



THEATRE LEGEND GEORGE FAISON TO BE SPECIAL GUEST ARTIST FOR NADSA 2012 CONFERENCE

DALLAS, TEXAS—Tony Award-winning choreographer, director, and playwright George Faison was announced as the Special Guest Artist for the 76th Annual Conference of the National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts (NADSA). The event will be hosted by the Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL), located adjacent to the Dallas Convention Center in downtown Dallas. Conference dates are March 14-17, 2012.

Faison, 66, is a former [Alvin Ailey](#) American Dance company member and choreographer for Broadway plays "[The Wiz](#)" (for which he won a [Tony Award](#)) and "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope." He won an [Emmy award](#) for his choreography on the [HBO](#) film "[The Josephine Baker Story](#)." Faison has choreographed over 30 Broadway musicals and staged musical concerts for the likes of Stevie Wonder, Natalie Cole, and many of the most popular artists of all time.

For NADSA 2012, Mr. Faison will lead a workshop, "Auditioning for Musical Theatre," focusing on trends, best practices and approaches for successful auditions for musical theatre productions. He will participate in a panel discussion about African American images in the film and television industry. Mr. Faison is also slated to receive NADSA's Living Legend Award.

Keynote speaker for NADSA's 76th Conference will be TV actress Anna Maria Horsford, most known for her legendary role as Thelma on the NBC series *Amen*.

NADSA is a student-driven, theatre arts collective comprised of member theatre and speech programs at historically Black colleges and universities across the country. Founded in 1936, the organization is the nation's oldest surviving educational theatre association. Through its annual four-day conference, NADSA convenes a series of performances, competitions, workshops, scholarly presentations, and guest speakers, culminating with an awards banquet.

TBAAL, the Black Academy of Arts and Letters, is a multidisciplinary arts organization based in Dallas, Texas. Now in its 35th season, TBAAL is housed in a 250,000 sq. ft. facility in the heart of downtown in the Dallas Convention Center. This year's NADSA conference will mark the fifth consecutive year that TBAAL has served as host.

For the complete NADSA 2012 conference schedule, visit www.nadsainc.com

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