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***One Drop of Love* performance to explore concept of race**

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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 February 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Mesa Arts Center Box Office at MesaArtsCenter.com or by calling 480-644-6500.

Produced by Ben Affleck, Matt Damon and the show's writer/performer Fanshen Cox DiGiovanni, *One Drop of Love* will explore family, race, love, pain – and a path towards reconciliation. The performance incorporates

filmed images, photographs and animation to tell the story of how the notion of 'race' influences Cox DiGiovanni's relationship with her father – a journey that will take the audience 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.

"...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. DiGiovanni's ultimate goal of the show is to encourage everyone to discuss 'race' openly and critically.

Through Mesa Arts Center's Engagement Programs, a day time performance for students in grades 7 through 12 will also be offered. Thanks to the support of the Mesa Arts Foundation and a generous contribution from Humana, Mesa Arts Center is pleased to cover the cost of admission for schools that attend the daytime performance.

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

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About Mesa Arts Center

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest multidisciplinary arts center is

home to four theaters, five art galleries in the MCA Museum, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment, performances and festivals, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. The Mesa Arts Center mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](https://www.mesaartscenter.com).