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TAMBO AND BONES

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tickets $10 presale $15 @door



directed by
Kymbrianna Griggs

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1000 Monroe St. Jackson, MS

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Content Warning:

this production of *tambo & bones* contains explicit and racial language, simulated gunshots, scenes of violence, theatrical haze, and flashing lights.

SETTING:

a pasture. but, like a fake ass pasture.

Cast

Tarvorius House	Tambo
Madison Upendo	Bones
Anna Fanning	X-Bot 1
Wyatt Wilson	X-Bot 2
Willie Toles Jr.	Tambo & Bones u/s
Tyler Russell	X-Bot u/s



Tarvorius House

Tarvorius House is an actor, singer, and director from Lowndes County, Alabama. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in theatre arts with a concentration in performance from Alabama State University. While at ASU, Tarvorius performed in several mainstage productions, including *Dreamgirls* (C.C. White), *The Wiz* (Tin Man), and *Blues for an Alabama Sky* (Sam Thomas). Expanding his artistry beyond the stage, he served as musical director for *Little Shop of Horrors* at Booker T. Washington Magnet High School, director of the short play *Smoke Scenes* by Nick Zagone, and stage manager for *Vonnie*, an original work by Michaela "Mikki" McKenzie. Tarvorius is honored to continue sharing his passion for storytelling with his new artistic home at New Stage Theatre.



Madison Upendo

Madison Upendo (he/him/his) is a multidisciplinary actor and teaching artist whose work spans stage, voice, and film. A Belhaven Theatre alum, Madison approaches storytelling as both craft and calling, guided by a faith-centered commitment to truth, humility, and purpose. Drawn to bold, thought-provoking work that examines identity, power, and the Black experience, his work includes classical and contemporary theatre as well as original projects for stage and screen. Madison is honored to appear in Tambo & Bones as Bones.



Anna Fanning

Anna Fanning (she/they) is so excited to be making her New Stage debut! She is a native of Huntsville, AL and received her BA in English from the University of Alabama in 2021, as well as her MFA in Theatre Performance from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2025. After graduating from USM, she joined the team at Wells APAC as a theatre teacher, where she gets to live her dreams everyday teaching students in 4-12th grade about the joys of theatre and acting. Previous acting credits include: Elinor Dashwood (*Sense and Sensibility*), Baker's Wife (*Into the Woods*), Lady Bracknell (*The Importance of Being Earnest*), Uncle Fester (*The Addams Family*), Bernarda Alba (*The House of Bernarda Alba*). She would like to thank her parents, her sister Rachel, her fiancé Faith, and her co-teachers Madison and Ashia for all of their support, as well as director and fellow USM alum Seth Rodivich for allowing her the chance to jump back on stage and have some fun!



Wyatt Wilson

Wyatt Wilson graduated from the University of Mississippi in 2023 with a B.A. in Theater Arts. Some of his favorite roles include The Father in *The Trail To Oregon* (New Stage Unframed), Wilbur Turnblad in *Hairspray* (Center Players Community Theater), Wino/Audrey II Puppeteer in *Little Shop of Horrors* (Ole Miss Theater), and ensemble in *Frozen* (New Stage). He would also like to thank his family, friends, and castmates for their continued support.



Willie Toles Jr.

Willie Toles Jr. is excited to join the cast of Tambo and Bones. A native of Ridgeland, MS, Willie discovered his love for theatre through the Ridgeland High School theatre program, where he made his stage debut as Kenickie in Grease: The Musical. His stage credits also include The Wizard of Oz (TinMan) and The Wedding Singer (Glenn Gulia), and he is a member of the Thespian Society. Willie has screen acting experience in the award-winning series Get It On Jones, streaming on Amazon Prime and Tubi. He also enjoys working behind the scenes as a grip and lighting technician. A Belhaven University alumnus, Willie holds a B.S. in IT Management and is active in the Jackson creative community. He is grateful to director Kymbrianna Griggs and the stage crew for this opportunity.



Tyler Russell

Tyler Russell began his theatre journey when his friend needed a ride to auditions, and he decided to audition with her. Tyler got the part and has been sucked into the world of theater ever since. From acting to behind the scenes Tyler has worked at multiple theaters and is excited to work with Newstage's Unframed again.

Creative Team



Kymbrianna Griggs—Director

Kymbrianna Griggs, a Jackson native, holds a BFA in Theatre Performance from the University of Southern Mississippi. Recently, they served as Assistant Director for The *Play That Goes Wrong* at New Stage. They are passionate about pursuing a career in hair and makeup design and direction, and are thrilled for the opportunities ahead at New Stage. Kymbrianna would like to thank their family for their unwavering love and support!



Seth Rodivich—Stage Manager,

Scenic, Lighting, Sound, & Projections Designer

Seth Rodivich is a graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi with a B.F.A. in theatre performance. He was born and raised in southern Louisiana. Seth recently assistant-directed *Wait Until Dark* at New Stage Theatre. He is pursuing a career in directing and arts management and is looking forward to the upcoming Unframed season. Seth would like to thank all friends and family for their continued support.

Michaela Williams



Costume Designer;

Dramaturg

Tarvorius House



Prop Designer

Hannah Beth Rollman



Assistant Stage Manager

New Stage Staff

Francine Thomas-Reynolds—New Stage Artistic Director
Xerron Mingo—New Stage Education Director
Casey Nelms—Production Manager
Richard Lawrence—Technical Director
Antonio Juarez—Assistant Technical Director

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