



City of Cambridge

R-13.

IN CITY COUNCIL

February 26, 2001

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Michael Bettencourt will present a script-in-hand reading of his new play, *A Question of Color* on February 27, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Square Branch Library; and
- WHEREAS: The play is based on a memoir by Cambridge author Sara Beattie and recounts the story of her great-grandparents, John Wicks, a white man from the mountains and Susan Morgan, a black woman from the fields; in 1907 in North Carolina, they fell in love and defied law and customs to marry; and
- WHEREAS: The performance will feature Thomasa Bennet, Christopher Chew, Michelle Dowd, Bill Gardiner, Edward McCluney, Charlotte Peed and G. Warren Steele; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its best wishes to playwright Michael Bettencourt and the entire cast of the script-in-hand performance of *A Question of Color* on February 27, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Square Branch Library and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Michael Bettencourt on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council February 26, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- 

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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It has come to the attention of this City Council ⁱⁿ that Michael Bettercomb will present a script in - hand reading of his new play, A Question of Color on February 27, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the Central Square Branch Library; and

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That the City Council go on record expressing its best wishes to ^{playwright} Michael Bettercomb and the ^{active} cast of the script in - hand performance of A Question of Color on February 27, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the Central Square Branch Library + kit f

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Michael Bettencourt

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February 8, 2001

Mr. Timothy Toomey
88 Sixth Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

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Dear Mr. Toomey:

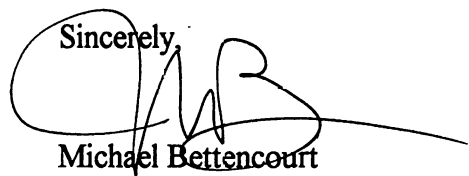
I would like to invite you what I believe will be a very interesting event: a script-in-hand reading of my new play, *A Question Of Color*, based on a memoir by Cambridge-based writer Sara Beattie. The reading will take place on February 27, 2001, at 7 PM at the Central Square branch of the Cambridge Public Library.

A little background on the play. In 1907, in North Carolina, "mixed-race" marriages were illegal. In Ms. Beattie's memoir, her great-grandparents, John Wicks, a white man from the mountains, and Susan Morgan, a black woman from the fields, defy law and convention to get married. Their decision sets in motion a life of great success and great tragedy, but that is not the most important part of the story. Their lives also mirror the current and historical American obsession with color and prove that W.E.B. Dubois' comment – that the major problem of the 20th century would be the color line – will also be the country's major problem of the 21st century as well.

The performance will feature Thomasa Bennett, Christopher Chew, Michelle Dowd, Bill Gardiner, Edward McCluney, Charlotte Peed, and G. Warren Steele. I have included a poster for the event; if possible, please duplicate it and pass it around or post it where people might see it.

The reading is free and open to the public. If you would like more information, call (617) 492-3347 or (617) 349-4010. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Michael Bettencourt

February 15, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCICO

The Clerk is hereby requested to prepare a suitable order on the reading of a new play "A Question of Color" based on a memoir by Cambridge-based writer Sara Beattie. The reading will take place on February 27, 2001 at 7:00 PM at the Central Square Branch of the Cambridge Public Library.

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Resolution #13

Best wishes to playwright Michael Bettencourt on the performance of his new play, *A Question of Color*, on February 27, 2001 at the Central Square Branch Library.

Councillor Toomey and Mayor Galluccio

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ORDER ADOPTED