

Leonie Forbes

joins Maskarade



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Leading Jamaican actress Leonie Forbes has joined the cast of the highly acclaimed *Maskarade*, now playing from Thursdays to Sundays at the Creative Arts Theatre U.W.I.

Ms. Forbes, who is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, is currently head of the Department of Theatre at the Jamaica Broadcasting Corporation. She joins the cast of *Maskarade* at this time, having just completed a full-length Jamaican feature movie under the direction of Jamaican cinematographer — Lennie Little-White. Ms. Forbes will alternate in *Maskarade* with Barbara McCalla in the challenging role of Gatha, for which Ms. McCalla has received almost unqualified praise from the critics.

Leonie was last seen on stage in Bertolt Brecht's "*Mother Courage*", and in Agatha Christie's *Mouse Trap*. Before that she appeared in *Amen Corner*, *See Mama*, *Oliver*, *The Witch*, *Queenie's Daughter*, and *Rose Slip* — to name a few. She has also been popular on Television Theatre here, appearing in *A Scent of Jasmine*, *Woman Under Trial*, and two productions of Strindberg's *The Stranger*. Ms. Forbes has also appeared in a number of films, including *80,000 Suspects* with Claire Bloom and Richard Johnson.

In commenting on her role in *Maskarade*, Leonie says "it is a most demanding role and promises in many ways to be one of the most satisfying that I have played".

Maskarade is expected to close its run at the Creative Arts Theatre on March 4.