



FACT SHEET

In association with TheaterWorksUSA and Edgewood Entertainment

Long Way Down

Based on the book *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds

CAST	
WILL	TYRESE SHAWN AVERY*
SHARI	IO BROWNE*
SHAWN	VICTOR MUSONI*
FRICK	COLIN CARSWELL*
BUCK	PARRIS LEWIS*
DANI	CHERYSE DYLLAN*
MIKE	QUINCY VICKS*
MARK	NAIQUI MACABROAD*

* Member Actors' Equity Association

UNDERSTUDIES

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

Will, Shawn - Quincy Vicks*, Mark - Colin Carswell*, Swings - Bryan Archibald, Ciara Hargrove

CREATIVE TEAM	
BOOK, MUSIC, LYRICS	DAHLAK BRAITHWAITE
ADDITIONAL WRITING BOOK, MUSIC, LYRICS	KHIYON HURSEY
DIRECTOR	KEN-MATT MARTIN
CO-CHOREOGRAPHERS	KEN-MATT MARTIN AND VICTOR MUSONI*
MUSIC DIRECTOR	CEDRIC LYLES
SCENIC AND LIGHTING DESIGNER	SIMEAN CARPENTER
DRAMATURG	KELLEY NICOLE GIROD
MUSIC PROGRAMMER	NICK HERNANDEZ
COSTUME DESIGNER	DANIELLE PRESTON
SOUND DESIGNER	KEVIN LEE ALEXANDER
PRODUCTION STAGE MANAGER	ROBBIE ARMSTRONG III*

Previews: **May 22 - 24, 2024**

Invited Press Opening: **Saturday, May 25 at 8:00 PM**

Runs through June 23, 2024

Regular performances are Wednesday - Saturday at 7:30 PM and matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM and Wednesdays at 1:30 PM on May 29. Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM on June 2, June 9 (*BLACK Out performance), and June 16.

Tickets are available from \$40 - 90 and can be purchased at olneytheatre.org or 301-924-3400. Discounts available for groups, seniors, military and students.

There will be an **audio-described performance for the blind and visually impaired on Wednesday June 12 at 7:30 pm** and a **sign-interpreted performance on Thursday June 13th at 7:30 pm**. Audience members who wish to use these services should contact Weldon Brown, Director of Sales and Audience Experience (wbrown@olneytheatre.org) to confirm.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OPENING NIGHT PANEL: IN CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR JASON REYNOLDS

Saturday, May 25, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Location: Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab Tickets: \$10 / Free for members

Join Stephanie Shonekan, Dean of UMD College of Arts and Humanities, in conversation with award-winning author Jason Reynolds.

OLNEY THEATRE BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 21 & 28 2024, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: Omi's Pavilion, Olney Theatre Center

Free with RSVP

Bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided.

Come talk with Olney Theatre Center's Artistic Staff and guest speakers on May 21 for *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds and on May 28 for *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. Following the book discussion on May 28, there will be a conversation with activist groups in Montgomery County.

STORY TIME AT THE OLNEY LIBRARY

Sunday, June 2, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: Olney Public Library

Free. No RSVP just show up!

Join us at the Olney Public Library for a morning of stories inspired by *Long Way Down*. Books to be read are chosen with the help of the Olney librarian and feature special guest storyteller Shaquille Stewart.

SOCIAL MIXER - OLNEY THEATRE PRIDE CELEBRATION

Friday, June 7, 2024, 6:00-7:00 PM

Location: Omi's Pavilion, Olney Theatre Center

Free with RSVP

Honor our LGBTQ+ artists by joining local council members Dawn Luedtke, Evan Glass, and Artistic Director Jason Loewith for a reception celebrating Pride Month.

JUST ARTS 2024 ENOUGH! PLAYS TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Saturday, June 8, 2024, 4:00-7:00 PM

Location: Omi's Pavilion, Olney Theatre Center

Free with RSVP

Olney Theatre Center invites you to a staged reading of the ENOUGH! Plays to End Gun Violence. Founded in 2019, ENOUGH! Plays to End Gun Violence calls on teens to confront gun violence by creating new works of theatre that will spark critical conversations and inspire meaningful action in communities across the country. This reading is brought to you through a collaborative effort with Imagination Stage, Round House Theatre, and Mauricio Pita & Team.

BLACK OUT PERFORMANCE OF LONG WAY DOWN

Sunday, June 9, 2024, 7:00-8:30 PM

Location: Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab Tickets: \$20 with promo code

Olney Theatre Center is proud to announce our first BLACK Out Night for the world premiere musical Long Way Down. Olney Theatre Center is taking the next step in our pursuit of a more equitable and inclusive environment in our programming and in our community outreach.

To continue this effort and celebrate the beautiful, important story of Long Way Down and the community it represents, Olney Theatre Center's BLACK Out Night will take place on June 9th at 7pm. Join us for an awe-inspiring evening of theatre, black excellence, and community.

Specially priced \$20 tickets for this performance only (limit 4) may be purchased here, using the code BLACKOUT.

ABOUT OLNEY THEATRE CENTER

Mission

Olney Theatre Center for the Arts produces and curates theatrical performance for the diverse audiences in our community, and educates, learns from, supports and inspires a more inclusive generation of theater-makers.

Vision

We strive to become an arts and culture powerhouse, redefining the American regional theater movement by cultivating and sharing the creativity of our community.

History

Founded in 1938 as a summer playhouse, Olney Theatre Center (OTC) now produces world and American premieres of plays and musicals, and reimaginings of familiar titles year-round; presents the work of leading companies and artists; tours nationally and locally; teaches students of all ages; and mentors a more inclusive generation of theatremakers. For more than 8 decades, OTC has brought impactful theater performance and education to our community, helping to grow the vibrancy and vitality of our home in the Washington, DC region.

Over the years, some of the biggest names in theater and film have appeared on our stages, including Tallulah Bankhead, Helen Hayes, Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn, Bob Fosse, Phillip Bosco, Eve Arden, Eva Gabor, Burl Ives, Jose Ferrer, Carol Channing, Olivia d'Havilland, Tony Randall, Paulette Goddard, Dorothy and Lillian Gish, Jane Seymour, Anne Revere, Frances Sternhagen, Arthur Treacher, James Broderick, Olympia Dukakis, Sir Ian McKellen, Marica Gay Harden, John Colicos, Uzo Aduba, Alan Cumming, Cheyenne Jackson, Robin de Jesus, Wilson Jermaine Heredia, among many, many others.

Olney Theatre is now the cultural anchor of a rapidly changing region and serves one of the most diverse, best educated, and wealthiest counties in the country. Situated on the unceded land of the Piscataway-Conoy people,

the Olney area was once a rural farming community with a unique Quaker heritage. Now the area is occupied by every kind of family that makes up 21st Century America, along with major corporations, shopping districts, civic associations, non profit organizations and a diverse collection of houses of worship. Montgomery County's 1 million residents play a dynamic role in the Baltimore-Washington corridor, and are a driving force behind the region's creative economy.

As of September 2021, Olney Theatre Center employed 40 full time staff, 20 part-time positions, 26 early career apprentices and players, and more than 400 professional artists. The Theatre intends to continue expanding to better meet the needs of our community.

For more information, please visit olneytheatre.org/history

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