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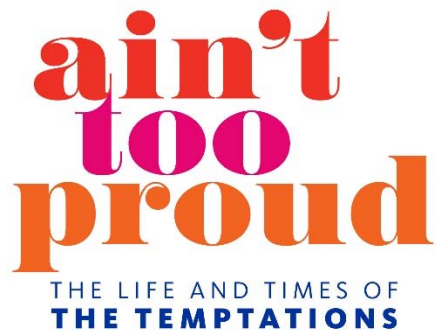
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**AT CENTER THEATRE GROUP / AHMANSON THEATRE  
AUGUST 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

**“Not just your imagination: ‘TEMPTATIONS’ MUSICAL ROCKS!” - *SF Chronicle***

Producers Ira Pittelman and Tom Hulce and Center Theatre Group are pleased to announce casting for the pre-Broadway run of **“Ain’t Too Proud—The Life and Times of The Temptations”** at the Ahmanson Theatre August 21 through September 30, 2018. The opening is set for August 24.

Leading this production as the Temptations will be **Derrick Baskin** as Otis Williams, **James Harkness** as Paul Williams, **Jawan M. Jackson** as Melvin Franklin, **Jeremy Pope** as Eddie Kendricks and **Ephraim Sykes** as David Ruffin. **“Ain’t Too Proud”** will also feature **Esther Antoine, Shawn Bowers, E. Clayton Cornelious, Rodney Earl Jackson Jr., Taylor Symone Jackson, Jahi Kearse, Jarvis B. Manning Jr., Joshua Morgan, Saint Aubyn\*, Rashidra Scott, Nasia Thomas, Christian Thompson, Curtis Wiley** and **Candice Marie Woods**.

Before The Temptations became the greatest R&B group of all time (Billboard magazine 2017), they were just five young guys on the streets of Detroit. After getting discovered by Berry Gordy and signed to his brand-new label, Motown Records, it took them 24 tries before they finally had a hit song. The rest is history—how they met, how they rose, the groundbreaking heights they hit, and how personal and political conflicts threatened to tear the group apart as the United States fell into civil unrest. This thrilling

story of brotherhood, family, loyalty and betrayal is set to the beat of the group’s treasured hits, including “My Girl,” “Just My Imagination,” “Papa Was a Rolling Stone” and so many more.

With a book by Kennedy Prize-winning playwright **Dominique Morisseau** and a score made up of The Temptations’ iconic hit songs, “**Ain’t Too Proud**” recently ended its record-breaking, world premiere run at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, where it became the highest grossing production in that theatre’s nearly 50-year history. Two-time Tony Award winner **Des McAnuff** directs, with choreography by Olivier Award winner **Sergio Trujillo**.

The creative team also includes Tony Award nominee **Robert Brill** (scenic design), Tony Award winner **Paul Tazewell** (costume design), Tony Award winner **Howell Binkley** (lighting design), Tony Award winner **Steve Canyon Kennedy** (sound design), Drama Desk Award winner **Peter Nigrini** (projection design), **Edgar Godineaux** (associate choreographer), **Charles G. LaPointe** (hair and wig design) and **Steve Rankin** (fight direction). Orchestrations are by Drama Desk Award winner **Harold Wheeler** with music direction and arrangements by **Kenny Seymour**.

**Center Theatre Group**, one of the nation’s preeminent arts and cultural organizations, is Los Angeles’ leading nonprofit theatre company, which, under Artistic Director Michael Ritchie, programs seasons at the 736-seat Mark Taper Forum and 1600 to 2000-seat Ahmanson Theatre at The Music Center in Downtown Los Angeles, and the 317-seat Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City. In addition to presenting and producing the broadest range of theatrical entertainment in the country, Center Theatre Group is one of the nation’s leading producers of ambitious new works through commissions and world premiere productions and a leader in interactive community engagement and education programs that reach across generations, demographics and circumstance to serve Los Angeles.

Bank of America is the season sponsor and Delta Air Lines is the official airline sponsor for Center Theatre Group’s 2018 – 2019 season at the Ahmanson Theatre.

Tickets for “**Ain’t Too Proud**” are available by calling (213) 972-4400, online at [www.CenterTheatreGroup.org](http://www.CenterTheatreGroup.org), or by visiting the Center Theatre Group Box Office located at the Ahmanson Theatre. Tickets range from \$30 – \$145 (ticket prices are subject to change). The Ahmanson Theatre is located at The Music Center, 135 N. Grand Avenue in Downtown Los Angeles, 90012.

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\*A previous version listed the cast member name as Calaf St Aubyn. It has since been corrected.