



The State of Black Theater

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"What is the state of black theater in D.C.?"

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In Washington, DC with a population that is almost 50 percent African American, there is only one full-time professional black theater company. There are no black-owned theater houses or stages in operation. Yet on any given Sunday, a theatergoer might open a newspaper and find a "black" play on any given stage. This [article](#) looks at aspects of this issue. Though focused on Washington, DC, the issue is not an endemic one.