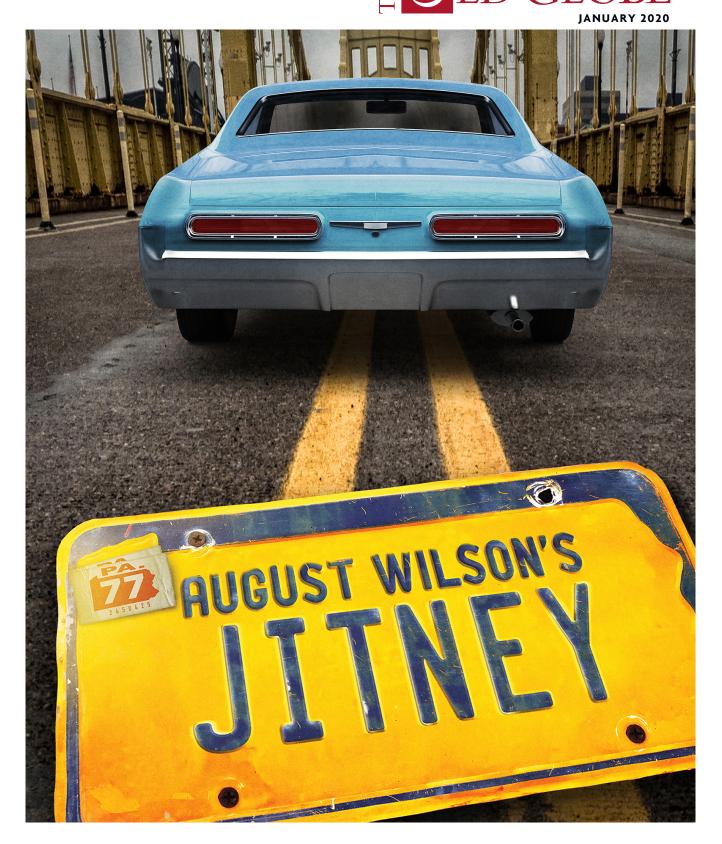
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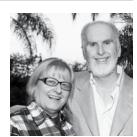
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## RICHARD EASTON

#### 1933-2019

Richard Easton made his Globe debut in 1969 in the title role of Macbeth and as Brutus in Julius Caesar, which he also directed. He went on to appear here in two dozen productions of both classics and new works, and he played such iconic roles as Prospero in The Tempest, Estragon in Waiting for Godot, Antonio in The Merchant of Venice, and the title role in Uncle Vanya. His illustrious New York theatre career included a Tony Award for Broadway's The Invention of Love, and he was also a beloved star of television and film. As Globe Artistic Director Emeritus Jack O'Brien, a frequent collaborator, said of his impact on his fellow actors, "There's a generation of young men and women indebted to Richard."

> Richard Easton as Prospero in The Tempest, 1991. Photo by Ken Howard.

## **JONATHAN MCMURTRY**

1937-2019

Jonathan McMurtry's relationship with The Old Globe began in 1960, when Globe Founding Director Craig Noel saw the young actor in a small Milwaukee theatre and offered him a scholarship in the Summer Shakespeare Festival. From that start grew a storied career that took him through six decades at this institution. At the Globe alone, he appeared in over 200 productions and played in a massive range of Shakespeare's stage works, a near-mythic legacy for any actor across a lifetime, much less at a single institution. A warm and giving artist, he also mentored students in The Old Globe and University of San Diego Shiley Graduate Theatre Program, further entwining his career with the very artistic identity of the Globe.

Jonathan McMurtry as Launce in The Two Gentlemen of Verona, 2007. Photo by Craig Schwartz.



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people. I'm so proud of the work—both on and offstage—that the Globe and its wonderful artists, staff, and leadership have accomplished. As I prepare to hand over the reins to Incoming Chair Ann Davies, I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve, and confident that this good work will continue in the hands of the dedicated, fantastic Board that helps guide this landmark San Diego institution.

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### FROM BARRY

August Wilson occupies a prominent place in the pantheon of American drama. The Pittsburgh Cycle, his monumental 10-play series that anatomizes the 20thcentury African-American experience decade by decade, is a breathtaking achievement, and an unparalleled one: each of the 10 plays enjoyed successful runs on Broadway, a feat few playwrights in our theatre's history can boast. The Pittsburgh plays are classics. Tackling big American ideas like family, home, work, race, and history, they continue to be produced on great stages in this country and beyond, and their influence informs generations of American playwrights across lines of color, ethnicity, and gender.

The Old Globe is proud of a long association with Wilson. Three of his plays—Joe Turner's Come and Gone, The Piano Lesson, and Two Trains Runningmade their world premieres here as Wilson and his creative partners developed them at a consortium of regional theatres while en route to Broadway. It's therefore a special honor to welcome this extraordinary production of *Jitney*, which won the 2017 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play, back to the very same stage that proudly calls itself one of this towering writer's homes.

Jitney, which in the chronology of the 10 Pittsburgh plays is eighth, dealing as it does with the 1970s, was nonetheless the first written in the cycle. Wilson continued working on it as it was produced and then revived in the '80s and '90s; in its final form it shows all the hallmarks of this writer's distinctive and original dramaturgy. Indeed, Wilson said *Jitney* was the play in which he found his voice.

The play's story is simple. Every day a group of men gathers at Becker's garage to drive jitneys: unlicensed cabs that serve the black neighborhoods that the city's official, white-owned cab companies ignore. As the drivers wait for fares, they gossip, tell jokes and stories, play checkers, laugh, commiserate... and worry that the forces of "urban renewal" upending cities across the country will come to Pittsburgh and sweep away the garage and the lives it sustains. Wilson arranges the characters who surround Becker into a vivid collage, a sort of matrix of interconnected relationships whose ebb and flow give rise to the play's action. Themes take form indirectly as they emerge from rich passages of argument and harangue. Incident erupts out of

calm, and cataclysm out of love. Always, considerable humor leavens an undercurrent of anxiety. The play's structure is of a remarkable, musical sort that bends the old rules of drama toward a huge question that was Wilson's motivating force: How can the truth and beauty and vibrancy of the black experience find organic expression on the American

For Wilson, the answer to that enormous question has a lot to do with talk. Jitney is a play chockful of talking, of gabbing, of yakking and jiving, of kibitzing and blarneying and ballbusting, of jazzlike riffs and of sage, spiritual expositions. The sound this talk makes is unlike any in our theatre, and it's a joy to hear. Actors love speaking it, and the company gathered for this production exhibits a kind of mastery of language that rivals any great classical ensemble I've ever experienced. It's no wonder: they are being led by a titan. Ruben Santiago-Hudson, who is beyond doubt the greatest living interpreter of August Wilson, both as actor and director, does something more than simply assay Wilson's work. He orchestrates Wilson, he conducts him, he channels him. In his production of Jitney, Santiago-Hudson demonstrates a level of aesthetic command and sophistication that places him at the pinnacle of American stagecraft. It is a real joy to have his work in this theatre.

We welcome the artists of *Jitney* to a stage we know will feel familiar to them, for in the air of this house echoes the language of the greatest writers who've ever practiced this form. Wilson is one. His play vibrates with the specific lyricism of black America, and the universal energy of eternal American themes: fathers and sons, the dignity of a day's work, the need for family, the quest for home. I'm so grateful to have August Wilson back at the Globe, where he belongs.

Thanks for coming. Enjoy the show.

Any feedback on tonight's show or any of the Globe's work? Email Barry at HiBarry@TheOldGlobe.org and he'll get back to you!



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## RUBEN SANTIAGO-HUDSON TAKES JITNEY ON THE ROAD

Why a master interpreter of August Wilson thinks it's the right time to revisit this play with a 360-degree vision of Blackness.

By Kelundra Smith



"YOU LOOK UP ONE DAY AND ALL YOU GOT LEFT IS WHAT YOU AIN'T SPENT. EVERY DAY COST YOU SOMETHING AND YOU DON'T ALL THE TIME REALIZE IT."

On the eve of losing the jitney cab station he's run for the last 20 years, Becker reflects on how he became a man up in years with nothing to show other than the hours he's worked. This is a running theme in August Wilson's play *Jitney*, and in all of his works: measuring the cost that working-class Black folks pay just to be alive. The poetic language and authenticity of Wilson's characters have drawn actor/director/playwright Ruben Santiago-Hudson to Wilson's work over the last three decades.

Santiago-Hudson received a Tony nomination for directing the belated Broadway premiere of *Jitney* in 2017, in a limited run at Manhattan Theatre Club. Now he's returning to the play, launching it on a national tour from Arena Stage, where it ran September 13 to October 20 before heading out to the Music Hall in Detroit, Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles, The Old Globe in San Diego, and finally Seattle Repertory Theatre.

Though originally written in 1979, *Jitney* was extensively overhauled for its official premiere in 1996, taking its place as the official eighth play in Wilson's 10-play American Century Cycle, one play for each decade of the 20th century. In a Pittsburgh jitney station in 1977, eight men navigate love and other temptations while their neighborhood begins to slip away to gentrification. With much of the same creative team and five of the eight actors who performed it on Broadway, Santiago-Hudson is eager to see how a shifting cultural climate will affect audience response to the play.

I caught up with Santiago-Hudson on the first day of rehearsals at Arena Stage, and he shared why Wilson is his favorite playwright and why he believes now is the right time to revisit *Jitnev*.

#### What's the most memorable thing that you learned from August Wilson?

As a writer, I learned to not be afraid to let my characters talk. We're always editing our writing for other audiences, afraid that we won't be able to hold people's attention, or that they're talking too much. August said, "Don't be afraid to let your characters talk." That was very important to me.

## Right now, we're having a surge of productions by Black playwrights, and many of their plays deal with similar themes as Wilson. How does *Jitney* still resonate today?

In his plays, we get to see and feel the spirit and electricity of people in this community navigating this landscape called America. It's a beautiful thing to watch us—and by us I mean Black folk—work it out, because we don't get to see that on TV, film, and rarely onstage. Everything contained in life is contained in his plays and in Black culture.

## When people think of an August Wilson play, they typically have a certain kind of show in mind. Now that all of his plays have been done, do you feel empowered to take a different interpretation?

Many audiences haven't seen August Wilson's plays done well, so my mission is to go out and do the plays well the way the author intended. The celebration of African American life and the way we navigate this landscape... we have a whole different set of problems that we face, and the way we have to face them is different than any other race or village. We get pulled over for driving Black. White people don't get pulled over for driving Black. We have to tell our sons to put your hands up when the police stop you. White people don't have to tell their sons that.

## You've also won awards for directing and performing in *The Piano Lesson* and *Seven Guitars*. And you recently wrote the film adaptation of *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* for Netflix. How do you see *Jitney* and *Ma Rainey* rubbing up against each other, if at all?

What is similar is showing the wholeness of being Black, even if you have to show it onstage in quiet, private ways. In *Ma Rainey*, when they're in the rehearsal room, their wholeness comes out. When they're in front of the white guys, they have to navigate that landscape we're talking about. Then, when they go down in the basement, their true Blackness comes out. The way they joke with each other, the anger, the pathos. We rarely get to see that. Where do white people witness that? Where do we get to see that? We have to seek it out.

#### What's the most pressing issue you believe that Black people are facing right now?

We're fighting so many fights, but I think what's most important is that we find our identity. It's been hidden from us, kept from us, battered out of us. The fear in this country by the people who are running things is that we discover our magnitude, our beauty, our intellect, our history. The fight we have to fight the most is educating our people.

## One of the modern critiques of Wilson's work is that the roles for women are limited and disempowering. What do you say to that?

It's a terrible misconception. In every August Wilson play, the woman is the center. The woman is the moral fiber of the play. Somewhere in every August Wilson play, the woman turns the play on its heels. So for people to make that criticism is unwarranted and untrue. Do they have the most words? No. August was a little shy about writing too much for women because he questioned whether he was the best person to write for women. When you think about it, he was one of the best writers for women, because is there a stronger female character than Aunt Esther? Find her, show her to me.

#### What would you like audiences to take away from the experience of seeing Jitney?

I would like for audiences to come in and see this play and not only be entertained but enlightened. I want them to feel the jolt, vibrancy, and electricity of African American life. How we fight our fights and how we win. How we stand our own ground, and we're not talking "Florida stand your ground," we're talking about integrity as human beings, as people. I want people to experience the dignity of the community.

"Ruben Santiago-Hudson Takes 'Jitney' on the Road," by Kelundra Smith, originally appeared at www.AmericanTheatre.org on September 17, 2019. Used with permission from Theatre Communications Group.

# TONY WINNER DAVID GALLO SHARES SIX SECRETS AND STORIES ABOUT HIS TONY-NOMINATED JITNEY SET BY JOSH FERRI



Tony and Emmy Award—winning set designer David Gallo has more than 30 Broadway shows under his belt, including First Date, Stick Fly, The Mountaintop, Memphis, Xanadu, Company, Thoroughly Modern Millie, and The Drowsy Chaperone (2006 Tony Award). He's worked on "Sesame Street" and with the Blue Man Group, and he has the distinction of working with August Wilson from 1996 until Wilson's death in 2005. Gallo designed the premiere productions of Wilson's later works King Hedley II, Gem of the Ocean, Radio Golf, and the Off Broadway and Broadway productions of Jitney—for which he was nominated for a 2017 Tony Award.

David Gallo spoke with BroadwayBox.com in June 2017, right before the hit production won the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play. Read on as he shares six secrets about his Tony-nominated set for this production of *Jitney*.

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#### Photo by Ann Beyersdorfer

I think one of the most interesting things that people seem to care about is the cars. It was very important to me (and to August when we first talked about the show back in the late '90s) that we see, as he described it, "a piece of a car." I took that to a little bit more of an extreme to seeing the actual machines these men used to transport the neighborhood. Then it turns into: how are we going to find these cars? And how are we going to get them into the theatre? Each of those automobiles had to be reverse engineered in to fit down a single corridor. It was pretty crazy actually, but it turned out really, really well. The cars are a big part of what that world is, so we were willing to go through a lot to make it happen.





Photo by Ann Beyersdorfer.

I view the set as a gigantic living collage largely influenced by Romare Bearden collages. Romare would take photographs of big ole '70s automobiles and paste them right into his paintings. So we pasted these automobiles right into the middle of our painting.

If you look at the stage, the level of age on everything is pretty extreme. Things have been taped to the walls over the years and then more things get taped to the walls—a sporting event or a picture people like. There are six different levels of tape yellowing on that stage—shiny tape to dull tape—and four or five different kinds of markers. I kid you not. The newest thing on the stage—the only thing that's bright white—is the calendar because it's the only thing that would have been there for one month.

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Photo by Ann Beyersdorfer. The jitney station itself has an incredible history. Whenever you're working in a setting for a Wilson play, the history of that environment is almost always crucial. It goes back a very, very long way, and the history of this jitney station is there. You have evidence that it was a beauty salon, a men's barbershop, and a butcher shop at one time. If you look at the stage-right side of that set, there's this bizarre section where the tile becomes a completely different scale. There's indication that there must have been a wall there that was ripped out and the tile was filled in poorly with a different tile. There is metal grating in the floor where there would have been a meat locker 30 years earlier. The floor also has evidence of barber chairs being ripped out.





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The backdrop literally has photos August took in it. The backdrop is an actual collage. I stood at my drawing table with paper and scissors and glued all that stuff down and painted on top with a savage intensity. It's also a combination of all sorts of Pittsburgh photographers and pictures I've taken over the years, so there's a lot of love in that drop. They built this enormous stadium [Civic Arena] that separated the Hill District from the rest of Pittsburgh

as a wall between two different worlds, and that bugged August. He spent a lot of time talking and writing about that. So, I tried to give the indication in the drop that, though you can't see it, that big ole stadium is walling them off.

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#### (from left) Harvy Blanks and Amar Cheatom, Photo by Joan Marcus.

Let's talk about that monster of a sofa. Here's the thing for me as a designer: really this play is about a telephone, a sofa, and a door. You need a phone, a place to sit around, and a place to come and go from. Finding the right sofa for this production was murder; what happens is you find a sofa you love but the wrong sofa goes into rehearsal, and you get nervous. They get used to the rehearsal sofa. What's important about this sofa was that you could sit on the arms, and that was important to Ruben [Santiago-Hudson]—they are constantly in motion and at rest.



So, I had another sofa I absolutely loved, but we couldn't make it work sitting on the arms, so this thing was the rehearsal piece. It was bright red and horrible—I just hated it. Scott Laule, the prop guy, said, "Dude, I'm going to paint it and you're gonna love it." I said, "You're out of your mind." But now that thing is perfect. It went from the bane of my existence to the most lovely thing on the stage.



#### FRANCOIS BATTISTE

(Booster) is known for his roles on Broadway in *Bronx Bombers* (Circle in the Square); *Magic/Bird* (Long Acre); and *Prelude to a Kiss* (Roundabout). His London credits include: *One Night in Miami* (Donmar Warehouse), which received the 2016 Olivier nomination for Best Play. Francois' select

Off-Broadway credits include: Paradise Blue (Signature Theatre); OBIE award-winner The Good Negro, Head of Passes and Detroit '67 (Public Theatre); The Merchant of Venice starring Al Pacino and The Winter's Tale with Ruben Santiago-Hudson (Delacorte Theater); and 10 Things to Do Before I Die (Second Stage). Regionally, he has worked with Sundance; NY Stage & Film; Williamstown; Chicago Shakespeare; and The Goodman. His television and film credits include: ABC's Ten Days in the Valley and The Family; HBO's The Normal Heart; CBS's Person of Interest and The Good Wife; Are We There Yet? on TBS; Men in Black III; and A Long Walk. Francois was a John Houseman Prize recipient at The Juilliard School and attended Oxford's British American Drama Academy. He also earned his B.S. at Illinois State University.



#### HARVY BLANKS

(Shealy) was seen on Broadway in August Wilson's *Jitney*. His regional credits include *King Hedley II* (New Jersey); *Familiar* (Seattle); *Moscow* (Williamstown); *The Mountaintop* (Portland); *Fire on the Mountain* (Mountain View); *Familiar* (Yale Rep); and *Jitney* (Redbank).

He has performed in all 10 plays in August Wilson's Century Cycle and won the Drama Desk Award for the Off-Broadway production of *Table Top*.



#### AMARI CHEATOM

(Youngblood) Theater credits include: Skeleton Crew (The Old Globe); Detroit '67 (Baltimore Center Stage); The Temple Bombing (Alliance Theatre); Fetch Clay Make Man (True Colors Theatre Co.); Dutch Masters (LAByrinth Theatre Company); On The Levee (Lincoln Center);

The Book of Grace (The Public Theatre); and Zooman and the Sign (Signature Theatre). A graduate of the Juilliard School Drama Division. The Freddie Hendricks Youth Ensemble of Atlanta. Film credits include: Roman J. Israel, Esq.; Detroit, Crown Heights; Moths and Butterflies; The Alchemist Cookbook; Django Unchained; Newlyweeds; Night Catches Us and Knucklehead. Television credits include Numbers (CBS), Chase (USA), Detroit 1-8-7 (ABC) and Georgetown (ABC).



#### **ANTHONY CHISHOLM**

(Fielding) can currently be seen recurring in the Hulu series, *Wu-Tang: An American Saga*. He is a Tony Award nominee for his portrayal of Elder Joseph Barlow in August Wilson's *Radio Golf*. His other Broadway credits include August Wilson's *Two Trains Running* and *Gem* 

of the Ocean. Off-Broadway credits include August Wilson's Jitney, for which he received the Drama Desk and Obie Awards for his portrayal of Fielding, The Happiest Song Plays Last at Second Stage Theatre and roles with the NY Shakespeare Festival/Public Theater, among others. Overseas: the hit Vietnam play Tracers at London's Royal Court Theatre, Sydney, Australia's Seymour Center and Melbourne's Universal; and August Wilson's Jitney at The National

Theatre in London (Olivier Award, Best New Play). He is also the recipient of the NAACP Theatre Award, the AUDELCO Award, the Ovation Award and the I.R.N.E. Award. His film work includes *Going In Style, Chiraq, My Bakery in Brooklyn* and *Beloved*, among others. Select television credits include *Random Acts of Flyness, High Maintenance, Shades of Blue, Detroit 1-8-7, Law & Order: SVU* and the role of Burr Redding on HBO's Oz.



#### **BRIAN D. COATS**

(Philmore, u/s Shealy, Fielding) Broadway: (MTC/National Tour) *Jitney*. Off-Broadway includes: *The Brothers Paranormal* (Pan Asian Repertory Theatre), *Travisville* (Ensemble Studio Theatre), *La Ruta* (Working Theatre), *The Bacchae*, *The First Noel* (Classical Theatre of

Harlem /The Apollo), On the Levee (Lincoln Center), The Merry Wives of Windsor, Two Gentlemen of Verona (Public/NYSF). Regional: The Royale (Cleveland Play House), The Nest (Denver Center Theatre), Ralph Ellison's Invisible Man (Huntington Theater, Studio Theatre DC), King Hedley II, Seven Guitars, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Two River Theater), Fences, A Raisin in the Sun (Geva Theater), Distant Fires (People's Light and Theater), Clybourne Park (Caldwell Theatre), The Wedding Gift, pen/man/ship (Contemporary American Theatre Fest), Count (PlayMakers Rep). TV includes: "Law & Order," "Law & Order: SVU," "JAG," "Blue Bloods," "The Sopranos," "Boardwalk Empire," "Luke Cage," and "The Blacklist."



#### **STEVEN ANTHONY JONES**

(Becker) was the artistic director of the Lorraine Hansberry Theatre. He has worked professionally on stage, on television and in film for 46 years. He has performed in the works of August Wilson, (Charles) Fuller, Fugard, Stoppard, Gotonda, Becket, Pinter, Moliere,

Shakespeare, Chekhov and others. He was in the original cast of *A Soldier's Play* produced by the Negro Ensemble Company, which won an Obie Award for ensemble acting and the Pulitzer Prize for Best Drama. He performed, taught and directed at the American Conservatory Theater for 22 years as a member of the core acting company. Mr. Jones received his early theater training at Karamu House in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio.



#### NIJA OKORO

(Rena) Theater credits include: The Legend of Georgia McBride (Geffen Playhouse); Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Mark Taper Forum); Two Trains Running (Matrix Theatre); Joe Turner's Come and Gone (u/s Mark Taper Forum); the world premiere of Zoey's Perfect Wedding (Denver

Center); An Octoroon (Chautauqua Theatre Center); Blueprints to Freedom (La Jolla Playhouse); The Mountaintop (Cape May Stage); Bossa Nova (Sundance Theatre Lab); and Echo In Silence (McCarter Theatre). TV: The Deuce, Animal Kingdom, StartUp, Insecure, Monday Mornings, Hail Mary, Southland, Medium and ER. Upcoming film: Red River, A Doll's House (starring Sir Ben Kingsley) and Gilpin. Training: The Juilliard School. Dedicated to Malvenia.



#### **KEITH RANDOLPH SMITH**

(Doub) Broadway: Jitney; American Psycho; Come Back Little Sheba; Salome; King Hedley II; Fences; The Piano Lesson. Off-Broadway: Paradise Blue; Lockdown; Tamburlaine; Holiday Heart; The First Breeze of Summer; Jitney; The Revolving Cycles Truly and Steadily Roll'd; Intimacy. Regional; A

Human Being of a Sort; How to Catch Creation; Our Town; Romeo and Juliet; Antony and Cleopatra; Midsummer Night's Dream; The Tempest; Three Sisters; Ivanov; The Seagull; In Walks Ed; Water by the Spoonful; Sunset Baby; The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey. Film and TV: The Good Fight; Law and Order; One Life to Live; I'll Fly Away; NY Undercover; Cosby; Malcolm X; Girl Six; Path to Paradise; Anesthesia; Backstreet Justice; The Warrior Class; Dead Dogs Lie; Fallout.



#### RAY ANTHONY THOMAS

(Turnbo) is thrilled to return to this production. His Broadway credits include *Jitney*, *The Crucible* and *Race*. Ray has created roles in two Pulitzer Prize-winning plays: *Water by the Spoonful* and *Between Riverside and Crazy*. He also created a role in *Volunteer Man* (Obie winning-performance).

Recent theater *Moscow Moscow Moscow* 



#### JAMES T. ALFRED

(u/s Booster, Youngblood) is excited to join this production of *Jitney*. Off-Broadway credits: *Pipeline*–u/s (Lincoln Center); *Blood* (NBT); *This Land* (Vineyard Theatre). *All's Well That Ends Well* (Public Theatre). Select regional theater credits: *Head of Passes*–world premiere;

Hushabye (Steppenwolf Theatre); Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Mountaintop (Guthrie Theatre, ATC); Jitney (Penumbra, KC Rep, ATC); Two Trains Running, Detroit '67, A Brown Tale (Penumbra Theatre); Fences (Denver Center, IRT, ATC, Milwaukee Rep); End Game (Baltimore Center Stage). Television credits: Empire, Chicago P.D., Blacklist, BlindSpot, FBI, BOSS and Prison Break.



#### A. RUSSELL ANDREWS

(u/s Philmore, Becker, Doub, Turnbo) Founding member of award winning StageWalkers Productions. Russell won 2 NAACP Theatre Awards and 2 LA Ovation Awards for work as actor/producer with Wilson's *Jitney* and *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, where he won his

first Best Actor NAACP. After developing both 'Mister' in the world premiere of *King Hedley II* at Pittsburgh's New Hazlett Theatre and 'Youngblood' in the inaugural production of *Jitney* at Pittsburgh's Public Theatre, he reprised his role of 'Youngblood' in the *Jitney* cast that won the 2002 Olivier Award for Best New Play at London's Royal National Theatre. Film/TV credits include Vice Principal Gaines on HBO's INSECURE and Principal Avery in HBO's upcoming STERLING.



#### PATRESE D. MCCLAIN

(u/s Rena) is delighted to be joining the *Jitney* family. Originally from Chicago, she has worked with many theater companies in her hometown and in regional theaters all over the country. Select regional theater credits include: *Pipeline* and *Skeleton Crew* at Actors Theatre: *Short* 

Shakes R&J at Chicago Shakespeare Theater; The Mountaintop and Skeleton Crew at People's Light and Theatre Company; White Guy on the Bus at Northlight Theatre; for colored girls..., Spunk, Tartuffe and The Misanthrope at Court Theatre; Two Trains Running at Geva Theatre Center; No Child... and Pericles at The St. Louis Black Rep. Recent film credits include: BET's Friend Request, Workingman, Widows directed by Steve McQueen, and Captive State directed by Rupert Wyatt. Television credits include: Chicago Med, Chicago Fire (NBC); Sirens (USA); and Detroit 1-8-7 (ABC). Awards include: Barrymore Award Winner for Outstanding Leading Actress, St. Louis Circle Theatre Award Winner for Best Solo Performance, two-time Joseph Jefferson Nominee for Outstanding Supporting Actress. Training: BFA Howard University, MFA Pennsylvania State University. Website: www.patresedmcclain.com.

#### **AUGUST WILSON**

(Playwright) August Wilson's plays include *Gem of the Ocean, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, The Piano Lesson* (Pulitzer Prize winner), *Seven Guitars, Fences* (Pulitzer Prize winner, Tony Award winner), *Two Trains Running, Jitney* (Olivier Award winner), *King Hedley II* and *Radio Golf.* In 2003, he made his stage debut in his one-man show, *How I Learned What I Learned.* He received an Emmy Award nomination for his screenplay *The Piano Lesson.* Other works include *The Janitor, Recycle, The Coldest Day of the Year, Malcolm X, The Homecoming* and the musical satire *Black Bart and the Sacred Hills.* Other awards include eight New York Drama Critics Circle Awards, Rockefeller and Guggenheim Fellowships in Playwriting, a Whiting Writers Award, 2003 Heinz Award, 1999 National Humanities Medal and induction into the Theater Hall of Fame.

#### **RUBEN SANTIAGO-HUDSON**

(Director) is honored to continue this journey with August Wilson's Jitney whose recent Broadway production garnered several awards for Outstanding Revival including the Tony Award, Drama Desk Award, Outer Critics Circle Award, Drama League, and the NY Drama Critics Circle Awards, along with six Tony nominations. Ruben's directing credits include: The Piano Lesson, Skeleton Crew, Othello, Gem of The Ocean, Paradise Blue, My Children! My Africa!, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, Cabin in the Sky, The Happiest Song Plays Last, Two Trains Running, Things of Dry Hours, The First Breeze of Summer and Your Blues Ain't Sweet Like Mine, among many others. Mr. Santiago-Hudson received a Tony Award as featured actor for his performance in August Wilson's Seven Guitars. He made his Broadway acting debut alongside Gregory Hines in Jelly's Last Jam. Other Broadway credits include Stick Fly and Gem of The Ocean. The multi-award-winning director/writer/actor wrote, executive produced, and co-starred in the HBO film Lackawanna Blues based on his OBIE and Helen Hayes Award-winning play. The movie received several honors including Emmy, Golden Globe, NAACP Image Award, Humanitas, National Board of Reviews, Black Filmmaker's Foundation and Christopher Awards. In a career that spans over four decades, Ruben considers opening The Ruben Santiago-Hudson Fine Arts Learning Center in 2014 in his

hometown of Lackawanna, NY as one of his proudest and most cherished accomplishments.

#### **DAVID GALLO**

(Scenic Design) has designed more than 30 Broadway productions, including *Memphis*, *First Date*, *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Tony Award for Best Scenic Design), *The Mountaintop, Reasons to Be Pretty, Xanadu, Company* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Working with August Wilson from 1996 until his death, David designed the premiere productions of Wilson's later works, including *King Hedley II*, *Jitney, Gem of the Ocean* and *Radio Golf* — the latter two of which each garnered him Tony nominations. Other awards: Drama Desk, Lucille Lortel, Ovation, Obie, L.A. Drama Critics, Outer Critics Circle and NAACP. davidgallo.com

#### **TONI-LESLIE JAMES**

(Costume Design) Broadway: Come From Away (2017); Amazing Grace; Lucky Guy; The Scottsboro Boys; Finian's Rainbow; Chita Rivera: The Dancer's Life; Ma Rainey's Black Bottom; King Hedley II; One Mo' Time; The Wild Party; Marie Christine; Footloose; The Tempest; Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992; Angels in America: Millennium Approaches; Perestroika; Chronicle of a Death Foretold; and Jelly's Last Jam. Awards: Tony nomination, three Drama Desk nominations, six Lucille Lortel nominations, Hewes Design Award, Irene Sharaff Young Masters Award and the 2009 Obie Award for Sustained Excellence in Costume Design.

#### **JANE COX**

(Lighting Design) Jane Cox's projects with Ruben Santiago-Hudson include Seven Guitars at Signature Theatre. Broadway: The Color Purple; Machinal; All the Way; Come Back, Little Sheba; and Picnic. Recent projects include Amélie at Berkeley Repertory Theatre; Othello at NYTW; Hamlet at the Barbican; Roe at OSF; The Flick at the National Theatre, London; and Passion, Peer Gynt and Allegro at Classic Stage Company. Jane is a member of the Monica Bill Barnes Dance Company, has a long collaboration with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and is the director of the theater program at Princeton University.

#### **DARRON L WEST**

(Sound Design) Previously at the Friedman: *The American Plan, To Be or Not to Be, The Royal Family, Top Girls* and *Time Stands Still.* He is a Tony and Obie Award-winning sound designer whose work for theater and dance has been heard in more than 500 productions nationally and internationally, on Broadway and off. His accolades for sound design also include the Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle, Lucille Lortel and AUDELCO awards. He is a two-time Henry Hewes Design Award winner and a proud recipient of the Princess Grace Award statue.

#### **CHARLES COES**

(Sound Design) is a New Jersey-based sound designer. Off-Broadway, he's designed: *Tales of the Washer King* (Playwright's Realm); *Servant of Two Masters* (TFANA among others); *Robber Bridegroom* (Roundabout); *For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday* (Playwrights); and *Natural Shocks* (WP Theater). He teaches at the Yale School of Drama and has worked as an associate on many Broadway shows including *Peter and the Starcatcher*; *Great Comet of 1812*; and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. He's won the Craig Noel Award (San Diego) and the Footlights Award (Milwaukee) for sound design.

#### BILL SIMS JR.

(Original Music) is an internationally respected "Master of the Blues." He is a 2012 Grammy nominee for And Still I Rise and an Obie Award winner for Lackawanna Blues. Recent theater credits: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom (Two River), The Piano Lesson (Hartford Stage and Signature Theatre), August Wilson's Two Trains Running and Jitney (Two River). Mr. Sims was the subject of the documentary An American Love Story (PBS), for which he composed many of the songs for the soundtrack. Other film credits: Lackawanna Blues, New York Stories, Miss Ruby's House, American Gangster and Cadillac Records. Training: Ohio State University. heritagebluesorchestra. com

#### MATTHEW ARMENTROUT

(Hair and Wig Design) Matthew Armentrout's Broadway design credits include *Bernhardt/Hamlet*. Other design credits include *Merrily We Roll Along* (Roundabout), *Anna May Wong—The Actress Who Died a Thousand Deaths* (Mabou Mines), *Paradise Square* (Berkeley Repertory Theatre), *Othello* (Shakespeare in the Park), *London Rocks* (Busch Gardens Williamsburg) and *A Christmas Carol* (Busch Gardens Williamsburg).

#### THOMAS SCHALL

(Fight Direction) has worked on more than 60 Broadway shows, including *The Front Page, The Crucible, Blackbird, The Color Purple, Waitress, The King and I, War Horse, This Is Our Youth, Of Mice and Men, Romeo and Juliet, Lucky Guy, Death of a Salesman, Venus in Fur, and A View from the Bridge.* He has worked extensively at Lincoln Center (*Disgraced, Blood and Gifts*), the Public Theater (*Hamlet, King Lear, Mother Courage, Father Comes Home from the Wars*), MTC (*Ruined, Murder Ballad*), NY Theatre Workshop (*Red Speedo, Othello*) and the Met Opera (*Le Nozze di Figaro, Il Trovatore*).

#### **AWOYE TIMPO**

(Associate Director) Off-Broadway: In Old Age (New York Theatre Workshop), Good Grief (Vineyard Theatre), The Revolving Cycles Truly and Steadily Roll'd (Playwrights Realm), The Homecoming Queen (Atlantic Theater), Carnaval (National Black Theatre), Ndebele Funeral (59E59, South African tour, Edinburgh Festival), Sister Son/ji (Billie Holiday Theater), In the Continuum (Juilliard). Regional: Paradise Blue (Long Wharf Theatre), Skeleton Crew (Chester Theater). Producer: CLASSIX, a reading series exploring classic plays by Black playwrights. Other: ABC/Disney, Cherry Lane, Fire This Time, Ma-Yi, New Black Fest, New Dramatists, NOW Africa, PEN World Voices, Royal Shakespeare Company, Lincoln Center Directors Lab, Soho Rep Writer/Director Lab, WNYC.

#### **CAPARELLIOTIS CASTING**

(Broadway Casting) Select Broadway: King Lear, Hillary and Clinton, Ink, The Waverly Gallery, The Boys in the Band, Three Tall Women, Meteor Shower, A Doll's House, Part 2, Jitney, The Glass Menagerie, Blackbird, Fences. Select theaters: Signature, Atlantic, Ars Nova, The Old Globe, McCarter, Goodman, Berkeley Rep, Seattle Rep, Arena Stage. Current TV: New Amsterdam (NBC).

#### NANCY PICCIONE

(Broadway Casting) Broadway credits include *Choir Boy, Jitney, Heisenberg, The Father, Venus in Fur, Wit, Time Stands Still, Top Girls, Shining City, The Assembled Parties, Outside Mullingar, Casa Valentina* and *Constellations.* She cast the original productions of *Proof* and *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife* Off-Broadway and on

Broadway as well as their national tours. Off-Broadway credits include Sugar in Our Wounds, Cost of Living, Linda, Incognito, The Explorers Club, Choir Boy, The Whipping Man, Ruined, Equivocation and The World of Extreme Happiness. Prior to working at Manhattan Theatre Club, she was a member of the casting staff at the New York Shakespeare Festival for 10 years, where she worked on Shakespeare in the Park and numerous productions at the Public Theatre. She cast the American actors for the first two seasons of The Bridge Project, produced by BAM and the Old Vic London. She is a graduate of the Yale School of Drama and a member of the Casting Society of America.

#### LAURA STANCZYK

(Additional Casting) Broadway, Off-Broadway and tours: Encores! Off Center, Side Show, After Midnight, A Night With Janis Joplin, Follies, Lombardi, Ragtime, Impressionism, Seafarer, Radio Golf, Coram Boy, Translations, Dirty Dancing, Glorious Ones, Noura, Little Rock, Fetch Clay, Brother Sister Plays. Multiple seasons for Kennedy Center, Shakespeare Theatre, Hartford Stage, McCarter, etc.

#### KAMRA A. JACOBS

(Production Stage Manager) Broadway credits include: American Son and Children of a Lesser God. The Public: Much Ado About Nothing, Twelfth Night and As You Like It. Her regional credits include: The Bitter Game, Last Tiger in Haiti, The Wholehearted, The New One, The King and I and Disney's The Little Mermaid. Film credits include: American Son (Netflix). Education: MFA, U.C. San Diego.

#### **MANDISA REED**

(Assistant Stage Manager) is excited to be at The Old Globe. She worked at The Public on *The Bitter Game*. Regional credits include: *Diana*, *The Heart of Rock & Roll, SUMMER: The Donna Summer Musical* and *Squirrels*. Education: MFA, UC San Diego.

#### MANHATTAN THEATRE CLUB

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#### MAXIMUM ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTIONS

(General Manager) is a producing, developing and management company founded by Avram Freedberg, Mary Beth Dale and Eva Price; and is joined by Managing Director/General Manager Carl Flanigan. Select Broadway, Off-Broadway and Touring credits include What the Constitution Means to Me (National Tour); Cruel Intentions: The '90s Musical; Small Mouth Sounds; Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons on Broadway!; The Hip Hop Nutcracker; The Lion; Verso; Black Light; Born for This (LA and Boston); 50 Shades! The Musical; Ivy + Bean The Musical; Voca People; and Colin Quinn: Long Story Short. www.maximumcompany.com

#### **SENOVVA**

(Production Supervisor) is built on the vast experience and personal relationships of our producers, managers, designers and

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#### BARRY EDELSTEIN

(Erna Finci Viterbi Artistic Director) is a stage director, producer, author, and educator. He has directed over half of the Bard's plays. His Globe directing credits include *The Winter's Tale, Othello, The Twenty-Seventh Man*, the world premiere of *Rain, Picasso at the Lapin* 

Agile, Hamlet, the world premiere of The Wanderers, the American premiere of *Life After*, and *Romeo and Juliet*. He also directed All's Well That Ends Well as the inaugural production of the Globe for All community tour. Last January he oversaw the Globe's inaugural Classical Directing Fellowship program. and in 2018 he directed The Tempest with the Los Angeles Philharmonic at Walt Disney Concert Hall. As Director of the Shakespeare Initiative at The Public Theater (2008–2012), Edelstein oversaw all of the company's Shakespearean productions as well as its educational, community outreach, and artist-training programs. At The Public, he staged the world premiere of *The Twenty-Seventh Man*, *Julius Caesar*, *The* Merchant of Venice, Timon of Athens, and Steve Martin's WASP and Other Plays. He was also Associate Producer of The Public's Broadway production of The Merchant of Venice starring Al Pacino. From 1998 to 2003 he was Artistic Director of Classic Stage Company. His book Thinking Shakespeare, which was rereleased in a second edition in 2018, is the standard text on American Shakespearean acting. He is also the author of Bardisms: Shakespeare for All Occasions. He is a graduate of Tufts University and the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.



#### **TIMOTHY J. SHIELDS**

(Managing Director) joined The Old Globe as Managing Director in October 2017. In his time in San Diego, he has enjoyed becoming involved in the community. He currently serves as a board member of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's

LEAD program; a member of the Board of Governors at University Club; and an Advisory Board member of the San Diego Downtown Partnership. He brings to San Diego many decades of theatrical experience. He was Managing Director of Princeton, New Jersey's McCarter Theatre Center (2009-2017); Managing Director of Milwaukee Repertory Theater (1998–2009); and Managing Director of Geva Theatre Center in Rochester, New York (1992-1998). He also had held administrative positions at Children's Theatre Company in Minneapolis, Denver Center Theatre Company, and McCarter Theatre Center in an earlier period of his career. He served as President of the League of Resident Theatres and as a board member of Theatre Communications Group. He has been the Chair of the ArtPride NJ board: a member of Milwaukee's Latino Arts Board; and a board member of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Milwaukee. He was the Founding President of Theatre Wisconsin, a statewide association of not-for-profit

professional theatres. He has been a panelist, panel chair, and on-site reporter for the National Endowment for the Arts theatre program. He holds a B.F.A. in Drama Production from Carnegie-Mellon University in his hometown of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

#### **JACK O'BRIEN**

(Artistic Director Emeritus) served as Artistic Director of The Old Globe from 1981 to 2007. His Broadway credits include All My Sons, Carousel, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Front Page, It's Only a Play, Macbeth, The Nance, Catch Me If You Can, The Coast of Utopia (Tony Award), Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (Tony nomination), Henry IV (Tony Award), Hairspray (Tony Award), *Imaginary Friends, The Invention of Love* (Tony nomination), The Full Monty (Tony nomination), Two Shakespearean Actors (Tony nomination), Porgy and Bess (Tony nomination), and many more. He has also directed for national tours, the West End, New York's Metropolitan Opera, and San Diego Opera, as well as six movies for PBS's "American Playhouse." He was inducted into the Theatre Hall of Fame in 2008. Jack Be Nimble: The Accidental Education of an Unintentional Director, his memoir about the early years of his career, was released in 2013.

#### **CRAIG NOEL**

(Founding Director, 1915-2010) was a theatre legend who was instrumental in cultivating the San Diego arts community. Beginning in 1939, he directed more than 200 Globe productions of all styles and periods and produced an additional 270 shows. His vision for The Old Globe resulted in the establishment of the Shakespeare Festival and San Diego Junior Theatre in the '40s, the expansion to two theatres in the '50s, and the founding of The Old Globe/University of San Diego Graduate Theatre Program in the '80s. Described by Variety as the éminence grise of San Diego theatre, Noel is one of the few San Diegans both to have had an entire year (1987) proclaimed in his honor, and to be named one of San Diego's "Living Treasures." He was also a founder of the California Theatre Council and a former vice president of the California Confederation of the Arts. Noel received many awards and honors during his lifetime, including the 2007 National Medal of Arts, the nation's highest honor for artistic excellence.



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The Directors are members of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, an independent national labor union.



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David Gallo (Scenic Design)

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Jane Cox (Lighting Design)

Darron L West and Charles Coes (Sound Design)

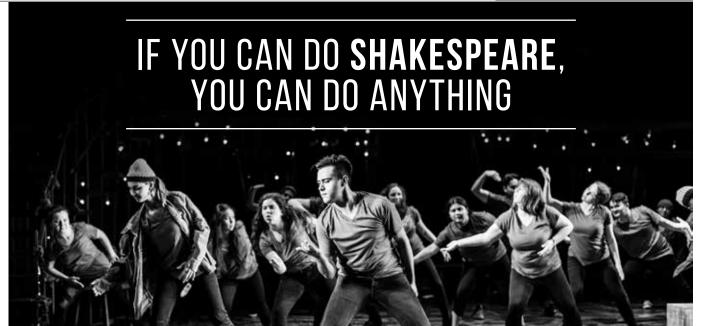
Matthew Armentrout (Hair and Makeup Design)

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## ERIKA PHILLIPS: What was your theatrical experience before coming to The Old Globe?

JOSE HURTADO: Nothing really until eighth grade, when I took a school trip and saw *The Phantom of the Opera* in New York City. A switch in my brain flipped with that chandelier dropping and organ music, and I was hooked! So I started a theatre class when I got to San Ysidro High School, and got really involved in my school's program.

## EP: How did you hear about the Pam Farr Summer Shakespeare Studio?

JH: I was introduced to The Old Globe through the Free Student Matinee Program, seeing *The White Snake* with my school. But I learned about Studio from an alum of my high school, who was working at the Globe and told me about the program and scholarship opportunities. At first I was a little wary, because I'm not really a Shakespeare guy. I had only read Shakespeare in English class and thought it was a lot of tedious work just to understand the story. And for performing, I had always imagined there was this one "Shakespearean" way of doing it. I thought, "What does that have to do with me?"

## EP: What happened that first summer that changed your perspective?

JH: This program was all about finding ourselves in the work and making connections to it. For me, having so much dance and song in the program

helped me connect to the Shakespeare and get excited about his world. Plus, you get such a cool group of kids from all over the county working together—from San Ysidro to Oceanside, and from all sorts of economic backgrounds.

#### EP: What made you want to come back for a second summer?

JH: Being able to do Shakespeare again! Wow... I never said that out loud before! I've had a lot of firsts with The Old Globe. The first Shakespeare I did was *Twelfth Night* in Studio, and the first one I saw was *Hamlet*. My relationship with the Globe impacted my character and my artistry. I realized that for my future career, I needed to learn from the professionals and observe and absorb their work ethic.

#### EP: How did your summers at The Old Globe affect your collegeapplication process or your readiness for university itself?

JH: In terms of application, I had the Globe and some references on my resume, so already a plus. Studio taught me what a professional space and rehearsal room should be like, which helped me in my first year at NYU. I took directorial classes, where I sometimes had to lead the room. And when I had to read some Shakespeare text in college, I already had a concept of how I personally enter Shakespeare, and that really helped me. I think if you can do Shakespeare, you can do anything.

## EP: You joined us in the Studio for a third year as an intern. How

JH: I was ecstatic to be a part of the creative team. I loved working with you, devouring the text, and working with Elvina Adams to come up with choreography. I got experience leading warm-ups. But more importantly, when we had creative problem-solving discussions, I was included and my voice was genuinely heard. Since I think I want to be more of a director than an actor, the internship allowed me to work on that craft and find ways to articulate my own style. Being an intern confirmed for me that I want to do collaborative work in my life. Seeing the transformation in some of the students, from barely making eye contact to performing their hearts out on the Globe's stage, was truly rewarding. And I had some sort of impact. That's where the magic lies for me.

#### EP: How would you advise whether Studio is the right fit?

JH: If you really want to be an artist and expand your capabilities, why not do it? It's collaborative and supportive, and you get to build your own "fire" of Shakespeare together. It's just fun! ■

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