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BUD, NOT BUDDY

Adapted by Reginald André Jackson
From the novel by Christopher Paul Curtis

Artistic Team

Directed by Dawn M. Simmons

About the Show

Set in Michigan during the 1930s, *Bud, Not Buddy* tells the story of 10-year-old Bud Caldwell, an orphan on the run from abusive foster homes, and his quest to find his father. Bud's journey sets him on the trail of a jazz band known as "Herman E. Calloway and the Dusky Devastators of the Depression." A flier for one of Calloway's shows leads Bud to Grand Rapids and Calloway, the man he believes is his father. Bud gets into all sorts of trouble along the way and develops his own "Rules and Things" to help navigate a world of confusing expectations.

Casting Breakdown

Bud (not Buddy) - Male, 10, An African American boy from Michigan growing up in the foster system during the Great Depression era. Bud misses his mother and desperately wants to find his father. He is smart, resourceful and driven by a quest for a better life.

Herman E. Calloway – Male, 40's+, A famous African American musician known throughout Grand Rapids Michigan; the man Bud believes to be his father but is actually his grandfather. He embodies the concept of tough love as a means to survive.

Youth Ensemble – Any Gender, 10 – 16, African American young actors to play a variety of characters in Bud's life.

Adult Ensemble – Any Gender, 18+, African American & Caucasian actors to play a variety of character's in Bud's life.

IMPORTANT DATES*

First Rehearsal: 4/8/20

Tech: 4/25/20

Previews: 4/28-5/1 @ 10:30am

Opening: 5/2 @ 2pm

Closing: 5/23 @ 2pm

*Dates & Times Subject to Change. This production is rehearsed/performed in rep with *The Little Prince*.