

# SOULS OF TIME

Music in the Lobby by the Historic Excelsior Band

"Wade In the Water"

"Lord, How Come Me Here"

"Generations" by Jarron Snell

"Trolley Car Boycott Medley"

"I Am Over It"

"All Good" by James Harris White, III

"Still Got It" by James Harris White, III

"Don't Steal My Joy" by Joseph "Joe" Lewis

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow

"It Is Well With My Soul"

"Never Forget I Love You"

THE CALL

"Souls of Time - Stand Up" by Yvonne Matthews & James Harris White, III

## **CELEBRATION TIME**

The Excelsior Band

Follow the band and cast to the lobby for fellowship and photo opportunities with the cast.

\*All music composed or arranged by Yvonne Matthews unless noted.

The videotaping or any type of video or audio recording is expressly and strictly prohibited.

There is to be NO flash photography during the performance.

SOULS OF TIME, a musical drama, is a story that follows a young girl named Jade, residing in Mobile, Alabama in 2020 before the Pandemic. Living with her emotionally abusive mother and younger brother in the Down the Bay community, Jade struggles with self-acceptance and self-love. Through an unexpected and unexplained turn of events, she is transported to 1963, living in the body of Mary-Ann Thomas, a 15-year-old girl who lived in the same house 57 years earlier. She experiences firsthand the challenges of Black people in Mobile County during the height of segregation, subsequently, learning about herself, her culture, the history of Mobile County and the State of Alabama, and her innergenerational resilience.

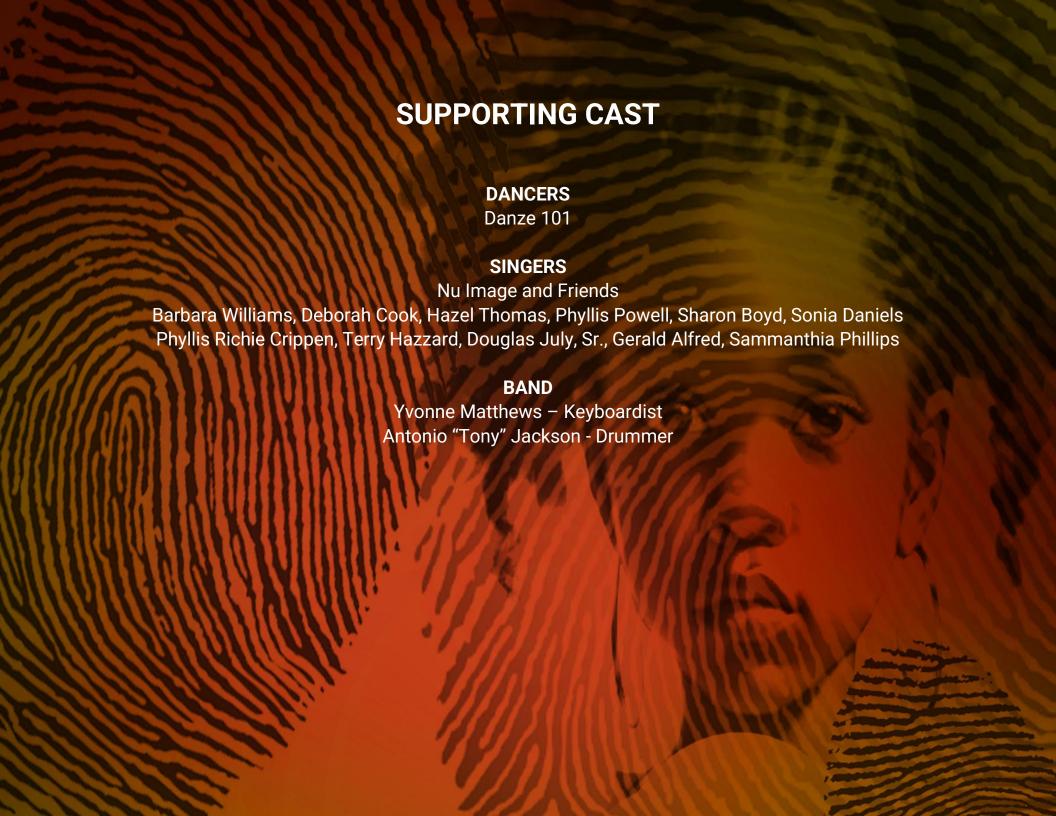
## THE CAST (In order of appearance)

## **CHARACTER**

Ninja / Belah Ajani / Paul Overseer Rose / Little Girl Little Girl Ms. Keisha Jade / Mary-Ann Thomas Ms. Emma Mr. Larry **Betty Thomas Richard Thomas** Trice Kelvin Rollo Treymond "Tre" White Teen Black Teen

## **CAST**

**Shquana Washington** Jaylon Beck **Donald Denham** Isabella Rose Tucker Jordyn White Ravyn Otis Kimmyra Scarbrough Gemma Phillips **Tydrick Pore** Sophia Steen Joshua Jones Consuella Phillips Isaac DuBose Jaylin Gedaliah Myles Hesley **Greigh Northcutt Trinity Smith** 



## **THE CREW**

Schools Scheduler - Yvette Hillery Photographer - Samantha Harris

Volunteers - Azure Wells, Gloria Burks, Barbara Seltzer, Vanessa Smith, Sandra Hayes Volunteers - Linda Cook, Cheryl Holifield, Alfrida Williams, Perry Ezell, Marilyn Ezell, Elizabeth Denham Volunteers - Toulminville Class of 1970 & Glorious Word Community Bible Study Group

## **MORE CREDITS**

Graphics Versus Company, Vashon Shepard

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Educational Guide
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Additional Music Production

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Additional Props
Vicky Hughes – LeFlore Magnet High School
Omek Robinson

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JAYLON BECK



DONALD DENHAM



ISAAC DUBOSE



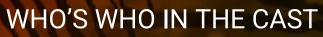
JAYLIN GEDALIAH



MYLES HESLEY



**JOSHUA JONES** 



(In Alpha Order)



**RAVYN OTIS** 



**CONSUELLA PHILLIPS** 



**GREIGH NORTHCUTT** 

**GEMMA PHILLIPS** 



**TYDRICK PORE** 



KYMMYRA SCARBROUGH



(In Alpha Order)



TRINITY SMITH



**SOPHIA STEEN** 



ISABELLA ROSE TUCKER



SHQUANA WASHINGTON



**JORDYN WHITE** 

## WHO'S WHO ON THE STAFF

(In Alpha Order)



JAPONICA BROWN



KENESHA CAREY



ANDREW HARMON



AMBERLY "BAMBIE" HARRIS



**CANDACE HOUSTON** 



**REGINALD HOUSTON** 



## WHO'S WHO







THE EXCELSIOR BAND

DANZE 101

NU IMAGE & FRIENDS



**NU IMAGE** 

## **ALL ABOUT THE COMPANY**

## Jaylon Beck, Ajani/Paul

Hailing from Forkland, AL, Jaylon embarked on a journey to Mobile in 2015 to pursue higher education at the University of South Alabama. With a lifelong passion for singing, Jaylon's vocal prowess has been nurtured since early childhood. Beyond this musical drama production, Jaylon has left a mark on the stage, having previously graced the spotlight in the Thoroughly Modern Millie Stage Production as Trevor Graydon.

## Japonica Brown, Playwright/Director

Native to Mobile, Alabama, Japonica has recently returned after having a flourishing national career as an actress and director. She's been seen in the hit show Body of Proof on ABC, "A Day to Die" starring Bruce Willis, and several off-Broadway shows including Neighbors with Company One. She received her Master of Fine Arts from Brandeis University in Massachusetts. She has been teaching Theater Arts in secondary and collegiate educational institutions for 14 years and received the Thad Chochran Arts Educator Award in 2014.

## Kenesha Carey, Choreographer

Owner-operator of Danze 101 Academy of Ballet Studio and Company, teaches dance but believes that dance is not just about learning steps and routines, but fosters creativity, builds confidence, and forms lasting connections with fellow dancers. The experienced and passionate instructors are dedicated to creating a supportive and inclusive environment.

#### Donald Denham, Overseer

Donald Denham is a native Mobilian who is taking his first foray into theater with Souls of Time. He works as a business broker at Transworld Business Advisors of the Gulf Coast and is active in the local community. He enjoys traveling and cooking for family and friends - especially when he gets to smoke meat for a crowd.

#### Isaac DuBose, Kelvin

Isaac, a Mobile native, is a junior at Ben C. Rain High School. Isaac has appeared in many productions, including "The Magnificent Ms. Marvel" as Josh Richardson, "The Wiz" as Uncle Henry, and "Matilda" as, Headmaster, Miss Agatha Trunchbull. He personally thanks all of you for coming to enjoy the show!

### Jaylin Gedaliah, Rollo

Jaylin is a freshman at Coastal Community College. A LeFlore graduate, he served as a student ambassador as well as Vice President of FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America). He was an active member of the drama department and performed in a production titled "A Halloween Sleeping Beauty" as "King Roteniski". Additionally, he is a member of the swamp organization with the Mobile Bay Keepers, a former member of the LeFlore Track and Field team, and school chorus member at LeFlore. He sang at Carnegie Hall last summer!

#### **Andrew Harmon**, Set Designer & Constructor

#### Amberly "Bambie" Harris, Stage Manager/Stage Dresser

A graduate of The University of South Alabama with a Bachelor's in Pre-Med Biomedical Sciences, she is also the Owner/COO of Nspire U! Media, Events, and Entertainment Firm, and Program Director of Nspire U On Air. With an extensive background in promotions and event planning, she also has a minor in Drama /Theater. Not only has she hosted multiple stage plays, but she was co-director, cast character development manager, and cast member Felicia in the production, The Forgiving Season and Lena in the production, The Christmas Miracle. She has executed adaptations of Ella Fitzgerald and Oprah Winfrey and was also a slave in the production, A Black History Story, and a disco radio disc jockey in the production, Dreamgirls.

## Myles Hesley, Treymond "Trey"

Myles Hesley is the son of Shawn and Tivoli Hesley. He is a fifth grader at Council Traditional School where he is a member of the archery team and running club and has also been named IB student of the week. He enjoys playing various sports, traveling, playing video games, and spending time with his family. Souls of Time is his stage play debut.

## **Candace Houston**, Stage Manager/Public Relations

Candace Houston is the Owner/CEO of Nspire U! Media, Events, and Entertainment Firm. With an extensive background in marketing and event planning, Candace is also a writer and director with two plays to her credit titled "The Forgiving Season" and "The Christmas Miracle," both performed with a full cast and production crew.

#### **Reginald Houston**, Sound & Technical

A Mobile native, Reginald has 19 years of production experience. He has traveled with Unical Productions doing various stage plays. He is the owner of A 1 Studios and is very happy to be working with Souls of Time.

#### **Antonio Tony Jackson**, *Drummer*

A sought-after drummer who has accompanied many national artists, Antonio, commonly known as "Tony" is the drummer from the gospel singing group Nu Image. He is the pastor of the Christ Temple Apostolic Church. He also serves as the musician coordinator for Youth on the Winning Side. He is overjoyed to be part of this production.

#### Joshua Jones, Richard Thomas

A versatile actor hailing from San Antonio, Texas, by way of Pensacola, FL, discovered his passion for the stage during his college years as a Thespian with the Alcorn State Players. Since then Joshua has seamlessly woven his talent into various productions, including notable performances in "Resurrection Sunday," "The Wiz," and dynamic collaborations with local improv and spoken word poetry groups. His dedication to the craft and diverse acting experiences defines Joshua as a captivating presence in the world of theater.

#### **Yvonne Matthews**, Composer-Producer

Singer, musician, educator, writer, recording artist, and consultant, Yvonne is a native Mobilian who grew up in the Down the Bay area. Classically trained, Yvonne has traveled throughout the US and other countries using her God-given talents. She is honored to have been commissioned to oversee and to create this production, and to interact with an awesome staff and cast. She is also grateful to the Mobile County Commission and Commissioner Ludgood for their confidence in her ability to make this a reality.

#### Marshall Moye, Costume Designer

Marshall Moye began her trade at John L. LeFlore Magnet High School in 1993 and has been in tailoring and alterations for over 24 years. Souls of Time is her first experience as a costume coordinator. She is currently employed at Men's Wearhouse.

#### **Greigh Northcutt**, White Teen

A young entrepreneur who loves to support local arts. She believes Mobile has such an incredible community of artists and she's elated to be a part! She is glad to be returning to the cast of Souls of Time.

### Nu Image, The Choir

Nu Image has been inspiring people through their musical renditions since 1990. This Gospel singing group can be heard in many venues – churches, college campuses, concert halls, weddings.... The singing members are Barbara Williams, Deborah Cook, Hazel Thomas, Phyllis Powell, Sharon Boyd, Sonia Daniels, and Yvonne Matthews. Being a part of SOT has brought them great joy!

## Nu Image Friends, The Choir

Nu Image Friends: Terry Hazzard EdS, Gerald Alfred, Douglas July Sr, Sammantha Phillips, Phyllis Richie Crippen. They are retired educators, business executives, and healthcare professionals who all share the gift of music. They are so happy to be a part of SOULS OF TIME!

#### Ravyn Otis, Miss Keshia

Ravyn Otis is a graduate of the University of South Alabama's theater program where she performed in an array of productions and was recognized for her performances as best actress as Olive in "The Women of Lockerbie" and as Cassius in Shakespeare's "Caesar." She enjoys being a part of many local theater productions and was honored to play the

role of Nella in Joe Jefferson Playhouse's production of "Gee's Bend" last year where she was awarded for her performance. She feels blessed to be a part of SOULS OF TIME and cherishes the opportunity to bring this powerful story to life

## Consuella Phillips, Trice

She is a senior at John. L. LeFlore. and has gone to state competitions for Trumbuaer Theatre Festival placing second and also receiving superior ratings. She participated in many stage plays: Adaptations for Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf as Lady Purple, Nu Image as Layla, A Halloween Sleeping Beauty as King Gross, Oz as Hair and many Black History and Christmas plays at her church. "Theater has slowly become my passion and I hope you enjoy the show!"

#### Gemma Phillips, Ms. Emma

Gemma Campbell found her interest in community theater in 2017. She has performed in: Thoroughly Modern Millie, Nunsense, Sister Act, Escape to Margaritaville, The Crucible, 9 to 5, and Gees Bend. In her spare time, she does stand-up gospel comedy as Sis GG "God's Gift."

#### **The Excelsior Band**

The Excelsior band is the oldest continuously performing marching brass band in the United States. It was founded in 1883 by John A. Pope. The band is an integral part of Mobile, the Gulf Coast region. They perform at Mardi Gras parades,

birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, funeral, family reunions, conventions and other functions. They are proud to contribute musically to Souls of Time production.

## **Tydrick Pore**, *Larry*

Tydrick Pore has been in many skits & independent films such as the Unicorn Killer as Chandler, The Imitations as Baby Ray, Punchline as Dr Goode, and he also has a role in an upcoming film called "We were once orphans". He has so many more to come.

## Kimmyra Scarbrough, Jade / Mary-Ann

Kimmyra Scarbrough is a home-schooled 11th-grade student. SOULS OF TIME is her third production and her first lead role. Before this, she was cast in ANNIE and THE CONCLUSION OF EDGAR ALLEN POE. Kimmyra is an artist, photographer, and musician with the keyboard and ukulele as her instruments of choice.

## Trinity Smith, Black Teen

Trinity Smith is a senior at W.P. Davidson High School, maintaining a 3.7 GPA. She participates in the Davidson Marching Band, Mobile Youth Symphony, Honor Band, and the Davidson Bowling Team. This is her debut stage production.

### Sophia Steen, Betty Thomas

Sophia Steen (Double S Music) grew up along the Gulf Coast in Pensacola, Florida, singing gospel in her church choir. That same church nurtured her love of God and is where she met and married the love of her life. To date, Sophia has been an unnamed cast member in Tyler Perry's The Oval, Bruh, and Sistas.

## Nicole "Nikki" Thomas, Hair & Makeup Artist

She is the founder of Nicasso Artistry, and her crafts include: Creative Pro Makeup Artist, Certified Eyebrow Microshading Artist, and Licensed Cosmetologist with 13+ years of experience in various settings, including salon, bridal, and event makeup. She is passionate about creating unique looks specific to each person that sits in her chair.

#### Isabella-Rose Tucker, Rose

Isabella-Rose Tucker has been acting since 2022. She has performed in seven stage plays and musicals with Sunnyside Theater. Isabella-Rose travels and competes in theatrical events. She is excited to be cast in this awesome production.

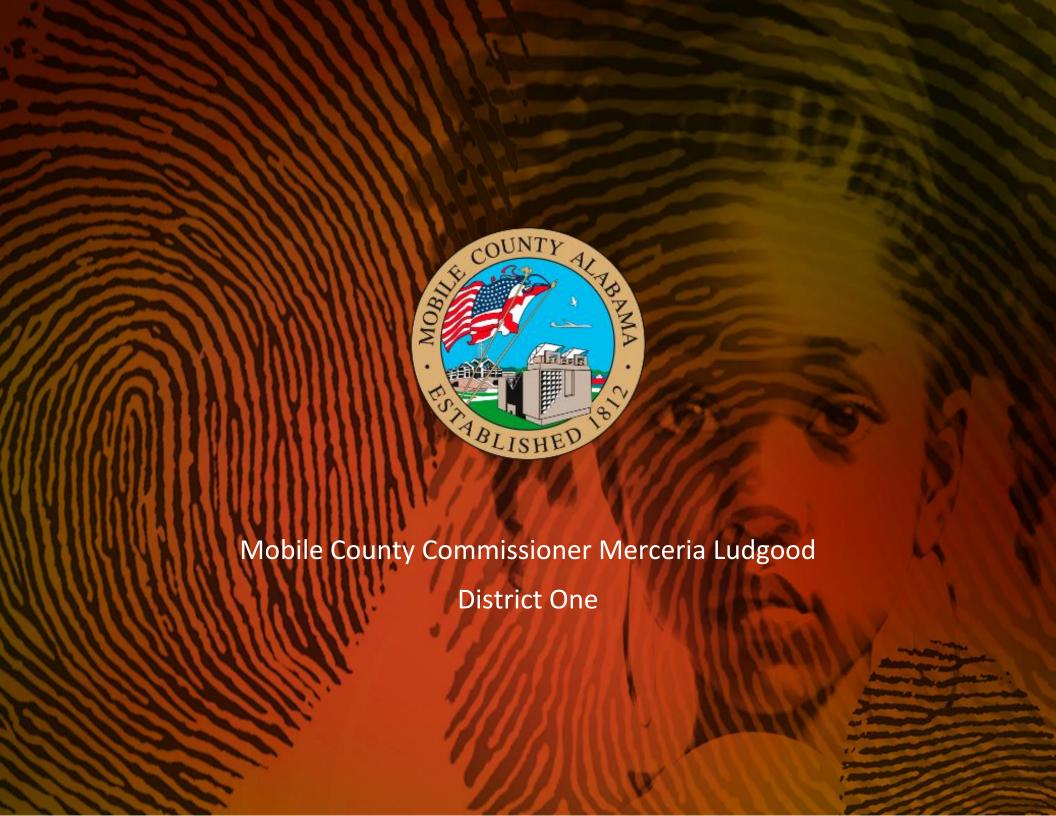
## Shquana Washington, Njinga/Belah

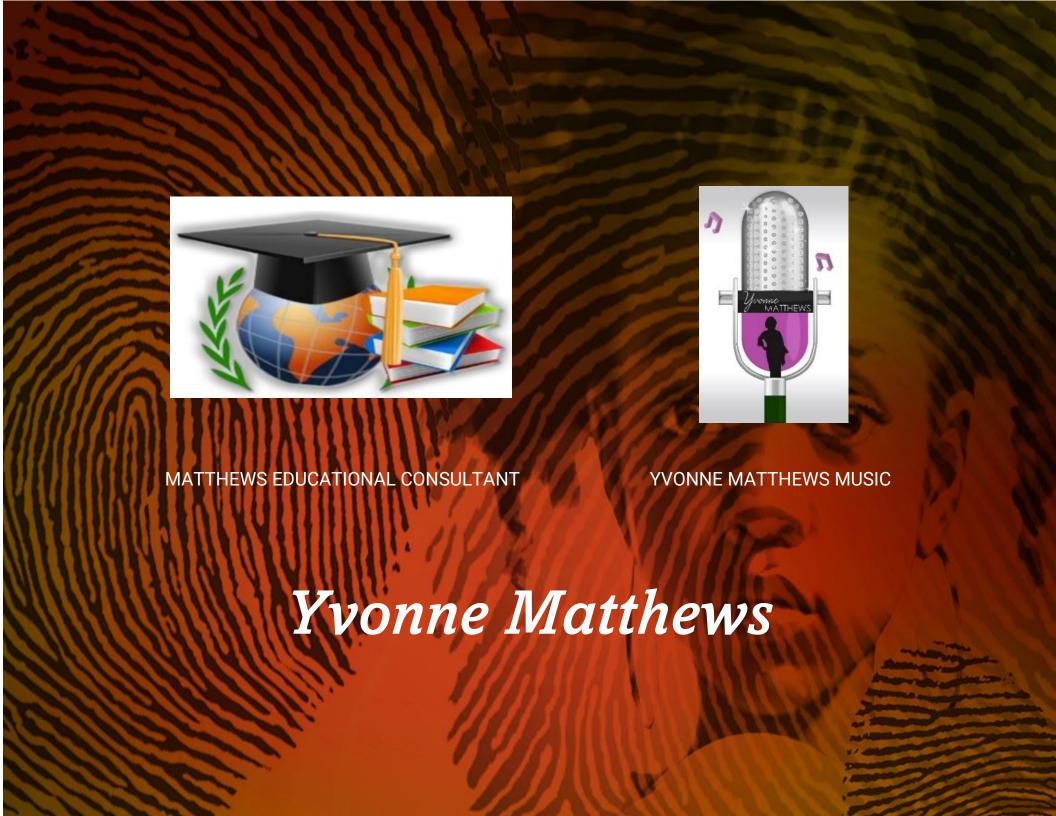
Shquana is a native of Mobile, Alabama and a graduate of Alabama State University. She has a strong passion for children, the youth, and she has always had a love for the arts. Her background includes stage plays such as Every Obstacle is Only Opportunity as Felicia, Hear the Voices Ring as a supporting cast member, Jesus Christ Super Star as Mary, Raisin in the Sun as Beneatha Younger, and The Lion King as Nyla. She is a writer and a performer and believes that with God all things are possible. *Matthew* 19:26

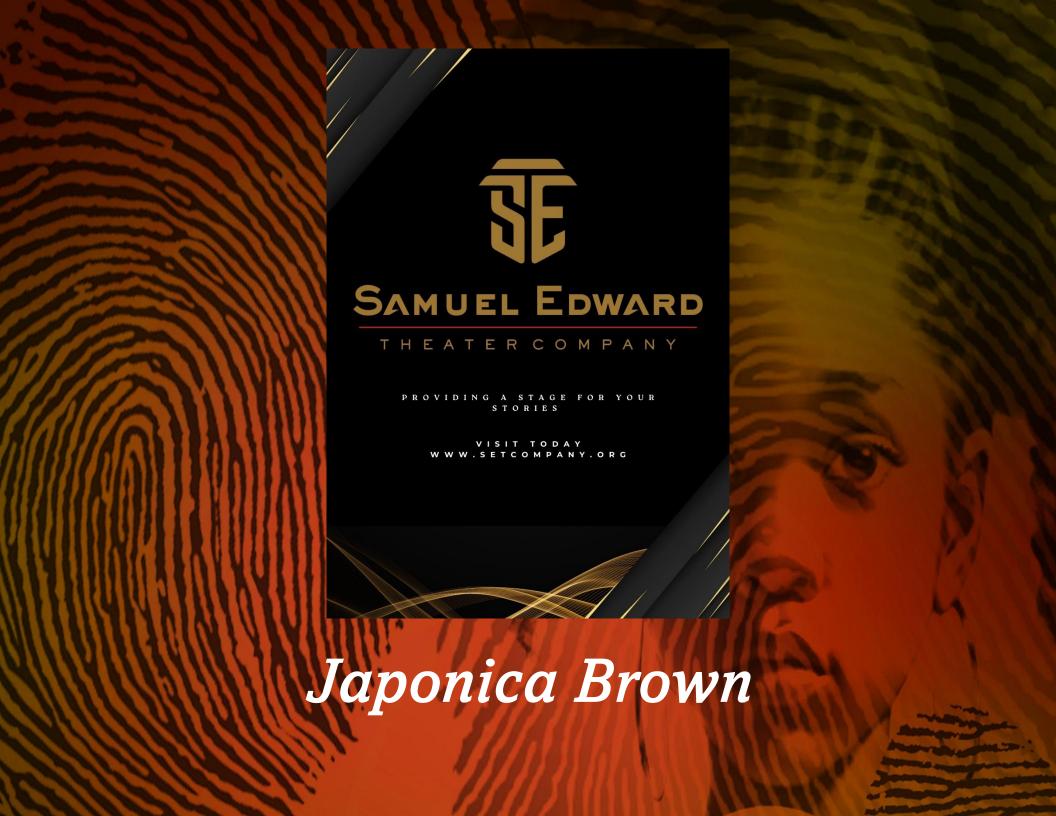
#### Jordyn White, Little Girl

Jordyn White is a third grader with a newfound love for the arts. This will be her debut performance. Jordyn is looking forward to growing and prospering within the performance industry.









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