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production of

# BERTOLT BRECHT'S THE EXCEPTION AND THE RULE

Adapted by: ERIC BENTLEY Directed by: ISAIAH SHEFFER

with

RON

PAUL E. RICHARDS JOE

**FABER** 

BOUSARD

and SAM GREENE

Music Composed by: Stefan Wolpe Music Directed by: ARNOLD BLACK

# LANGSTON HUGHES' THE PRODIGAL SON

(A Gospel Song-Play) Production directed by VINNETTE CARROLL

with

PHILIP A. STAMPS JEANNETTE HODGE DOROTHY DRAKE ROBERT PINKSTON

and.

## VINNETTE CARROLL

as the Exhorter

Music Arranged and Directed by: MARION FRANKLIN Choreography by: SYVILLA FORT

Sets: PETER WINGATE

Costumes: EVE GRIBBIN

Lighting: JIM GORE

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### THE EXCEPTION AND THE RULE

CAST (In order of appearance)

Merchant	PAUL E. RICHARDS
Coolie	RON FABER
Guide	SAM GREENE
Leader of the Second Caravan	WILLIAM SHORR
Members of the Second Caravan	JOHNNY HARRIS and RON VAAD
First Policeman	WILLARD BOND
Second Policeman	CHARLES SULLIVAN
Innkeeper	RON VAAD
Guard	JOHNNY HARRIS
Coolie's Widow	JEANNETTE HODGE
Judge	JOE BOUSARD
Associate Judge	WILLARD BOND

Piano: Mr. Bousard Trumpet: Mr. Sullivan Percussionist: Mr. Bond

#### 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

#### THE PRODIGAL SON

## CAST (In order of appearance)

Sister Lord	DOROTHY DRAKE
Brother Callius	ROBERT PINKSTON
Prodigal Son	PHILIP A. STAMPS
Exhorter	
Father	RONALD PLATTS
Mother	
Jezebel	TRINA FRAZIER
Brother John	MARION FRANKLIN
Brother Alex	
Sister Anna	JEAN PERRY
Sister Waddy	SYLVIA TERRY
Brother Jacob	
Brother Joseph	JEFFREY WILSON
Sister Fatima	HATTIE WINSTON

Piano: Mr. Franklin Trumpet: Mr. Sullivan Percussion: Willard Bond

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	SONGS
WADE IN THE WATER	SONGS DOROTHY DRAKE and ENSEMBLE
TAKE THE LORD GOD	ROBERT PINKSTON
ROCK WITH JEZEBEL	TRINA FRAZIER
I LOOK DOWN THE ROAD	DOROTHY DRAKE
LOOK AT THE PRODIGAL SON	SYLVIA TERRY and ENSEMBLE
DEVIL, TAKE YOURSELF AWAY	SYLVIA TERRY
	DOROTHY DRAKE
OH LORD COME BY HERE	ROBERT PINKSTON and ENSEMBLE
WHEN I TOUCH HIS GARMENT	DOROTHY DRAKE and ENSEMBLE
DEVIL, TAKE YOURSELF AWAY (Reprise	e) SYLVIA TERRY.
	TRINA FRAZIER, and ENSEMBLE ROBERT PINKSTON and ENSEMBLE
YOU BETTER TAKE TIME TO PRAY	ROBERT PINKSTON and ENSEMBLE
WADE IN THE WATER (Reprise)	DOROTHY DRAKE and ENSEMBLE
I'M WAITING FOR MY CHILD	ROBERT PINKSTON
LOOK AT THE PRODIGAL SON (Reprise	) SYLVIA TERRY and ENSEMBLE
ROCK WITH JEZABEL (Reprise)	TRINA FRAZIER
DONE FOUND MY LOST SHEEP	JEANNETTE HODGE
COME ON IN THE HOUSE	ROBERT PINKSTON, DOROTHY DRAKE, and ENSEMBLE ROBERT PINKSTON and ENSEMBLE
	DOROTHY DRAKE, and ENSEMBLE
IWO WINGS	ROBERT PINKSTON and ENSEMBLE
GOOD NIGHT	ROBERT PINKSTON and ENSEMBLE

HOW AM I GONNA MAKE IT? and YOU BETTER TAKE TIME TO PRAY: Words and Music by Langston Hughes; ROCK WITH JEZEBEL: Words by Langston Hughes, Music by Billy Eaton; DEVIL, TAKE YOURSELF AWAY and WHEN I TOUCH HIS GARMENT: Words by Langston Hughes, Music by Jobe Huntley; LOOK AT THE PRODIGAL SON and GOOD NIGHT: Words and Music by Marion Franklin. All other songs are traditional.

#### WHO'S WHO

#### THE EXCEPTION AND THE RULE:

JOE BOUSARD (Judge), a graduate from San Diego State College, has been a musical director, pianist, arranger, and composer. He has acted in children's theatre and has an extensive background in radio and TV.

RON FABER (Coolie) appeared off-Broadway in Gene Frankel's productions of An Enemy of The People and The Spots of the Leopard. He has been seen on TV in The Defenders and The Patty Duke Show. His movie credits include The World of Houry Origins and Art. of Henry Orient and Act I.

SAM GREENE (Guide) was last seen on Broad-SAM GREENE (Guide) was last seen on Broadway in the title role substituting for Robert Preston in Ben Franklin in Paris. Other Broadway credits include Family Affair, Goldilocks and Damn Yankees. Off-Broadway has seen Mr. Greene in Streets of New York, The Fantasticks and A Month in the Country. He has also appeared on most major television networks.

PAUL E. RICHARDS (Merchant) first came to the attention of theatre followers with his superb performance as the weakling cadet in Calder Willingham's End As A Man, repeating the role in the movie version. He was last seen on Broadway in A Thousand Clowns, and just finished the same role in the film version soon to be released.

CHARLES SULLIVAN (Policeman) attends the Manhattan School of Music and is making his stage début in this play.

WILLARD BOND (2nd Policeman) is an accomplished actor, musician, and set designer for several children shows. He is also a well known ceramic mural artist, whose works include the facade for the Eugene O'Neill Theatre.

BERTOLT BRECHT (Playwright) wrote The Exception and The Rule in 1930 not long after his successful The Threepenny Opera. This is the first professional production of the play in America.

ERIC BENTLEY (Adaptor) foremost American translator of Brecht's drama, is Brander Mat-thews Professor of Dramatic Literature at Colum-bia University. His many published works include The Playwright As Thinker, In Search of Theatre, The Classic Theatre, The Modern Theatre, and, most recently, The Life of the Drama.



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ISAIAH SHEFFER (Director) was translator, director, and performer in last season's The Theatre of Peretz. In 1961 he staged the American première of Michel De Ghelderode's Barrabas. He is drama critic for radio station WBAI and a faculty member at Columbia University, where he hirst staged The Exception and The Rule.

STEFAN WOLPE (Composer) one of the foremost contemporary composers, whose Symphony No. 1 was given its world première last year by the New York Philharmonic, was an active participant with Breeht in the extraordinary theatre life of pre-war Berlin.

ARNOLD BLACK (Music Director) is a violinist for outstanding chamber and symphonic organizations in New York. He has written and directed the music for Broadway and off-Broadway productions, notable among which were The Girl on the Via Flamina and Ulysses In Nighttown.

#### THE PRODIGAL SON:

DOROTHY DRAKE (Sister Lord) is one of the great gospel singers in the United States and has appeared with several outstanding choir groups throughout the country. She now heads the Voice of Paradise, and has appeared on the stage in Jerico Jim Crow and Tambourines To Glory.

TRINA FRAZIER (Jezebel) a graduate of the High School for Performing Arts Miss Frazier has appeared in concert with the Norman Walker Troupe, with the tSanzy Peterson Company and with atherine Dunham's Apollo Review.

JEANNETTE HODGE (Mother) has appeared on TV and in summer stock, is a graduate of the American Theatre Wing where she was the first student to maintain a scholarship for two consecutive years. She has danced with the Jose Limon and The Talley Beatty-Syvilla Fort dance groups. ROBERT PINKSTON (Brother Callius) has appeared in Black Nativity and has been with the Bradford Singers for several years. He recently was seen in Festival 1965 in Paris with the Marion Williams' group. His TV credits include Jubilee Workshop and Hootenany.

RONALD PLATTS (Father), a graduate of the Judimar School of Dance in Philadelphia, appeared on Broadway as an actor and dancer in Kwamina. He also performed in Show Boat at the City Center, was part of the touring company of Finian's Rainbow, and was a solo dancer for the Talley Beatty and Syvilla Fort dance groups.

PHILIP A. STAMPS (Prodigal Son), a native New Yorker, was a singer-dancer in Kwamina and appeared in Black Nativity. He has been seen on television in Canada and New York and has performed in night clubs throughout the country.

HATTIE WINSTON (Sister Fatima) was seen earlier this season in Happy Ending at the Group Theatre Workshop. She attended Howard University

LANGSTON HUGHES (Playwright) poet, novelist, and columnist, is one of America's most eloquent and prolific writers. Among his many contributions to the theatre have been Black Nativity, Jerico Jim Crow, Simply Heavenly, Shakespeare In Harlem, Mulatto, the lyrics for Kurt Weil's Street Scene, and the libretto for the opera The Barrier. He is the creator of the beloved "Simple" character.

VINNETTE CARROLL (Director), a member of the Director's unit of the Actor's Studio, directed Black Nativity and appeared as its narrator in London and at Spoleto. She is the recipient of an Emmy Award, an Obie Award, a Ford Foundation director's grant, and can currently be seen as the grandmother in One Potato, Two Potato. She has directed many ELT shows and has appeared in several Broadway productions.

SYVILLA FORT (Choreographer) is a former Katherina Dunham dancer. She now teaches dance at her own school in New York.

MARION FRANKLIN (Music Director) was the organist at the International Festival of Jazz in Europe in 1963 and is the organist for Jerico Jim Crow. Recently, he co-directed Moods and Melodies, a revue scheduled to tour American colleges.

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Jay B. Rosenblatt Jordan Hott Publishers PETER WINGATE (Set Designer) spent two seasons as set designer for the Phoenix Theatre, and also did the sets for the off-Broadway productions of The Firebugs, A Month in the Country, The Emperor and Crime and Crime.

JAMES GORE (Lighting Designer) designed the lights for the original Little Mary Sunshine and was the production manager this past season for Theatre In Westchester.

EVE GRIBBIN (Costume Designer) did the scenic motifs for the Chapel Players productions in Boston, and was active in the productions of the New York Shakespeare Festival.

STELLA HOLT (Producer) is presenting her 33rd production, and this is the third time she is producing a Langston Hughes play. The first was Simply Heavenly, the second Jerico Jim Crow. Some of her other memorable plays include Me, Candido, Orpheus Descending, Red Roses For Me and All In Love.

BEVERLY LANDAU (Producer) has been the moving force behind several Broadway productions. In addition, she co-produced Sean O'Casey's Red Roses For Me, Max Frisch's The Firebugs, and made her official début as an associate producer on Broadway earlier this season with Lorraine Hansberry's The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window.

HENRIETTA STEIN (Producer) who has worked in theatre and radio throughout the country, most recently having produced mental health plays and monologues in Long Island. This is her détut as an off-Broadway producer.

STEPHANIE SILLS (Associate Producer) was assistant to producer Lewis Allen on his productions of The Physicists and Slow Dance on the Killing Ground.

YANNA BRANDT (Associate Producer) was coproducer of Playwrights At Work, an award-winning TV series featuring Edward Albee, Jack Richardson, and other young playwrights. She has worked at CBS, Channel 13, and NBC. This is her first off-Broadway production.

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