

TAKE A TRIP BACK IN TIME TO 1957
AND EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY THAT WAS MILWAUKEE'S BRONZEVILLE!



A First Stage Production

Written and directed by local playwright and dramaturge Sheri Williams Pannell

ABOUT THE PLAY

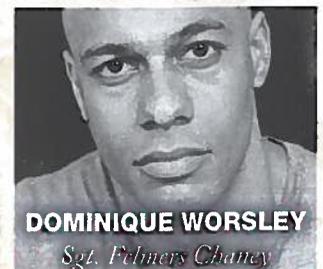
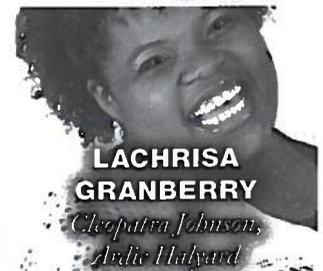
Set in 1957, **WELCOME TO BRONZEVILLE** tells the fictional, coming-of-age story of a young African American boy, Michael Jr. Everyone expects him to follow in his father's footsteps, but who is he truly meant to be? The play follows Michael Jr. as he prepares for a talent show with his siblings and cousins, struggles with peer pressure from the "Market Square Boys," and faces the consequences of his actions from the firm but fair Sergeant Chaney. Through Michael Jr.'s journey and the guidance he receives from his family, his neighbors, and from iconic jazz singer Billie Holiday during one of her visits to Milwaukee, this world premiere explores the universal themes of growing up, finding one's true self, and how a community can work together to uplift and empower its young people.

Pulsing to the beat of jazz and doo-wop, the play also features original music by Sheri Williams Pannell and local composer John Tanner that will bring the songs, voices, and unique artistry of this African American community to life onstage.

With input from Bronzeville community elders, Sheri Williams Pannell has crafted a touching homage to the historic and revered community, revealing a humorous and touching tale of growing up in a truly special place and time.

A WORLD PREMIERE PLAY THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL ENJOY!

CAST INCLUDES



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WELCOME TO BRONZEVILLE will run January 13 – February 5, 2017

AT THE TODD WEHR THEATER, MARCUS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Friday, January 13
7:00PM

Saturday, January 14
3:30PM *and* 7:00PM

Sunday, January 15
1:00PM *and* 3:30PM

Saturday, January 21
3:30PM *and* 7:00PM

Sunday, January 22
1:00PM *and* 3:30PM

Saturday, January 28
3:30PM *and* 7:00PM

Sunday, January 29
1:00PM *and* 3:30PM

Friday, February 3
7:00PM

Saturday, February 4
3:30PM *and* 7:00PM

Sunday, February 5
1:00PM

Tickets & more information at www.FirstStage.org/Bronzeville



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