

TWO FROM THE WITCH

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Two members of the cast for the upcoming National Pantomime production of *The Witch*, opening December 26 at the Ward Theatre are Oliver Samuels and Val Morris.

Oliver Samuels is one of Jamaica's younger and very talented performers. He is highly respected as an actor on the local scene. Oliver



Val Morris

man—a comic character who is in charge of Annie Palmer's plantation, and Kalambe, the young juvenile romantic lead in love with one of Annie's house slaves. He alternates with John Francis in the role of Kalambe.

Val Morris, although new to the theatre is proving that he is very serious about acting. Val, a very likable young man, plays the comedy role of the Custos in *The Witch*. His wife is played by the funny Adelita Colfelt. When he is not playing the Custos, Val is a plantation slave which involves much singing and movements.

Mr. Morris appeared in Trevor Rhone's *Sleeper* as Arthur at the Barn Theatre in 1973-74 and has listed reading, chess and jazz as his hobbies.

The Witch, written by Barbara Gloudon and directed by Yvonne Jones-Brewster has a host of leading theatre personalities in its casts. Included are Louise Bennett, Leonie Forbes, Lois Kelly-Barrow, Winsome Samms, Inez Hibbert, Sabrina Williams, Barbara McCalla, John Francis, Bob Kerr, Andy Rashleigh and Stan Irons.



Oliver Samuels

began his acting career at an early age, he worked hard at his craft and is now emerging as a principal performer in almost every play he appears in. He feels that he has much more to learn about the theatre and with each role he takes on he furthers his goal to becoming a proficient thespian.

He has played principal roles with various acting groups including the National School of Drama, the National Theatre Trust, Barn Theatre and the LTM. His association with the National Pantomime goes back to *Music Boy* and has appeared in *Hail Columbus*, *Queenie's Daughter*, *Dick-ance For Fippance* and now *The Witch*.

In *The Witch* Samuels plays two totally different roles. He alternates with Ranny Williams as Head-