

***Trouble in Mind* stays true to Alice Childress's fiery script**

By Alice Childress

Directed by Cherissa Richards

A co-production with Citadel Theatre

February 16 - March 11 | Preview February 15

John Hirsch Mainstage

WINNIPEG, January 26, 2023 – Royal MTC brings ***Trouble in Mind***, a backstage Broadway comedy-drama, to centre stage during Black History Month.

At a Broadway theatre in 1957, rehearsals are underway for a new play. Behind the scenes, veteran Black actors are dispensing advice to their young castmate. For them, playing a role is a way of life. Don't be too smart or too outspoken, and don't get too close. Meanwhile, the white director expects raves for showing enlightenment but his actions fall short. In the play-within-a-play, the Black sharecroppers look for the vote but find nothing but trouble. And the tension in the rehearsal room rises...

Alice Childress was deprived of being the first Black woman to have a play on Broadway when she refused to tone down the message of ***Trouble in Mind***. Now, more than 65 years later, the New York Times is calling this comedy-drama "the play of the moment".

Trouble in Mind stars **Alana Bridgewater** as Wiletta Mayer, **Andrew Broderick** as John Nevins, **Oscar Derkx** as Eddie Fenton, **Reena Jolly** as Millie Davis, **Jodi Kristjanson** as Judy Sears, **Glenn Nelson** as Henry, **Alex Poch Goldin** as Bill O'Wray, **Geoffrey Pounsett** as Al Manners and **Alvin Sanders** as Sheldon Forrester.

The creative team features Director **Cherissa Richards**, Set Designer **Cory Sincennes**, Costume Designer **Sarah Uwadiae**, Lighting Designer **Kevin Humphrey**, Sound Designer **Ashley Au**, Dialect Coach **Tré Cotton**, Voice & Dialect Coach **Tom Soares**, Assistant Director **Melissa Langdon**, Apprentice Costume Designer **Kate George**, Stage Manager **Lisa Russell**, Assistant Stage Manager **Paige Lewis** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Devon Helm**.

Tickets for ***Trouble in Mind*** start at \$28 plus GST. For showtimes and ticket information, call the Royal MTC Box Office at 204 942 6537, toll-free at 1 877 446 4500 or visit royalmtc.ca.

B-roll will be sent to select media on February 15 and is also available upon request. A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on February 14. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre.

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