

Literature to Life® stage presentation of  
**Black Boy**  
Adapted and Directed by Wynn Handman  
Performed by Tarantino Smith  
Based on the memoir *Black Boy* by Richard Wright  
**TECHNICAL SHOW RIDER**

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The following technical information rider is provided by Literature to Life to ensure the best performance possible. As is the nature of our programming, all Literature to Life productions are designed to be minimal in set, prop, sound, and lighting requirements, and therefore flexible based on specific theatre and crew capabilities.

**Rehearsal:** Literature to Life will require access to the performance space a minimum of 90 minutes prior to show time.

All technical staff for the performance should be present for the duration of the technical rehearsal.

The technical rehearsal will last **approximately 45 minutes** prior to doors opening.

**Audio:** We request three wireless handheld microphones available:

One for Teaching Artist (T.A.), one for interactive audience participation during the pre and post show experience, and one as back-up.

In larger venues a mic runner in the audience is helpful.

(If wireless mics are unavailable, a wired handheld for T.A. may be used as a substitute).

Artificial amplification is sometimes preferred in larger venues (200+ seats).

Please have two **lavalier microphones** available (one for Actor, one as back-up);

**headset style** lavs are preferred (i.e. countryman).

*\*NOTE: If amplification of actor is necessary, the goal is for gentle support and vocal clarity, but to maintain as natural a tone as possible. This support can also be achieved in some spaces through hanging or floor microphones.*

*\*NOTE: If the venue has less than 250 seats, but the Presenter is aware of specific sound needs that prevent a strong solo performer from working without a microphone, please follow guidelines for larger venues.*

**Sound:** Aside from a standard mic check and pre-show music, there are no additional sound requirements for this show throughout the performance.

**Lighting:** There is one (1) lighting look to prepare:  
A Warm general wash which clearly defines the playing space, and ability to manipulate house lights separately from stage lights.

If lighting looks are not possible, the minimum requirement is a simple lights ON/OFF switch in the performance space. Final judgment is left at the discretion of the actor and production manager on site.

**Crew Needs:** In fully equipped venues –  
1 lightboard programmer/operator and,  
1 sound technician/operator to execute sound cues.

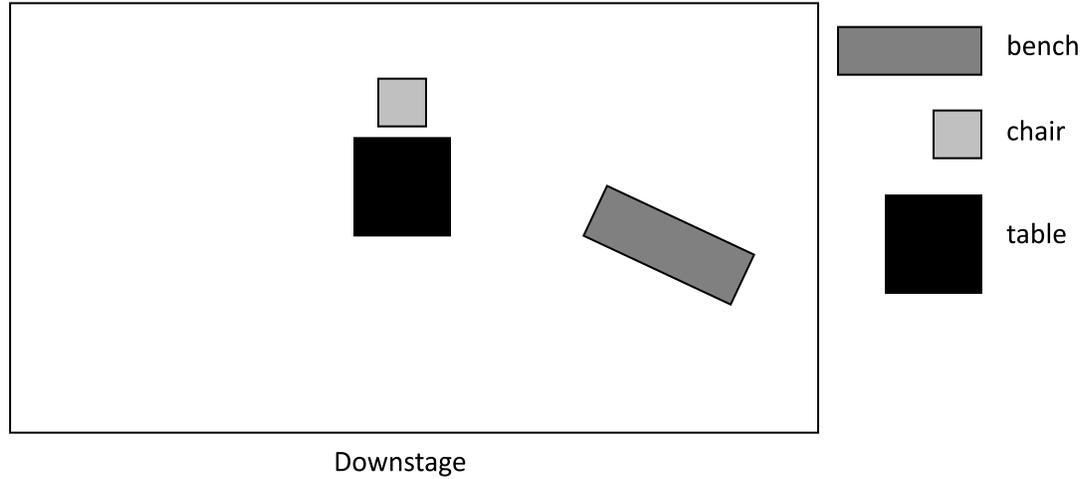
Teaching Artist will act as Stage Manager and call all light and sound cues.  
If short staffed, T.A. can play sound cues - and call light cues with the lights technician.

**Set Pieces:** one simple chair,  
one small table or desk (~ 28-31 in. high)  
one wooden backless bench (~ 36" x 18" x 18")



**Staging:** Stage must be at least 10' deep x 18' wide (considerations will be made for unusual requests). Intimacy with the audience is preferable and therefore seating layouts may be adjusted accordingly. There should be easy access from the stage to the audience. Where applicable, preference is for performing in front of a proscenium curtain with covered orchestra pit.

**Stage Plot:**



**Please note:** if available, Literature to Life requests a digital copy of the theater/light plot with stage dimensions and audience capacity, received no later than two weeks prior to performance.

<b>Program Run Time:</b>	Pre-Show Presentation:	15 minutes
	Performance Time:	55 minutes
	Post Show Discussion:	15-20 minutes
	Total Program Run:	85-90 minutes (1:25 hrs – 1:30 hrs)

*\*In the event of strict academic calendar needs, such as marking periods or bus schedules, the 'Program Run Time' can be tailored to accommodate time availability. We will work with Presenting Venue to optimize program run; the maximum amount of discussion time with students is always encouraged and preferred.*

**Wardrobe & Props:**

Actor will bring and place their own props on stage by the end of tech rehearsal, and before the house opens.