



San Diego Repertory Theatre

Sam Woodhouse, Artistic Director · Larry Alldredge, Managing Director

Present

POLAR BEARS, BLACK BOYS & PRAIRIE-FRINGED ORCHIDS

by Vincent Terrell Durham
Directed by Rondrell McCormick

CAST (in order of appearance):

Jaquan Wallace / Elijah Dupree	Lelund Thompson
Peter Castle	Graham Outerbridge
Molly Castle	Nikki McCauley*
Shameka Davis	Angela K Thomas*
Tom/Officer Lennox	Lucas Alifano*
Rita Dupree	Kaiy Watts
Stage Directions	Joshua Kimball
	*Member of Actors' Equity Association
Stage Manager	Beonica Bullard

BLACK VOICES READING SERIES STAFF:

Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, Danielle Ward	Principal Curators
Ahmed Dents, Kimberly King	Curators
Kim Heil	Co-Producer
Rebecca Myers	Co-Producer
Kiana Archey	Intern

Polar Bears, Black Boys & Prairie-Fringed Orchids was commissioned and originally developed by PlayGround (James A. Kleinmann, Artistic Director) in association with Planet Earth Arts (Michael Fried, Artistic Director). *Polar Bears, Black Boys & Prairie-Fringed Orchids* was presented as part of the inaugural Juneteenth Theatre Justice Project (Aldo Billingslea, Producer).


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2021 Play Reading Series

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Vincent Terrell Durham (Playwright) is a playwright and author who first honed his storytelling skills as a stand-up comic in comedy clubs across the country. He was born and raised in Binghamton, New York to a family of vibrant storytellers. His powerful new play *Polar Bears, Black Boys & Prairie Fringed Orchids* was co-commissioned and developed by PlayGround and Planet Earth Arts and was a 2020 Eugene O’Neill semifinalist. As a proud gay man of color, his voice is fresh and compelling as he goes unflinchingly to the heart of the matter and pulls no punches. All of which can be found in his 2020 Great Plains Theatre Conference finalist play, *The Fertile River* as well as his 2020 Samuel French OOB finalist play, *Masking Our Blackness*.



Rondrell McCormick (Director) has film/tv credits that include *February One* (PBS/Netflix) and *Channel 00* (Spike). Director of *Vol. 1 A Post Racial America* (Boston Court Pasadena), *Weekend, Black Women Talking* and *Polar Bears, Black Boys & Prairie Fringed Orchids* for Orlando Shakespeare Festival, Rondrell pays homage to his first creation web series, *The Wesley’s*. Up next he ventures to finish his experimental short film, *The Old Saturday* and co direct anthology feature film *Seasons*. He is an alumnus of Sundance Theater Lab at MASS MoCA (*Bella: An American Tall Tale*) and a writer on music label WriterzBlok Music Group. Mr. McCormick’s theater credits include Mark Twain’s *River Of Song* (Jim-TheatreWorks), *As You Like It* (Oliver/Corin-SF Shakes), *Between Riverside & Crazy* (Junior-San Jose Stage), *Graveyard Shift* (Kane-SF Playhouse), *Smokey Joe’s Cafe* (Adrian-Center REP), *All’s Well That Ends Well* (Duke of Florence-Shakespeare and Company), and *A Christmas Carol* (Businessman-

ACT). Mr. McCormick holds a B.F.A. in theater from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and an M.F.A. in acting from the prestigious American Conservatory Theater.



SAN DIEGO REPERTORY STAFF

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Co-Founder	D.W. Jacobs

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Associate Artistic Director & Literary Manager	Danielle Ward
Associate Artistic Director & Latinx Projects Producer	Dr. Maria Patrice Amon
Playwright-in-Residence	Herbert Siguenza
NNPN Producer in Residence	Rebecca Myers

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