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**THE 'COLORSTUCK' 2016-2017 CONVERSATIONS N' COLOR TOUR
RECOGNIZES THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Laney College Theater | Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, 2016

OAKLAND, CA: The critically acclaimed one-man show COLORSTRUCK will return to the Laney College Theater (900 Fallon St., Oakland, CA), where its performances began 10 years ago. Written and performed by veteran San Francisco Bay Area actor and comedian Donald E. Lacy Jr.—the dual night performances will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday September 30, and Saturday October 1, 2016. Both shows will honor the golden anniversary of the Black Panther Party, which was founded in Oakland 50 years ago. Admission is \$20. Tickets are available for purchase by phone at (415) 754-8626 or online at donaldlacy.com.



Donald Lacy

COLORSTRUCK has toured throughout the United States for the past nine years, primarily on college campuses, sparking dialogue about race, the racial polarization that exists in America, and how we all can come together as the Human Race. With the recent police shootings of unarmed civilians and the murder of police officers in Baton Rouge and Dallas, community dialogue is needed now more than ever.

Lacy's performance is entertaining and educational. He uses comedy, drama, spoken word, music and visuals expertly to examine the need for more diversity and inclusion. After each show, the actor facilitates a discussion with the audience, addressing the issues raised by COLORSTRUCK, and exploring how we can bridge the racial divide so prevalent in America today. The Laney College shows will feature panel discussions with former Black Panther Party members.

COLORSTRUCK is a funny and thought provoking theatrical experience that has thrilled audiences all over the country since 2007. In addition to hundreds of local area performances, Lacy's presentation have been highly received by audiences, including the University of Puget Sound's Race & Pedagogy National Conference, Sarah Lawrence College in New York and the 29th annual California-Hawaii NAACP State Convention in Manhattan Beach, CA.

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Having enjoyed more than one of Lacy's stellar performances, California (13th Dist.) Congresswoman Barbara Lee, said "Donald deals with some of the most important issues of our time in Colorstruck."

COLORSTRUCK performances also benefit two Oakland-based community organizations that serve youth: the *Martin Luther King Freedom Center* and *The LoveLife Foundation*. The MLK Freedom Center trains youth in the history of the Civil Rights Movement and involves them in activism around voting rights and other contemporary causes. The LoveLife Foundation was founded in 1997 for Lacy's 16-year-old daughter, LoEshe' Lacy, who was murdered on October 20th of that year—an innocent victim to a senseless shooting. The Foundation has served thousands of Bay Area youth with media and performance training. The work of the LoveLife Foundation was proclaimed from the floor of the California Congress by Congresswoman Barbara Lee in 2000.

About Donald E. Lacy Jr.

Donald E. Lacy, Jr. is a veteran writer, director, actor, comedian and radio talk show host who most recently appeared as Gabriel in California Shakespeare's production of 'Fences.' He performed 'Colorstruck' during the 2008 and 2009 Congressional Black Caucus legislative conferences.

Lacy has appeared on HBO and BET as a comedian, and was inducted into the Bay Area Blues Society Hall of Fame as a comedian and emcee in 2013. Since 1979, Donald is a weekly announcer Saturdays 7 AM-12 noon on KPOO 89.5 F.M., and fill-in host on KPFA 94.1 F.M. He directed and performed segments of Radio Theater for both radio stations. Donald Lacy founded the LoveLife Foundation in honor of his 16-year-old daughter LoEshe', who was murdered in 1997. The LoveLife Media and Performing Arts Training Academy is an after-school program that trains youth in acting, video editing and production and radio broadcasting. Students produce and broadcast award winning radio and television programs.

For information about Lacy and his works of art, please visit donaldlacy.com.

DonsWaar, Inc. is Donald Lacy's multi-faceted production company that produces radio, film and theater with emphasis on socially relevant material.

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