

## [Annenberg Center Live Presents Octavia E. Butler's Parable of the Sower: The Concert Version With Toshi Reagon, October 1-3](#)

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*Octavia E. Butler's Parable of the Sower: The Concert Version*

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This October, Annenberg Center Live kicks off its 2015/2016 season with a groundbreaking work-in-progress that brings famed science fiction author, the late **Octavia Butler's** novel *Parable of the Sower* to the stage.

The heartwork of singer-songwriter-guitarist **Toshi Reagon** and her mother **Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon**, who is the founder of notable folk group Sweet Honey In The Rock, [Parable of the Sower: The Concert Version](#) lands at the Annenberg on October 1 for a can't-miss three-day run.

Called “one helluva rock’n’roller-coaster ride” by *Vibe Magazine*, this must-see show stars Toshi Reagon and an all-star cast of musicians and singers bringing Butler's novel to life through opera and gospel music.

Set in a post-apocalyptic Los Angeles of the future, *Parable* follows a young woman fleeing the violence in a fable that blends sci-fi with African-American spiritualism and deep insights on gender, race, and the future of human civilization.

*Parable of the Sower: The Concert Version* first showed to sold out audiences at Joe's Pub in New York. Now, the "in-progress" production plays for Philadelphia audiences as it continues to be refined for a final, fully staged run.

The Toshi Reason-led production, kicks off the Annenberg Center Live's [African Roots, American Voices](#) project, which is a multi-year journey that celebrates the African diaspora's unique contributions to American culture.

Each year will hone in on a different musical genre, exploring its roots and cultural impact through concerts, theater and dance. This year, the African Roots, American Voices programs will focus on jazz and features a stellar selection of shows, including **Jon Batiste and Stay Human, Urban Bush Women, Dianne Reeves, Sweet Honey in the Rock, Lisa Fischer & Grand Baton** and many other must-see talents.

You can buy tickets for *Parable of the Sower* [online](#) now. Also, click [here](#) to browse the full lineup of shows for the Annenberg Center's 2015/2016 season.