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Review

“Guirgis already belongs on the list of accomplished young American playwrights that includes Suzan-Lori Parks and David Auburn.” ?*Bruce Weber, The New York Times Magazine*

“The best new play in a decade.” ?*The New York Observer*

“Guirgis has a hilarious, sympathetic, terrific ear . . . he heightens the rhythms of the street until there is a brilliant, buoyant cacophony.” ?*Donald Lyons, New York Post*

“An important new playwright has arrived.” ?*The New Yorker*

From the Inside Flap

A group of old friends find themselves at Harlem's Ortiz Funeral Home to mourn the death of a beloved nun from their childhood. As they bounce off of each other with old hurts and the harsh realities of grown-up life, a murder mystery (and a few lives) begins to unravel. Hilarious, raunchy, and ultimately very touching, Stephen Adly Guirgis is a new voice to be celebrated.

An L.A. Theatre Works full-cast performance featuring Laurence Fishburne, Khandi Alexander, Emily Bergl, Tegan West, Stephen Adly Guirgis, Annabelle Gurwitch, Adriana Sevan, Raphael Sbarge and Alan Mandell.

About the Author

Stephen Adley Guirgis is an actor and playwright. A member of the LABrynth Theater Company and the MCC Playwrights Coalition, Guirgis is the recipient of new play commissions from South Coast Repertory and The Manhattan Theatre Club. He lives in New York City.

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