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NEW PRODUCTION PREMIERE

**CONDUCTOR** David Robertson

**BESS** Angel Blue

**CLARA** Golda Schultz

**SERENA** Latonia Moore

**MARIA** Denyce Graves

**SPORTIN’LIFE** Frederick Ballentine*

**PORGY** Eric Owens

**CROWN** Alfred Walker

**JAKE** Ryan Speedo Green

**PRODUCTION** James Robinson*

**SET DESIGNER** Michael Yeargan

**COSTUME DESIGNER** Catherine Zuber

**LIGHTING DESIGNER** Donald Holder

**PROJECTION DESIGNER** Luke Halls

**CHOREOGRAPHER** Camille A. Brown*

Monday, September 23, 2019

Cocktail reception at 5 PM on the Mercedes T. Bass Grand Tier. The performance will begin at 6 PM. Dinner with the cast will be served afterward in the Promenade of the David H. Koch Theater.

**BLACK TIE**

*Debut
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