroy Lindo

WHAT: A screening of the film *Wondrous Oblivion*

WHERE: Berkeley Rep's Roda Theatre / 2015 Addison St @ Shattuck / Downtown Berkeley

WHEN: **Monday 3/26 @ 7:00 PM**

HOW MUCH: Free for donors to Berkeley Rep's Annual Fund

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MARCH 19, 2007 – Berkeley Repertory Theatre salutes its supporters with a special screening of the film *Wondrous Oblivion*, hosted by the film's star **Delroy Lindo**. Lindo will take a break from directing Berkeley Rep's *Blue Door* to host an exclusive event for donors to this nonprofit theatre. The film will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Lindo, moderated by Artistic Director **Tony Taccone**.

"Working on this film was significant for me on a very personal level," **Lindo comments**. "I hope the audience at Berkeley Rep enjoys *Wondrous Oblivion*, and I look forward to discussing it with them."

"As a thank you to the many generous people who have donated to Berkeley Rep's Annual Fund this year, we're thrilled to provide this free event," says **Susie Medak**, managing director of Berkeley Rep. "Only 55% of our revenue comes from ticket sales, so we rely on the community to help us continue bringing world-class theatre to the Bay Area. Contributions to our Annual Fund ensure that we can keep prices affordable, offer low-cost tickets for students and seniors, and provide outreach programs to local schools and communities. Anyone making a contribution to the Annual Fund may attend this special thank you event with Delroy Lindo."

In *Wondrous Oblivion*, 11-year-old David Wiseman dreams of being a cricket star – but much to the dismay and ridicule of his classmates, he is all passion and no skill. The son of a traditional Jewish family living in the racial and cultural turbulence of 1960s London, David and his world are shaken by the unexpected arrival of the Samuels, a lively and big-hearted Jamaican family. When Dennis Samuels – played by Lindo – erects a cricket net in his backyard, David is ecstatic. However, his enthusiasm isn't shared by everyone in this racially charged community and the Wisemans find themselves forced to choose between the prejudices of the neighborhood and their new-found friends. "*Wondrous* is really about the mutual flowering of its characters," writes Desson Thomson in the *Washington Post*. "That flowering is given full bloom by a uniformly strong cast, but the movie ultimately belongs to Lindo."

Delroy Lindo came to prominence with Broadway performances in *Master Harold and the Boys* and *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*. He is best known for his extensive screen time in films such as *The Cider House Rules*, *Crooklyn*, *Get Shorty*, *Heist*, *Lackawanna Blues*, *Malcolm X*, *Romeo Must Die*, *Soul of the Game*, and *Strange Justice*. The star of the recent NBC series *Kidnapped*, Lindo resides in Oakland with his family. He is currently directing *Blue Door* at Berkeley Rep, a breathtaking new play by Tanya Barfield, which runs from April 6 through May 20.

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