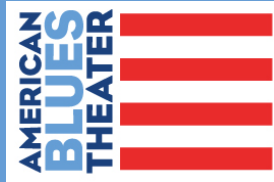


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WINNER OF THE PULITZER PRIZE

BY AUGUST WILSON

DIRECTED BY MONTY COLE

SEPTEMBER 4 - OCTOBER 17, 2020

Opening night: Thursday, Sept 10, 2020 @ 7:30pm

This is the sensational drama about Troy Maxson, a former star of the Negro baseball leagues, who now works as a garbage man in 1957 Pittsburgh. Excluded as a black man from major leagues during his prime, Troy's bitterness takes its toll on his relationships with his wife and family. Ensemble member and award-winning actress Wandachristine plays "Rose Maxson".



19th ANNIVERSARY

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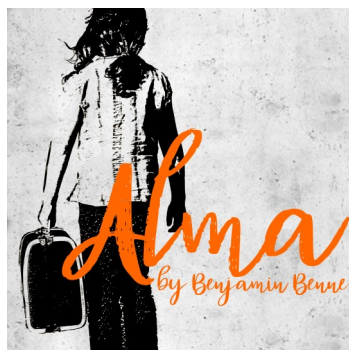
DIRECTED BY ARTISTIC DIRECTOR GWENDOLYN WHITESIDE

MUSIC DIRECTION BY ENSEMBLE MEMBER MICHAEL MAHLER

NOVEMBER 12, 2020 - JANUARY 2, 2021

Opening night: Thursday, Nov 19, 2020 @ 7:30pm

Chicago's second-longest holiday play! The American Blues Ensemble treats Chicago audiences to a live 1940s radio broadcast. The incredible cast recreates the entire town of Bedford Falls with Foley sound effects, an original score, and holiday carols. Critics call this "perfect" and "first-class holiday fare". After each performance, milk and cookies are served by the cast.



WORLD PREMIERE—winner of the national 2019 Blue Ink Playwriting Award

BY BENJAMIN BENNE

DIRECTED BY ANA VELAZQUEZ

JANUARY 29 - MARCH 13, 2021

Opening night: Thursday, Feb 4, 2021 @ 7:30pm

Working mom Alma has single-handedly raised her daughter, Angel, on tough love, home-cooked comida, and lots of prayers. But on the eve of the all-important SAT, Alma discovers her daughter isn't at home studying. A sacrifice from Alma's past weighs heavy on their present; now, Alma fears her worst nightmare may soon be their reality. Will the American Dream cost them a life together?



CHICAGO PREMIERE—winner of the Osborn New Play Award by American Theatre Critics Assoc.

BY CHELSEA MARCANTEL

DIRECTED BY GWENDOLYN WHITESIDE

MAY 7 - JUNE 13, 2021

Opening night: Thursday, May 13, 2021 @ 7:30pm

When Nina enters her first air guitar competition, she thinks winning will be easy. But as she befriends a group of charismatic nerds all committed to becoming the next champion, she discovers there's more to this art form than playing pretend. Following her mission to shred or be shredded, *Airlines* is an exuberant reminder that everything we need to rock is already inside us. A comedy about competition, completion, and finding the airness inside yourself.