DuSable Black History Museum & Education Center and Chicago Puppet Fest present

Janni Younge:

*Hamlet*
By William Shakespeare
South Africa

January 26-28, 2023, The DuSable Black History Museum & Education Center

CAST

**Timothy Redpath**
**Siyamthanda Sinani**
**Roshina Ratnam**
**Tshiamo Moretlwe**
**Beviol Swartz**
**Samkelo Zihlangu**

DUE TO VISA PROBLEMS MONGI MTOMBENI IS REPLACED BY TIMOTHY REDPATH AS THE PRIMARY VOICE OF HAMLET AND JANNI YOUNGE JOINS THE CAST.
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Director’s Note

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