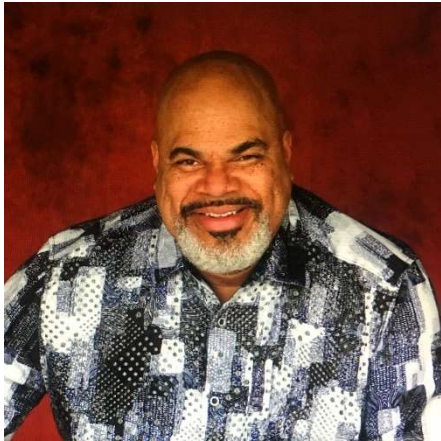


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**Behind the Curtain**  
**Illusion Theater's Annual Education Gathering**  
**4:30-6:00pm Thursday March 21**  
**at Center for Performing Arts**  
**3754 Pleasant Avenue South, Minneapolis**



*T. Mychael Rambo*

Join the incomparable T. Mychael Rambo as emcee for an uplifting afternoon. Hear from students, teachers, and Illusion's team of Teaching Artists; see scenes from **KEEPIN' IT REAL**; hear how Illusion's work in classrooms across the Twin Cities provides social and emotional skills, addresses the growing concerns about youth mental health, and helps teens to navigate the many challenges they face in our ever-changing world.

Illusion has served the youth in the Twin Cities for over 40 years. This event is a fundraiser to help Illusion reach more students across the Twin Cities. Attendance is free, but donations will be used to expand Illusion's work to reach more youth.



*Bri Peterson & Ricky Morriseau*  
*[photo Lauren B Photography]*

Illusion's **KEEPIN' IT REAL** has been performed for students across Minnesota. All the frankness, fun and failure that happens in high school comes out in this interactive performance piece built from stories of older teens who tell their truths to younger teens — so the new teens entering high school can avoid some of the pitfalls the older students experienced. Over the course of the performance the teen audience gets to interact and discuss how they would act if they were in the situation, deepening the impact and long-term benefits of the work.

**RSVP:**

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**Thursday, March 21 4:30-6:00pm**



**Illusion's home in the Center for Performing Arts**  
**3754 Pleasant Ave South/ Minneapolis, MN/ 55409**

**Location Illusion Theater**

Illusion Theater is located on the corner of 38<sup>th</sup> and Pleasant Avenue South, a few blocks east of 38<sup>th</sup> and Lyndale in the Center for Performing Arts. 3754 Pleasant Ave

South. The Theater is wheelchair accessible. Please call the box office at 612-339-4944 for ticket information, performance dates and times, or go to [www.illusiontheater.org](http://www.illusiontheater.org).

**About Illusion Theater**

Illusion Theater was founded in 1974 and presents its season in the Center for Performing Arts in South Minneapolis. Since the beginning, Producing Directors Michael Robins and Bonnie Morris have led Illusion Theater in illuminating the illusions, myths, and realities of our times and in using the power of theater to catalyze personal and social change. Tree O'Halloran joined Illusion as Associate Producer in 2021. Illusion has generated over 500 plays, developed thousands of artists, and created ground-breaking educational works. Plays developed at Illusion have been produced in theaters throughout the world. Illusion's work has catalyzed conversations in living rooms, kitchens, coffee houses, and boardrooms, and has led to transformations in policy, in organizations, in students, and in individuals.

