

Paul Green Foundation

NEWS – February 2015



What:

Frank Porter Graham Awards Dinner

When:

**Saturday, February 28, 2015
Reception/Buffer Dinner 5:00
Awards Presentation 6:30**

Who:

**Keynote Speaker, ACLU Executive Director
Anthony Romero**

Where:

William and Ida Friday Center

How to attend:

**RSVP by February 20th
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This year's **Paul Green Award**
will be presented to:

Marilyn Ozer and Bill Massengale



These Chapel Hill-based attorneys have been law partners for more than 20 years, and have been representing capital defendants on appeal since 1991. With extraordinary compassion for their clients and a relentless pursuit of justice, Massengale and Ozer have saved at least six individuals from execution and worked to increase public awareness of capital punishment's many injustices. In July 2014, Massengale and Ozer reached a settlement with North Carolina to convert the twice-issued death sentence of Eric Call to life in prison after it was discovered that the state lost evidence that may have exonerated Call. This year Massengale and Ozer took on their 25th client facing the death penalty.

“Native” by Ian Finley Deep Dish New Play Workshop 2015

Deep Dish Theater presented a developmental workshop of “Native,” a new play by Triangle playwright and former Piedmont Laureate Ian Finley, January 14-18. Directed by **Serena Ebhardt**, the workshop continued the company's 14th season at University Mall.

“Native” is based on the true story of the collaboration between North Carolina playwright icon, **Paul Green**, and the celebrated novelist **Richard Wright**, the author



most famously of *Native Son*. The two men were brought together to adapt Wright's novel for Orson Welles' 1941 Broadway production, and the play explores the battle of wills that ensued.

The very successful workshop was presented with script in hand, and the text continued to evolve over the five-day run. Audience members had the opportunity – which they took enthusiastically – to share their helpful reactions to the play in post-performance conversations. Actors were **David zum Brunnen** as Paul Green and **Gil Faison** (most performances) as Richard Wright.

We're happy to announce that the Paul Green Foundation has gifted to the **NC Collection Gallery of the UNC-Chapel Hill Wilson Library**, artifacts and materials for their collection. A bronze bust of Paul Green, by sculptor William Hipp, is among the items. We'll let you know when they're on display. Thanks to NC Collection Curator **Bob Anthony** and Gallery Keeper, **Linda Jacobson**.

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