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Reaching for the American Dream in *Behold the Dreamers*

[Seattle, Wash., March 13, 2019]—To close out their 29th season, Book-It Repertory Theatre (Book-It) presents **Imbolo Mbue's** *Behold the Dreamers*. Adapted and directed by **Myra Platt**, Mbue masterfully weaves a story of class divide, immigration and marriage in her remarkable debut novel. Jende and Neni Jonga have recently emigrated from Cameroon to America to try to make a new life for themselves and their young son. When the Great Recession starts to upend the economy, the Jongas begin to grasp the fragility of the American dream. *Behold the Dreamers* plays June 6-30, 2019 (**Opening/Press Night on Saturday, June 8**) at **The Center Theatre**.

Behold the Dreamers is a New York Times bestseller, winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and a pick for Oprah's Book Club.

Sylvester Kamara and **Anjelica McMillan** play Jende and Neni Jonga. The ensemble cast includes **Marcel Davis**, **Beth DeVries**, **Bailey Ellis**, **Kamaria Hallums-Harris**, **Ronnie Hill**, **Selena Whitaker-Paquiet** and **David Quicksall**.

The design team includes scenic design by **Christopher Mumaw**, costume design by **Danielle Nieves**, lighting design by **Emily Leong**, sound design by **Justin Johnson** and properties design by **Robin Macartney**. **Brandon J. Simmons** is associate director, **Gin Hammond** and **Dimitri Woods** are dialect coaching, and **Minita Gandhi** is the dramaturg.

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will be available to students during the entire run with valid school ID. Purchase at book-it.org or by calling the box office at 206.216.0833. The box office is open Tues through Fri, 12pm – 5pm, located in the outer lobby of The Center Theatre at the Armory, 305 Harrison St., Seattle.

ABOUT BOOK-IT REPERTORY THEATRE

Book-It Repertory Theatre, a leader in the narrative theatre movement, was founded in 1990. Book-It is a non-profit organization with a dedication to great literature and quality theatre experiences employing simple, sensitive and imaginative production techniques, and inspiring its audiences to read.

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WHEN: Pay-What-You-Will Preview: Wednesday, June 5
Previews: Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June 7
Opening Night: Saturday, June 8
Closing: Sunday, June 30

TIMES: Wednesday-Saturday—7:30pm (Matinées on June 12, 22 and 29) and Sundays—2pm

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