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**Porgy and Bess**

*(in English)*

Opera in two acts by The Gershwins (see notes)

Libretto by (see notes)

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**CAST**

- **Porgy, a crippled beggar**: Eric Owens*
- **Porgy**: Laquita Mitchell*
- **Bess**: Lester Lynch
- **Serena, Robbins's wife**: Karen Slack
- **Clara, Jake's wife**: Angel Blue
- **Maria, keeper of the cookshop**: Alteouise deVaughn
- **Jake, a fisherman**: Eric Greene
- **Sportin’ Life, a dope peddler**: Chauncey Packer
- **Mingo**: Michael Bragg
- **Robbins**: Michael Austin
- **Peter, the honey man**: Calvin Lee
- **Frazier, a "lawyer"**: Kenneth Overton
- **Annie**: Malesha Jessie
- **Lily, Peter's wife**: Amber McElhaney
- **Strawberry Woman**: Samantha McElhaney
- **Jim, a cotton picker**: Earl Hazell
- **Undertaker**: Darren K. Stokes
- **Nelson**: Frederick Matthews
- **Crab Man**: Ashley Faatoalia
- **Detective**: Richard Farrell
- **Policeman**: Louis Landman
- **Coroner**: John Minagro

*Role debut  †U.S. opera debut

**PLACE AND TIME:** Catfish Row and Kittiwah Island, South Carolina; early 1950s

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**Part I**

**INTERMISSION**

**Part II**