



Photo Flash: Brandon J. Dirden, Crystal A. Dickinson, Brenda Pressley & More Celebrate Opening Night of A RAISIN IN THE SUN at Two River Theater

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It was a swell family affair at Two River Theater last night as a searing and powerful production of Lorraine Hansberry's American classic *A Raisin in the Sun*, helmed by Carl Cofield and starring Brandon J. Dirden as Walter Lee Younger, his wife Crystal A. Dickinson as Ruth Younger, his father Willie Dirden as Bobo, Brenda Pressley as Lena Younger, Jasmine Batchelor as Beneatha Younger, Nat DeWolf as Karl Lindner, Charlie Hudson III as Joseph Asagai, Owen Tabaka as Travis Younger, York Walker as George Murchison, with Andrew Binger and David Joel Rivera as the Moving Men, celebrated opening night.

A Raisin in the Sun is the first time that Brandon J. Dirden and his father Willie have shared the same stage, with more than 50 family members in attendance, including Two River alum and brother Jason Dirden, who currently appears as Basie Skanks on "Greenleaf" on the OWN Network. The double celebration included a cake for Willie Dirden who turned 72 and became a member of Actors Equity Association.

The creative team includes scenic designers Christopher Swader & Justin Swader, costume designer Elivia Bovenzi, lighting designer Kathy A. Perkins, sound designer Karin Graybash, wig designer Valerie Gladstone and stage manager Lloyd Davis, Jr.

Performances will continue through Sunday, October 8 in Two River's Rechnitz Theater, 21 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank, NJ. Tickets are available from 732.345.1400 or tworivertheater.org Scroll down for opening night coverage.

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Brandon J. Dirden, Chase Dirden and Crystal A. Dickinson



Jason Dirden, Willie Dirden and Brandon J. Dirden

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