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**For immediate release:**

**N\*W\*C\*: The Race Show Takes on Tough Issues with Humor at Young Auditorium**

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 27 and 28, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., Young Auditorium audiences will be rolling on the floor with laughter with *N\*W\*C\*: The Race Show*. It is a comical show that demonstrates three young men`s personal take on what it was like to grow up in an atmosphere of racial slurs and stereotypes. Following each performance there will be a question and answer session with the cast. This program is presented by Cultural Affairs & Contemporary Issues, with additional support from UW-System Race & Ethnicity, Office of Residence Life, and New Student Programs. Tickets are available by calling 262-472-2222, or order on-line at [www.uww.edu/youngauditorium](http://www.uww.edu/youngauditorium). This event is free but tickets are required for admission.

*N\*gger, Web\*ck, Ch\*nk: The Race Show* is three men of different ethnicities that have created a hilarious hip-hop send-up of their personal struggle to craft an assured personal identity while living in America`s middle class culture. This is challenging, but in the end, the racial epithet is revealed for what it is---a distraction that keeps us from understanding and appreciating the beauty of our diversity and integrity of our individuality. "*This is the sort of dramatic experience, at the eye-popping forefront of guerrilla theatre that is guaranteed to stay relevant to the race debate for years to come.*" - Seattle Weekly

This hilarious show has been in production and touring since spring of 2004, written and performed by three former UCLA students: Rafael Agustin, Miles Gregley, and Allan Axibal. These young actors had a purpose and a mission to bring awareness to the ignorance of racial slurs. Since that time other performers have joined the cast and continued the dialogue about race so that others may be inspired to send racism back where it belongs – to the dark ages. The actors performing *N\*W\*C\* - The Race Show* will be Rafael Agustin, Dion Basco and Jackson McQueen.

Rafael Agustin – Co-creator and performer: Born in Ecuador, Rafa was undocumented in the US for 14 years and passed the time waiting for his green card by performing in such plays as *Short Eyes, Quills, Roosters, La Victima and Blade to the Heat*. He received both his B.A. and M.A. in Theater from UCLA and, more importantly, his Citizenship from the US government. He originated this role and was one of the co-creators of the project.

Dion Basco - Performer: During his twenty-plus year acting career, Dionysio (Dion) has credits that include a series regular role on NBC's Saturday morning *City Guys*, a recurring role on A&E's *The Cleaner*, and he even burned some rubber with Laurence Fishburne in *Biker Boyz*. He is happy to be returning to the stage with *N\*W\*C\**.

Jackson McQueen – Performer: This country boy with a great name hails from South Carolina. His credits include over 20 national commercials, BET and Comedy Central stand-up performances. To experience Jackson McQueen is to discover a phenomenon. Basically what he trying to say is, "Can he borrow 5 dollars?" He is excited to be part of the *NWC* experience.

Come see the wickedly humorous show *N\*W\*C\*: The Race Show* at Young Auditorium. The performance is FREE but tickets are required. Call 262-472-2222 to reserve your seat now.

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