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CASTING ANNOUNCED FOR *THE CONVERT* AT YOUNG VIC

7 December 2018 – 26 January 2019
Press Night Friday 14 December 2018

Main House

Letitia Wright will play the role of Jekesai/Ester in the Young Vic production of Black Panther co-star, and Tony-nominated writer **Danai Gurira's** *The Convert*.

She is cast alongside **Paapa Essiedu** (RSC Hamlet) who plays Chilford, and **Ivanno Jeremiah** (Humans) taking on the role of Chancellor.

Further casting includes: **Jude Akuwudike** (Uncle); **Rudolphe Mdlongwa** (Tamba); **Pam Nomvete** (Mai Tamba). The casting of the role of Prudence will be announced at a later date.

Directed by **Ola Ince** *The Convert*, set in 1896 in what is modern day Zimbabwe, explores if faith has a cost and if so, when that cost is too much. Jekesai, a young Shona woman fleeing forced marriage finds herself working for devout Catholic priest, Chilford. He relishes the opportunity to shape his new convert but Jekesai's salvation has a price.

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About the Young Vic

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