

*PEHS Players  
Present*

Proviso East High School  
**Players**



807 South First Avenue  
Maywood, IL 60153  
Mrs. Sarah McAllister, Director  
Ms. Keisha Coleman, Technical Director  
Mr. Milton Patch, Principal

Nihil Nisi Optimum  
*"Nothing But The Best"*

*Proviso East High School  
Main Auditorium  
April 8th & April 9th  
7:00 p.m.  
Milton R. Patch, Principal*

**FENCES**  
**BY AUGUST WILSON**

*"I'M GONNA BULD ME A FENCE AROUND WHAT BELONGS TO ME."*



## August Wilson

April 27, 1945 – October 2, 2005

August Wilson was born Frederick August Kittel, Jr. on April 27, 1945 in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the fourth of seven children born to German immigrant baker, Frederick August Kittel, Sr. and Daisy Wilson, an African American cleaning woman, from North Carolina. He changed his name to

August Wilson to honor his mother after his father's death in 1965. His childhood experiences in the black slum community would later inform his dramatic writings, including his first produced play, *Black Bart* and the *Sacred Hills*, which was staged in 1981.

In 1984, August Wilson was catapulted to the forefront of the American theatre scene with the success of *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, which was produced at Yale and later in New York in 1984. The play was voted Best Play of the Year (1984-85) by the New York Drama Critics' Circle. In 1988, Wilson had the distinction of having two plays running simultaneously on Broadway: *Joe Turner's Come and Gone* and *Fences*; clearly making him one of America's most prominent playwrights.

By the early 1990's, Wilson had established himself as the best known and most popular African-American playwright. He had also set himself a daunting task to write a ten play cycle that chronicles each decade of the black experience in the 20th century; and in April of 2005, he finally completed his ten-play cycle when *Radio Golf* premiered at the Yale Repertory Theatre. Two months later, he was diagnosed with liver cancer, and on October 2, 2005, August Wilson passed away at the age of 60. On October 16<sup>th</sup>, fourteen days after his death, the Virginia Theatre in New York City's Broadway theatre district was renamed the August Wilson Theatre. It is the first Broadway theatre to bear the name of an African-American.

Wilson's other awards include the New York Drama Critics Circle Award (1985, 1987, 1988), the Whiting Foundation Award (1986), the American Theatre Critics Award (1986, 1989, 1991), the Outer Circle Award (1987), the Drama Desk Award (1987), the John Gassner Award (1987), the Tony Award (1987), the Helen Hayer Award (1988), and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama (1987, 1990).

## Past Performances



**A Raisin in the Sun**  
*(Spring – March, 2006)*

**Robert Johnson: Trick the Devil**  
*(Fall – December, 2006)*

**The Amen Corner**  
*(Spring – April, 2007)*

**A Lesson Before Dying**  
*(Fall – November, 2007)*

**Phenomenal Perspectives**  
*(Winter – March, 2008)*

**Crowns**  
*(Fall – November, 2008)*

**The Meeting**  
*(Winter – February, 2009)*

**The Amen Corner: *The Musical***  
*(Spring – May, 2009)*

**Kitchen Kurls**  
*(Fall – November, 2009)*

**The Hallelujah Girls**  
*(Spring – April, 2010)*

**Dearly Departed (*Kingdom Come*)**  
*(Fall – November, 2010)*

**Fences**  
*(Spring – April, 2011)*

# Our Contributors

# FENCES

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Parental discretion is advised.*

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**Electrician .....** **Mr. Thomas Sloan**  
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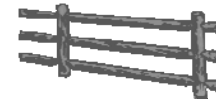
## Act One

Scene One  
1957

Scene Two  
The Following Morning

Scene Three  
Four Hours Later

Scene Four  
Friday, Two Weeks Later



## Act Two

Scene One  
The Following Morning

Scene Two  
Six Months Later, Early Afternoon

Scene Three  
Three Days Later, Late Evening

Scene Four  
Two Months Later

Scene Five  
1965

# FENCES

(in order of appearance)

## The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Troy Maxson ..... Steve Williams

Jim Bono ..... Josiah Simmons

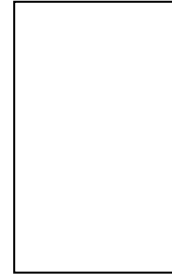
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Lyons ..... Cardelle Anderson

Gabriel ..... Cydney Wofford

Cory ..... Charles Granger-Rogers

Raynell ..... Brehauna Davis



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