

CASTING BREAKDOWN

TARTUFFE- Runs January 24-25 at THE BLACK BOX. Director: Nick Paone. Playwright: Moliere.

Tartuffe: Male 20-50. The hypocritical clergyman whose deceitfulness has won over multiple families through his deceitful schmoozing. His high favor with Orgon has set him with the finest treatment in the home to the chagrin of Orgon's family. Though allegedly a pious man, his immodesty towards Elmire is the catalyst for his undoing.

Orgon: Male, 40-60. The hot-tempered and impulsive patriarch who has fallen under Tartuffe's enchanting ways and now lingers to his every word. He is loyal; he believes that Tartuffe's presence and preaching are best for the family and stubbornly refuses to see otherwise.

Elmire: Female, 20s-30s. Orgon's cunning and beautiful second wife. She is modest, yet naturally intoxicating and is the true object of Tartuffe's desires. When she realizes this, she uses her cleverness and femininity to expose Tartuffe's true demeanor to Orgon.

Damis: Male, 20s. Orgon's cocksure son, whose accusations about Tartuffe's true nature causes his father to disinherit him. His attempted heroism is well-intentioned as he tries to protect his sister's marriage in order to secure his own relations with Valère's sister.

Mariane: Female 20s. Orgon's ingénue of a daughter, who was set to wed Valère until her father betrothed her to Tartuffe. She is young, well-behaved, and at times timid, but has a cheeky sense of humor.

Valere: Male, 20s. The handsome and romantic man and Mariane's true love. His gallant nature shines through when he offers to save Orgon from an arrest under the King's orders. Has a flair for the dramatic.

Cleante: Male, 30s. Elmire's brother, who attempts to disillusion Orgon from Tartuffe's trickery. Much more level-headed than his brother-in-law, he sees through the ruse and attempts to reason with Tartuffe.

Dorine: Female, 30s. Mariane's clever, outspoken, and tough-as-nails maid who vows to help expose Tartuffe. She is loyal to Mariane and plots to ensure Mariane and her true love, Valère, get married.

Monsieur Loyal: Male. A bailiff from Normandy who serves Orgon with an eviction notice after Orgon signs his estate to Tartuffe. A man of the law who demands respect from the family, despite his smugness towards their situation.

Officer: A bailiff who, under royal orders, arrests Tartuffe for his ceaseless crimes and reports the King has restored Orgon's property to him.

Flipote: Madame Pernelle's servant, who frequently slaps her around. Nonspeaking.

Laurent: Tartuffe's acolyte.