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Metro Theater Company presents  
***Bud, Not Buddy***  
at the Grandel Theatre, February 4-25.

Metro Theater Company (MTC) is proud to present *Bud, Not Buddy* by playwright Kristin Greenidge, score by Jazz Legend Terence Blanchard and based on the Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award winning book by Christopher Paul Curtis.

*Bud, Not Buddy* follows ten-year-old Bud as he sets off on a journey to find his father who he believes is leading a traveling jazz band. Set in 1930s America, Bud's odyssey is filled with the joy of finding family and plenty of live jazz music.

It's 1936 in Flint, Michigan, and 10-year-old Bud is sure about two things: he wants to find his father, and he isn't called Buddy. The only clue he left has is a flyer advertising Herman E. Calloway and his band, the Dusky Devastators of the Depression. With this and his trusty suitcase in tow, Bud sets off on an epic journey of discovery, set to the sound of a live jazz band.

Metro Theater Company is partnering with Jazz St. Louis to produce this wonderful play which combines eight actors with a 13-piece jazz band performing an original score composed by five-time, Grammy-winning jazz artist Blanchard to tell the story of a boy who finds a home and a passion for music. *Bud, Not Buddy* is perfect for the whole family!

Metro Theater Artistic Director Julia Flood will direct *Bud, not Buddy*. Jazz St. Louis Director of Education Phil Dunlap will serve as Music Director. "We are the first company to do it after its commissioned debut at the Kennedy Center. We have created a great collaboration with Gene Dobson Bradford and Phil Dunlap and Jazz STL to make this happen," said Flood. "MTC audiences have never seen anything like this before. With the cast of eight, there will be 21 performers on the Grandel stage bringing this tale of family and music to vibrant life."

Tickets for the Mainstage production of *Bud, Not Buddy* are on sale now at [www.metroplays.org](http://www.metroplays.org).

**Dates:**

February 4-25  
FRI & SAT at 7pm, SUN at 2pm

**Presented at**

The Grandel Theatre  
3610 Grandel Square, St. Louis, MO  
63108

**Tickets:**

Adult \$20  
Student/Military/Senior 55+ \$16  
Groups of 10+ (per ticket) \$14  
Orchestra Box (seats up to 4) \$72

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