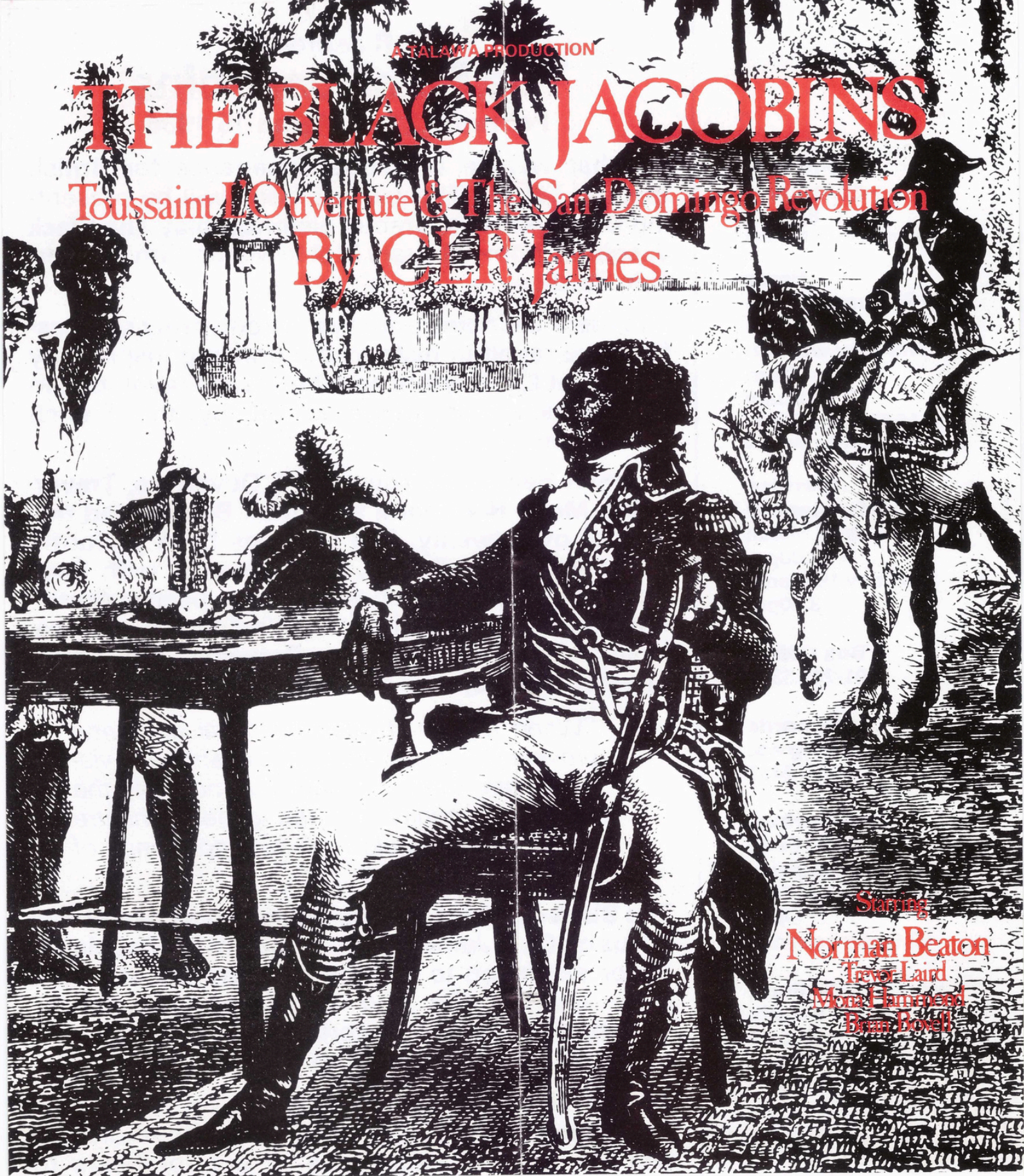


A TALAWA PRODUCTION

THE BLACK JACOBINS

Toussaint L'Ouverture & The San Domingo Revolution

By CLR James



Starring

Norman Beaton

Trevor Laird

Mona Hammond

Brian Bosell

Directed by Yvonne Brewster Designed by Andrea Montag Musical Director Terri Quaye Lighting Design Richard Moffatt

February 21 — March 15

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C.L.R. JAMES' 'THE BLACK JACOBINS' FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 15

In what will be a unique experience for British theatre, Talawa Theatre Company will be presenting C.L.R. James' famous historical play **THE BLACK JACOBINS**, from February 21st to March 15th at Riverside Studios. **THE BLACK JACOBINS** portrays the only truly successful slave revolt in history: the uprising inspired by Toussaint L'Ouverture and the savage revolution in Haiti which was triggered off by the French Revolution.

Norman Beaton as Toussaint L'Ouverture, **Trevor Laird** and **Mona Hammond** head the cast of over twenty. The play has been performed only once in Britain, in 1940, the year it was written, with Paul Robeson in the lead. It has, however, been successfully produced in Africa, the West Indies and the United States. For **Yvonne Brewster**, the play's director, the project is of vital significance:

"When a play of such historical authority, proven distinction, a play of elegance and vision exists, then it is right that not only the black community but the general theatre going public should have an opportunity of seeing it produced".

THE BLACK JACOBINS is to be presented as part of the Focus on C.L.R. James Festival 'A Man of the People', a major exhibition to be held concurrently at Riverside, on the life and works of this writer, philosopher, historian, pan-Africanist and cricket enthusiast, now in his 85th year.

Talawa Theatre Co. was set up by **Yvonne Brewster** with the aim of using ancient mythologies and the political experiences of our forebears to inform, enrich and further enlighten modern black British theatre. So with its first major production Talawa is now honoured to fulfil that commitment by presenting C.L.R. James' classic work: **THE BLACK JACOBINS**.

21 - 25 February Preview 8.00pm
26 February Press 7.00pm
27 February - 15 March 8.00pm

For press enquiries ring Renée Lowes on 741 2251/2132.

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