

Calpurnia

By Audrey Dwyer

Directed by Sarah Garton Stanley
An NAC English Theatre/Royal MTC/Black Theatre Workshop Co-production

March 24 – April 16 | Preview March 23
John Hirsch Mainstage

“Seems likely to prompt many a soul-searching conversation about how race, privilege, and gender intersect.” – TORONTO STAR

WINNIPEG, March 16, 2022 – Royal MTC is thrilled to return live to the Mainstage with Associate Artistic Director Audrey Dwyer’s explosive comedy about family dynamics, privilege and a dinner party gone wrong.

Julie, a Jamaican-Canadian screenwriter, is taking aim at *To Kill A Mockingbird* for its treatment of Calpurnia, the Finch family maid. When her brother Mark wonders aloud whether Julie can write this story from her place of privilege, she goes to dramatic lengths to prove him wrong. Race, class and gender collide in this timely play that’s sure to provoke conversation in all the best ways.

CALPURNIA stars **Kwaku Adu-Poku** as Mark Gordon, **Ellie Ellwand** as Christine Charter, **Rochelle Kives** as Precy Cabigting, **Arne MacPherson** as James Thompson, **Emerjade Simms** as Julie Gordon and **Ray Strachan** as Lawrence Gordon.

The creative team features Director/Dramaturg **Sarah Garton Stanley**, Set Designer **Rachel Forbes**, Costume Designer **Joseph Abetria**, Lighting Designer **Hugh Conacher**, Sound Designer **Chris Coyne**, Cultural Consultant **Hazel Venzon**, Assistant Director **Nikki Shaffeeullah**, Assistant Set Designer **Shauna Jones**, Stage Manager **Michael Duggan**, Assistant Stage Manager **Zahra Larche** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Ridge Romanishen**.

Tickets for **CALPURNIA** start at \$27.25 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 media on March 23. A selection of photos will be available for download on our website on March 22. To access these photos, visit the MEDIA CENTRE at royalmtc.ca/mediacentre. USERNAME: media PASSWORD: images.

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After consultation with our stakeholders and in order to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all, we will continue with vaccination and mask mandates. [Please see our FAQs](#) for more information.

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