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# Press Release

Two Different Worlds Meet in a Joyous Musical with  
a Caribbean Flair

Culver City's Academy of Visual and Performing Arts presents  
"Once On This Island" at the Sony Pictures Theatre.

Culver City, CA, February 24, 2005: "Once on This Island" is a musical set on a Caribbean Island comprised of two different worlds – one inhabited by the elite "grand hommes" and the other by lowly peasants. The gods of Water, Earth, Love and Death unite a peasant girl with a young grand homme to test whether love is stronger than death in a story that explores essential issues of love, anger, fate and forgiveness.

So which is stronger, Love or Death? Find out at the Sony Pictures Theatre, 4401 Elenda Ave. Performances are at 7 PM, Wednesday through Saturday, March 9-12 and March 16-19. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 asb/seniors/children/CCHS faculty. Ticket prices are discounted to \$10/\$7 for Wednesday night shows. Seating is limited, so reserve now at [www.avpa.org](http://www.avpa.org) or by calling 310-842-4200 X6009.

Director, Cari Ann Henderson uses the traditions of African theater in mounting this production. The audience is intimately involved with the performers who sing and dance in a variety of styles from the Caribbean while live musicians play traditional African instruments. She says, "This show is an exciting, festive experience for all ages, especially children."

Information on all AVPA performances and exhibitions is updated regularly at [www.avpa.org](http://www.avpa.org). Contact Academy Executive Director, Darryl Hovis at [dbhovis@avpa.org](mailto:dbhovis@avpa.org), for advertising in AVPA programs or other inquiries.

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts (AVPA) at Culver City High School offers a comprehensive arts curriculum after regular school hours for students who are committed to excellence in Art, Film, Theatre, Dance, and Music. Established in 1996, AVPA enjoys tremendous community support from SONY and other design, recording, and theatre companies in the area.

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