



Our Lady of 121st Street

By Stephen Adly Guirgis

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by John Gould Rubin, Ira Pittelman, Robyn Goodman,
Ruth Hendel and Daryl Roth

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A NOTE FROM THE DRAMATURG

I have a special connection to this play: I used to live on 121st Street.

It is a part of New York City that is not quite the Upper West Side (traditional playground of the wealthy) and not quite Harlem (traditionally one of the city's poorest neighborhoods). Four blocks to the north is 125th St, home of the Apollo Theater and an iconic thoroughfare of the African American experience. Across the street to the south is Columbia University, an elite institution of the Ivy League. And on the block where I lived is a humble Catholic church and school, a fictionalized version of which is the heart of our play. The name of that church/school? Coincidentally enough, it's Corpus Christi.

I have long admired the playwright Stephen Adly Guirgis, not merely because we clearly shared the same stomping grounds. His work is a masterful blend of the sacred and the profane. On one hand, miracles can happen; and on the other, his characters often share a vocabulary that would make even sailors blush. (The title of his Broadway debut was referred to in newspapers as *The M********* with The Hat.*) The clearest example of this is his play *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*, which dares to ask if even the most reviled figure in Christianity isn't perhaps worth a little charity.

Religion and theatre have been intertwined throughout the history of the art form (Ancient Greece, Classical Japan, Medieval Europe, Classical India, etc.). Now, I'm not saying that *Our Lady of 121*st *Street* is the



same as going to church or sacrificing a goat to the Greek god Dionysus. But every time we come together in the theatre, the whole is always greater than the sum of its parts. And that is even true in this story of a group of lost souls who need, seek, and come tantalizingly close to earning redemption.

-Thomas A. Oldham, Ph.D.

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THE CAST (in order of appearance)

Victor Justin Taylor

Balthazar Michael Mondejar

Rooftop Sai Nicholson

Father Lux Mason Bowling

Flip Lucas Collins

Gail Finn Pool

Inez Aniya Mosley

Norca Sofia Alvarado-Ruiz

Edwin Frank Villalvazo

Pinky Juan Borrero

Marcia Abby Corbett

Sonia Ericca Mahaffey

THERE WILL BE ONE TEN-MINUTE INTERMISSION

PRODUCTION STAFF

Marco Muñoz Director

Dramaturg Thomas A. Oldham

Scenic Designer Kevin Loeffler

Costume Designer Alina DeJesus

Lighting Designer Alex Mason

Sound Designer Alex Mason

Meredith Melville Intimacy Director

Stage Manager Rynna Miori

Alexis Aguilar, Kye Bates Asst. Stage Managers

Gideon Lancaster **Properties Designer**

Asst. Lighting Designers Gabriel Almager, Tyler McCov

Head Electrician Gabriel Almager

Technical Director/Scene Shop

Hair & Makeup Designer

Supervisor

Costume Shop Supervisor Alexandra Shaw

Shopper/Buyer Rosa M. Lazaro

Scenic Run Crew Izzy Cantu **Properties Run Crew** Sully Blanco

Wardrobe Run Crew Head Chloe Paulson

Wardrobe Run Crew Morgan Busanet, Rafe Hernandez,

Angel Purl, Emma Syrdal,

Manuel Trevino

Fel Moncada

Iordan Bohl

Hair & Makeup Run Crew Head Zee Jones

Hair & Makeup Crew Anisah Ali, Gabriella Lopez,

Sarah Roller

Bella Gonzales

Electrics Crew Ben Domingue, Bella Gonzales

Light Board Operator Ben Domingue Sound Board Operator

The <u>pre-show announcement</u> was recorded by Michael Mondejar

PRODUCTION STAFF (CONTINUED)

Scenic Construction Sofia Alvarado-Ruiz, Nathan Berman, MJ Blencoe,

Crew Juan Borrero, Noah Bryant, Alma Caballero, Diego

Calderon, Bella Carrillo, Cassy Castillo, Nick Duve, Stephanie Garate, Kaeya Garcia, Robert Garza, Christian Hernandez, Cloey Hollar, Beau Laviolette, Gabriella Lopez, Aniya Mosley, Arturo Peña III, Angela Presser, Jude Rangel, Jacob Roller, Keoni

Saadat, Easton Santarelli, Bell Voelkel

Scenic Paint Crew Isaac Empson, Gabby Gonzalez, Summer Laich,

Finn Pool, Noah Smith

Lead Stitchers Alina DeJesus, Lucas Collins, Abby Corbett, Alexan-

dra Shaw

Stitchers Doris Agard, Anisah Ali, Morgan Busanet, Izzy

Cantu, Maddie Clark, Andrew Cloe, Lenny Compton, Kim Coss, Michael Flores, Victoria Godey, Jamie Grime, Rafael Hernandez, Salem Herrera, Carlos Ramirez, Sarah Roller, Kylie Spencer, Haley Sturgeon, Emma Syrdal, Jo Szatkowski, Manuel

Trevino, Dalilah Velasquez

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Rozlin Haynie, Jaxon Mabry, Drake McElyea, Angel Purl, Aiden Tarango,

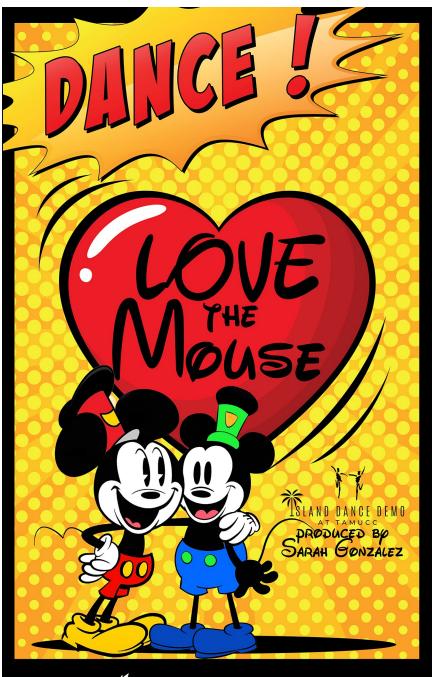
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