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# 'Caravan' hosts NEC's 40th Anniversary

NEC's 40th & CHARLES WELDON FEATURED ON "CULTURAL CARAVAN". "Cultural Caravan," a weekly African-American arts and cultural television broadcast, called to let me know it will

proudly salute the 40th anniversary of the Negro Ensemble Company (NEC) and its artistic director, Charles Weldon. The program will feature rare photos and show clips, as well as an interview



R: Charles Weldon (Charles E. Rogers photo); L: Godfrey Cambridge, Rosalind Cash, Robert Hooks, (top) Douglas Turner Ward

**SCHOMBURG CENTER FOR RESEARCH IN BLACK CULTURE**  
The New York Public Library presents



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**THE SCHOMBURG READING ROOM:**

October 23, 2008  
*A Tribute to Langston Hughes: Danny Glover & Randy Weston*  
Moderated by Dr. Clyde Taylor

November 20, 2008  
*Popular & Acapela: Tony McMillan & John Edgar Wideman*  
Moderated by Dr. Clyde Taylor

January 29, 2009  
*Two Powerful Literary Masters: Lucille Clifton & Ismael Reed*  
Moderated by Patricia Spears Jones

with the veteran actor and artistic director Charles Weldon. Manager Gerald Krone.

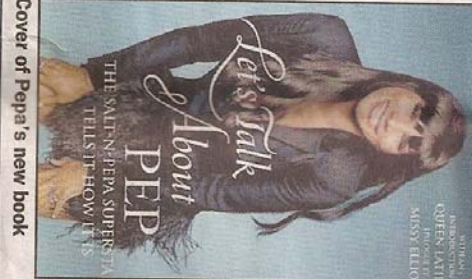


## DIFFERENT STAGES

BY CHARLES E. ROGERS

Mr. Weldon, a distinguished NEC alumni, shares insights into the history of this company, which was founded in 1967 by playwright Douglas Turner Ward, producer/actor

The alumni of NEC are amongst America's best actors in television and film, such as Denzel Washington, Samuel L. Jackson, Phylicia Rashad and Angela Bassett, to name a few.



NEC also featured the works of some of our most outstanding playwrights such as Leslie Lee ("First Breeze of Summer"), Charles Fuller ("A Soldier's Play") and Sam Williams ("Home"), among others. In celebration of Black theater, don't miss this! "Cultural Caravan" can be seen week nights on Time Warner/Cablevision and on the web as follows: in Manhattan every Wednesday at 8 p.m. on Channel 56/83 (simulcast on web at MNN.org), in Brooklyn, Thursdays at 6 p.m. on Channel 35/68 (simulcast on Brooklyn Community



Access TV), in Queens on Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. on Channel 56 and Saturdays at 12 noon on Channel 35. Please check their website for more details at CCPV.org.



**New Federal Theatre Founder Woodie King, Jr.**  
(Charles E. Rogers photo)

Pepa, has a hot new book, "Let's Talk About Pep," co-written with Karen Hunter, that will be released on VHI Books at the end of September. Described as a tell-all tome, Pepa claims it offers an honest, uncensored peek into her life, including her troubled childhood, surviving abuse, her first