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***One Drop of Love* Performance Explores Concept of Race in the United States  
Performing Live at Mesa Arts Center  
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**Mesa, AZ –** *One Drop of Love*, a dynamic multimedia solo performance exploring how race has been constructed in the United States, will be performed live in **Mesa Arts Center’s Nesbitt/Elliott Playhouse on November 1 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.** Tickets are available through the Mesa Arts Center Box Office at [MesaArtsCenter.com](http://MesaArtsCenter.com) or by calling 480-644-6500.

***“Wow. Hollywood spends millions on movies and they couldn’t bring me from folded over laughter to tears as easily as Fanshen did. She’s engaging with the audience and honest. One Drop conquers racial issues with honesty and an open heart. Anyone who has ever felt out of place...or had a really crazy (but loving) family will really enjoy this.”*** – Angela Nissel, co-producer *Scrubs*; author: *Broke Diaries*, *Mixed*; writer on *The Boondocks*

How does our belief in race affect our most intimate relationships? Produced by Ben Affleck, Matt Damon and the show’s writer/performer Fanshen Cox DiGiovanni, *One Drop of Love* is a multimedia solo performance exploring family, race, love, pain – and a path towards reconciliation. DiGiovanni’s ultimate goal of the show is to encourage everyone to discuss ‘race’ openly and critically.

***“...It often frustrated me that ‘race’ was such a strong influence in my life. I wanted to explore what was behind this influence – was I making more of it than it was; or was the real issue that others needed to see how much it influences THEM?”*** –Fanshen Cox DiGiovanni

The performance incorporates filmed images, photographs and animation to tell the story of how the notion of ‘race’ came to be in the U.S., and how it influences Cox DiGiovanni’s relationship

with her father – a journey that takes audiences from the 1700s to the present, to cities all over the U.S. and to West and East Africa, where both father and daughter spent time in search of their ‘racial’ roots.

Mesa Arts Center is located at One East Main Street in downtown Mesa.

**Editor’s Note:** Images are available for download via Mesa Arts Center’s online Press Room at <http://www.mesaartscenter.com/index.php/misc/about/press-room/login>. Password is macmedia.

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