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Fences

By August Wilson
Directed by Lou Bellamy
Presented by Cargill

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CHARACTERS IN THE PLAY

- Troy Maxon:** Early 50's. Legendary Negro League baseball player, now working as a garbage collector. Troy is a story-teller. He is at once jovial and loving and brash and overbearing. A complicated man embittered by the racism he has experienced throughout his life.
- Rose Maxon:** Mid 40s. Troy's wife. A strong, supportive woman who is fiercely protective of her husband and son. A loving presence that counterbalances Troy's ferocity for life, Rose mothers almost everyone around her. She is quiet and laughs easily. A gentle spirit.
- Jim Bono:** Early 50's. Troy's very good friend. The men met while in prison and Bono, as he is known, has stayed with Troy through his legendary days in baseball and today works beside him as a garbage man. Like brothers, the two men love each other deeply.
- Cory:** Late teens. Troy and Rose's son. Cory is a natural athlete like his father, eager to prove his salt to the legendary Troy Maxon. He has been playing football, hoping to catch the eyes of college recruiters, offering him the educational opportunities his illiterate father never had.
- Lyons:** Mid 30's. Troy's eldest son from a previous relationship. Lyons is a musician who cannot seem to keep a job. He is full of laughter and uses his charming personality to quell his father's quick anger. A grown man, he lives with his girlfriend nearby.
- Gabriel:** Early 40s. Troy's brother. After being severely injured with a head trauma in World War II, Gabriel is left with a childlike innocence and a deep sense of concern for his older brother. He believes with every fiber in his being that he is the archangel Gabriel.
- Raynell:** Nine years old. Troy's daughter and youngest child from another relationship. After Alberta, the woman with whom Troy has had an affair dies in childbirth, Rose takes the baby in, and despite her husband's infidelity, raises her as her own.