



THE CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE PRESENTS

# GEE'S BEND

FEB. 1 - 24, 2008

*"It's the cotton from that land holding those quilts together. Our blood and our tears melted into the seams."*

This uplifting new play celebrates the women of Gee's Bend—a small rural community nestled in a curve of the Alabama River—and its unique community of quilters. Drawn from actual experiences, the play dramatizes how these women turned scraps of cloth into what one critic has called "some of the most miraculous works of art America has produced." It also tells the story of the struggle with white law enforcement, attacks on peaceful civil rights demonstrations, and a community literally forced into isolation.

**Gee's Bend has already touched millions who witnessed the stunning quilt work through a national exhibition tour, on PBS's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, and in *Newsweek*, *House and Garden*, and *Oprah Winfrey's O Magazine*. The Quilts of Gee's Bend were on display at The Cleveland Museum of Art in 2004. The U.S. Postal Service issued the Quilts of Gee's Bend commemorative postage stamps in 2006.**



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FEBRUARY 24, 2008

12:30 P.M. Program & Refreshments

2:00 P.M. Performance

Donation: \$55.00

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