



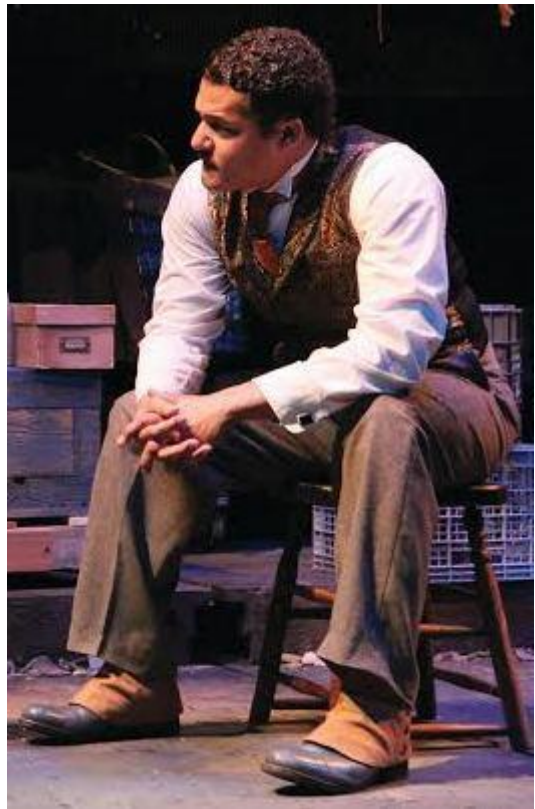
## **Two River Theater's next season to include works by Sondheim, Shakespeare and August Wilson**

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Brandon J. Dirden — one of the stars of “Your Blues Ain’t Sweet Like Mine,” which recently ended its run at the Two River Theater in Red Bank — will direct the first play of the theater’s next season.

Dirden will make his directorial debut with August Wilson’s “Seven Guitars,” which runs from Sept. 12 to Oct. 4. This will be followed by Stephen Sondheim’s slapstick-y musical comedy “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” Nov. 14-Dec. 13; “Lives of Reason,” a new drama written by Two River founder Robert Rechnitz and Kenneth Stunkel and directed by former Two River artistic director Jonathan Fox, Jan. 9-Feb. 7; “Ropes,” by Mexican playwright Bárbara Colio, Feb. 20-March 20; a musical adaptation of Shakespeare’s “Pericles,” April 16-May 8; “I Remember Mama,” June 4-26 2016; and a children’s production of “Where the Wild Things Are,” based on the book by Maurice Sendak, June 9-12 2016.

“The 2015/16 season is built around the theme of family,” said the theater’s artistic director, John Dias, in a press release. “Both in the content of the plays, which each deal with the complicated bonds between families — those you are born to and those you build within a community — and for Two River Theater itself. We are welcoming back several artists who are part of our family, and introducing several we have long wanted to bring into the fold.”



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