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#ChoirBoy



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WRITTEN BY TARELL ALVIN MCCRANEY
DIRECTED BY NANCY MEDINA

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**BRISTOL
OLD VIC**

CHOIR BOY

A BRISTOL OLD VIC PRODUCTION
IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHUCHU NWAGU PRODUCTIONS



WELCOME TO CHOIR BOY



Nancy Medina

*Director, Choir Boy
Artistic Director, Bristol Old Vic*

"It's wonderful to welcome you to Bristol Old Vic for my first production as Artistic Director. I fell in love with Tarell Alvin McCraney's characters long ago. The musicality in his writing, the earnest voices of love & humanity demand to take up space in our minds and hearts.

Choir Boy is a play that has sat with me for many years, ringing in my ears and beckoning me to take the leap and revel in its many folds and layers. I feel humbled to bring you this epic play, written so generously by Tarell, and brought to life with so much love and talent from an incredible cast and creative team. The memories of this creative process will stay with me, nourish me and remind me to always be brave with art and life...

And your support of Bristol Old Vic by being here today is hugely appreciated. If it's your first time, we extend you an extra warm welcome. Please spread the word about the joy of theatre and come on in again soon..."

"When I was 11 years old, a storm of horrific proportions destroyed my home. I was forced to move from the neighborhood school I knew to a world almost completely different. I was scared and awkward. I imagine everyone was at the time, and I was bullied. Relentlessly.

I found myself hiding who I was in order to avoid more bullying. I gave up discovering myself, at a time when self discovery is at its most critical, in order to blend in or try to be like everyone else. I wasn't the only student who was being bullied by classmates. And I always admired those students who never wavered from being their true selves despite the pressure.

What scares us so much about difference that we seek to eradicate it from each other and yet need diversity for survival? How do we allow uniqueness to prosper without it destroying the traditions that have been established? I was bullied as a student and found a way through it, but what about the students who couldn't? How do they survive... thrive?

Choir Boy is a play that takes on these large questions in a lyrical and pressurized school year. Its form and content is built to ask questions of young people and older folk alike. The play is a call for us to develop tolerance and compassion in the face of tradition."



Tarell Alvin McCraney

Writer, Choir Boy

CREATIVE

Writer

Tarell Alvin McCraney

Director

Nancy Medina

Set & Costume Designer

Max Johns

Musical Director & Arranger

Femi Temowo

Sound Designer & Composer

Donato Wharton

Lighting Designer

Simisola Majekodunmi

Movement Director

Ingrid Mackinnon

Intimacy Coordinator

Ingrid Mackinnon

Costume Supervisor & Hair Consultant

Sophia Khan

Fight Director

Kev McCurdy

Casting Director

Julia Horan CDG

Associate Director

Tatenda Shamiso

Associate Designer

Aldo Vazquez

Dramatherapist

Samantha Adams

Voice & Dialect Coach

Aundrea Fudge



CAST

Michael Ahomka-Lindsay
David

Daon Broni
Headmaster Marrow

Khalid Daley
JR

Terique Jarrett
Pharus

Jyuddah Jaymes
AJ

Alistair Nwachukwu
Bobby

Martin Turner
Mr Pendleton

PRODUCTION

Director of Producing & Programming
Jessica Campbell

Producer
Ruby Gilmour

Trainee Producer
Charlotte Churm

Production Manager
Imogen Senter

Deputy Production Manager
Chloe Ashley

Company Stage Manager
Graham Ray

Deputy Stage Manager
Chloe Turner

Assistant Stage Manager
Eve Richardson

Cover Stage Management
Lucy Ventham & Lizzie Laycock

Production Carpenter
Rhys Gillard

Scenic Painters
Cliff Thorne, Tom Crossley Thorne, Charlie Crossley Thorne

Wardrobe
Ruth Ramsay, Grace Rich, Charlie Conway

Stage Crew
Jack Duff, Brian Hargreaves, Jen Stoner

Lighting Programmer
James Harrison

Lighting Operators
Natalia Chan, Danni Davis, Tom Barge

Sound Operators
Ben Thomas, Finn Macneil