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Playbill for Ma Rainey's Black Bottom on Broadway

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CAST
(in order of appearance)

Sturdyvant - LOUIS ZORICH
Irvin - JACK DAVIDSON
Cutler - CARL GORDON
Toledo - THOMAS JEFFERSON BYRD
Slow Drag - STEPHEN MCKINLEY HENDERSON
Levee - Charles S. Dutton
Ma Rainey - WHOOP! GOLDBERG
Policeman - TONY CUCCI
Dussie Mae - HEATHER ALICIA SIMMS
Sylvester - ANTHONY MACKIE

Time: Early 1927

Place: Chicago. A band room and a recording studio.

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM WILL BE PERFORMED WITH ONE
FIFTEEN-MINUTE INTERMISSION.

UNDERSTUDIES

Understudies never appear for a listed player unless an announcement
for the appearance is made at the time of the performance.

For Levee - LELAND GANTT, ANTHONY MACKIE
For Ma Rainey - EBONY JO-ANN
For Cutler, Toledo - HELMAR AUGUSTUS COOPER
For Slow Drag - HELMAR AUGUSTUS COOPER, LELAND GANTT
For Dussie Mae - ROCHELLE HOGUE
For Sylvester - LELAND GANTT
For Sturdyvant, Irvin, Policeman - JOE ZALOOM

This production is dedicated to the memory of Theresa Merritt, Joe
Seneca and Robert Judd.

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Orchestra

Front Mezzanine

Centre Mezzanine

Rear Mezzanine

Balcony

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