

# PURPOSE

By **Branden Jacobs-Jenkins**

Directed By **Phylicia Rashad**

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**“ABSOLUTELY NOT TO BE MISSED!”**

*--Chicago Tribune*

The Jaspers, a fictional Midwestern family, come to life in this fiery Steppenwolf Theatre Company production from Tony Award®-winning playwright Branden Jacobs-Jenkins (*Appropriate*), directed by Tony winner Phylicia Rashad (*Skeleton Crew; A Raisin in the Sun; Purlie Victorious*; TV's "The Cosby Show") in her Broadway directing debut.

For decades, the Jasper family has been influential pillars of Black American politics: civil rights leaders, pastors and congressmen. But, like all families, there are fractures and secrets just under the surface. When the youngest son returns home to Illinois with an uninvited friend in tow, the family is forced to reexamine its faith and the legacies of Black radicalism.

Spirited, hilarious and filled with intrigue, **PURPOSE** is an epic family drama from one of the country's most celebrated voices.

**“EXPLOSIVE, KNEE-BUCKLING INTENSITY”**

*--Chicago Sun Times*

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**Groups 10+**

**Previews begin February 25, 2025**

**Opening Night mid-March 2025**

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