

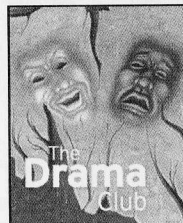
The **TEENS + RACE** **THEN + NOW** Series

Reflect on the past.
Speak up about the present.
Look ahead to the future.

This March, Children's Theatre of Charlotte will premiere **The Drama Club**, a play that explores how students of different races connect - and fail to connect - with each other in a modern high school setting.

Leading up to the play, a series of events called **TEENS & RACE: THEN & NOW** offers middle and high schoolers opportunities to come together and consider issues of race, the Civil Rights Movement and how choices made by previous generations have led to our current conceptions and misconceptions.

Ranging from films to a music and dance event, **TEENS & RACE: THEN & NOW** is a chance to reflect on the past, speak up about the present and look ahead to the future.



The Drama Club
By Bob Inman
Mar. 13-22, 2009
McColl Family Theatre
For tickets, call 704-973-2828
or visit ctcharlotte.org

TEENS & RACE: THEN & NOW Events

Thurs., Oct. 23, 7:00 PM: Grown Deep Like the Rivers

This Novello event is a special evening with community leaders young and old exploring and celebrating black poetry from the 1940s to today. The program features local poets, readings of vintage poems and new poetry by SlamCharlotte.

Sun., Dec. 7, 3:00 PM: Far From Home Film & Discussion

Far From Home follows the life of a teenage student who participates in a voluntary school integration program. The film takes us into her daily triumphs and challenges as she works through her own identity in the midst of a changing world.

Followed by a discussion.

Sun., Jan. 18, 6:00 PM: Be-Bop to Hip-Hop Musical Event

Groove to a musical timeline that tells our history from the 1940s to today. The evening begins with a journey through song and story guided by beloved Charlotte band *Agenda*, followed by teen DJs spinning political beats from old-school rap to current tracks and *ImaginOn's Explosive Step Team*. What better way to spend the eve of Dr. King day?

Sun., Feb. 8, 3:00 PM: Real Live Social Change

Explore the beginning of racially integrated schools in Charlotte through the eyes of people who were on the front lines of the school integration movement in our community.

Sun., Mar. 8, 3:00 PM: Souls of Our Students Screening

Experience the public premiere of a documentary featuring local high school students sharing reflections on how it feels to be 'different' in a community that is becoming increasingly diverse. A partnership between Mecklenburg Ministries, Temple Beth El and the Charlotte Coalition for Social Justice.