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## **Playbill for Porgy and Bess**

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URIS THEATRE  
Under the direction of James and Joseph Nederlander and Gerard Oestreicher

Sherwin M. Goldman  
and  
Houston Grand Opera  
present  
**PORGY AND BESS**  
Music by George Gershwin  
Libretto by DuBose Heyward  
Lyrics by DuBose Heyward and Ira Gershwin  
Founded on the play "Porgy" by Dorothy and DuBose Heyward

starring  
Donnie Ray Albert  
Clamma Dale  
Wilma Shakesnider  
Abraham Lind-Oquendo  
Esther Hinds  
Delores Ivory-Davis  
Robert Mosley  
Irene Oliver  
also starring  
Andrew Smith  
George Robert Merritt  
Alexander B. Smalls  
Elizabeth Graham  
Barbara Ann Webb  
and  
Larry Marshall as Sportin' Life

Sets Robert Randolph

Costumes Nancy Potts

Lighting Gilbert V. Hemsley, Jr.

Additional scenic elements for Kittiwah Island designed by John Rothgeb

Choreographer and Assistant Director Mabel Robinson

Production Stage Manager and Assistant Director Helaine Head

Musical Preparation George Darden

Conductor Ross Reimueller

Music Director and Chorus Master John DeMain

Production Directed by Jack O'Brien

Presented by arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.  
757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017



The producers wish to express their gratitude to Louis Aborn, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gershwin, Jennifer Heyward, Robert Kimball, Kay Swift and Mrs. Edgar Tobin for their assistance, advice, and confidence.

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