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Before Charlottesville, Before Charleston, Before Ferguson: *Native*

Drama allows opportunity to gain understanding.

[CITY, STATE, DATE] — [Venue] presents Ebzb Productions' drama *Native* by Ian Finley. Performance dates are [Time, Day, Date] at [Performance Venue & Address]. Tickets are [\$ adults, \$ students, \$ seniors, \$ military.] Please call the box office at [Phone #] for information and to purchase tickets.

Native dramatizes the friendship and collaboration between Paul Green and Richard Wright. The authors are brought together to adapt Wright's novel, *Native Son* for Broadway.

In 1941 Paul Green is a UNC professor and Pulitzer Prize winning playwright who is also known for *The Lost Colony*. Richard Wright is the controversial author of *Native Son*, a groundbreaking work on the systemic discrimination of African-Americans.

Green and Wright forge a deep respect for each other. Yet, in a heated discussion over a single page of their Broadway script, they argue about who has the right to tell the story of race, politics and social class. Ultimately the revelations dissolve their friendship in spite of their common goal to affect social change.

Ebzb Productions' *Native* is based on the true story of Green and Wright's collaboration. This event hopes to inspire audiences to gain understanding and to discuss differing viewpoints of systemic discrimination which continues to challenge us today. Venues may offer post-show discussions with the cast to allow patrons an opportunity to share and process their reactions to the performance.

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