

# Joe Turner's **Come and Gone**

## by August Wilson

Director Anni Domingo Lighting Designer Dan Bow

A Boarding House in the Hill District of Pittsburgh. Late Summer. 1911.

The play was first staged in 1984 at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Connecticut, and opened on Broadway in March 1988.

August Wilson (1945 - 2005) is one of the most important voices in the history of American theatre. Born Frederick August Kittel in 1945 to a white German-American father and an African American mother, Wilson took his mother's name in the early 1970s. He grew up in Pittsburgh's ethnically diverse Hill District, where he began writing poetry, before developing his playwriting in St. Paul, Minnesota. Wilson regarded the production of his early play Jitney in 1979 as the start of his career in the theatre. Over the next 20 years he would win dozens of awards, including two Pulitzer Prizes for his 'Century Cycle': a play for each decade of the 20 Century African-American experience. Joe Turner's Come and Gone is set in the second decade of that cycle. Other works include the recently filmed Fences and Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. Wilson died at the tragically early age of 60 in 2005, the same year the 1,000 seat Virginia Theatre on Broadway was renamed in his honour.

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#### Cast

The Poet



**Brandon** Hodgkinson

Seth Holly

Azaria Kabengele

Mattie



Bertha Holly

Olga **Groves** 

Reuben







Bynum

Jory Holmes

Martha



Jeremy

**Furlow** 

Malachi Vidal-Martin

Molly



Herald

**Jermaine** Mokwe

Rutherford

Zonia Loomis



Isabella West



**Michelle** Dada



Michael Oyar



**Justine** DeHaan



Adrienne Bailey



Louis Mulhere

#### **Production Team**

#### **Production**

Production Stage Manager Maddie Taylor Technical Manager Gabriel Bisbey

#### **Stage Management**

Deputy Stage Manager Maisie Munday Assistant Stage Manager Eve Hutchins

#### **Technical**

Head of Lighting Tyler Simmons Sound Technician Tyler Simmons Production Electrician Joel Welford Lighting Programmer William Pepper

### Costume

Costume Supervisor Bree Lloyd Costume Maker/Assistant Emma Kirkcup

#### Scenic Team

Charlotte Russ, Sophie Latimer, Sakinah Salim, Serna Simpson-Thomas, Sonny Caffyn, Rae Jones-Williams, Poppy Crowley, Lily Canning, Layla Price, Julia Nelson, Jonathon Gecele Beegle, Jemima Mackleworth, Holly Biswas, Bethan Neal, Barbara Polvora

Company Movement Matthew Gordon Martin Company Voice Aundrea Fudge Additional Cast Photography Nicole Schretlen

This production contains language that might be offensive to some. Recommended for ages 14+