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**Blues & Dreams: Celebrating The African-American  
Experience in Washington, DC  
Serenity Players, Inc. puts its spotlight on Gary Lilley's  
- *The Bushman's Medicine Show* -**

**Washington, DC**— Serenity Players, Inc. presents *The Bushman's Medicine Show* by poet/playwright Gary Lilley at the St. Francis Xavier Church Bailey Room, 2815 O Street, SE on Friday, October 17, 2003 at 7:30pm and Saturday, October 18 at 1:00pm (matinee) and 7:30pm. Tickets are sold at the door. Admission is \$8.00 for senior citizens and students under 18 years old and \$12.00 for general admission. Group sales are available for 10 persons or more. Free parking is available on the church parking lot. Street parking is also available.

Celebrating the African American Experience in Washington, DC from September 15 through November 30, 2003, Washington, DC will play tribute to the African American experience in our nation's capitol through art, dance, music, theatre, history and literature. In connection with the highly-anticipated exhibition *The Art of Romare Bearden* at the National Gallery of Art and an African-American quilt exhibition at The Textile Museum, dozens of cultural organizations, hotels and restaurants are presenting special programming including exhibitions and lecture series, customized walking tours and concerts, dance, and theatre performances as well as special travel packages and menus. Serenity Players, Inc. will presents it's offering by poet/playwright Gary Lilley. Mr. Lilley has received the DC Commission on the Arts Fellowship for poetry in 1996 and 2000. His poetry has appeared in several journals and anthologies and his first book, *The Subsequent Blues* is forthcoming from Four Ways Books. Directed by Myrrh, his poems and monologues will leave the listening audiences enthralled and spellbound.

Serenity Players, Inc. is the only viable Hillcrest and Ward 7 grassroots community-based theatre company located and operating East of the River. Using local actors and performers of all ages, this family-oriented company presents and performs theater productions of new and original works that are choral, dramatic secular and sacred to a broad segment of the community.

Serenity Players, Inc. is a member of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington and the American Association of Community Theatre.

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