

National Pastime

This play is a re-telling of the breaking of the colorline in major league baseball in 1947, tracing the journey of Jackie Robinson, the first Black man to play in the major leagues, and Wesley Branch Rickey, President and General Manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. In one sense, National Pastime examines the evolution of race relations in the United States during the first half of the twentieth century, before the United States Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Board of Education and the ensuing civil rights movement. At the same time, it is the story of the personal struggle of both Robinson and Rickey, and how together they ultimately joined forces to bring about one of the major cultural events in the history of the United States.

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