

MEET HILL HARPER

WINNER OF THE 2012



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**Saturday, Feb. 11
10 a.m.**

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Hill Harper, an award-winning author and actor, will receive the 2012 Sankofa Freedom Award, given by the African-American Resource Center and the Tulsa Library Trust. The award, which consists of a \$7,000 cash prize and an engraved plaque, is given biennially during Black History Month to a nationally acclaimed African-American whose life's work addresses the complexity of cultural, political and economic issues affecting the African-American community. Harper will talk about his life and works, answer questions from the audience and sign books. Copies of his books will be available for purchasing.

Since 2004, Harper has portrayed Dr. Sheldon Hawkes on the CBS drama series "CSI: NY." For three consecutive years (2008-2010), Harper won the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Actor in a Drama Series for his portrayal of Hawkes. His books include "Letters to a Young Brother: MANifest Your Destiny," "Letters to a Young Sister: DeFINE Your Destiny" and "The Conversation: How Men and Women Can Build Loving, Trusting Relationships." Each of his books concentrates on keeping an ongoing dialogue in order to face today's serious social pressures. His latest book, "The Wealth Cure: Putting Money in its Place," seeks to examine the debilitating relationship with money and wealth.

Harper is the founder of the nonprofit Manifest Your Destiny Foundation, which provides underserved youth a path to empowerment and educational excellence through academic programming, college access skills and personal development.

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