

SOPHIATOWN

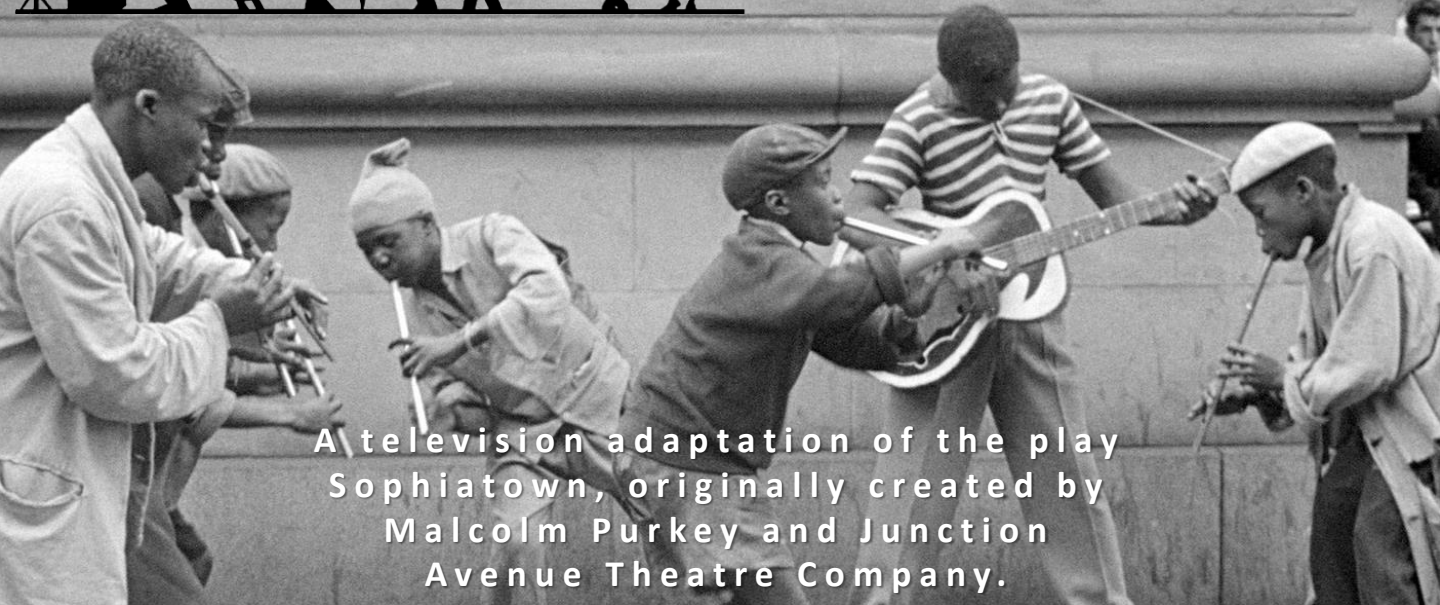
Period Drama

7 x 30 min episodes

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A television adaptation of the play
Sophiatown, originally created by
Malcolm Purkey and Junction
Avenue Theatre Company.

Sophiatown, a predominantly black suburb on the edge of Johannesburg, famous for a heady mix of artists, journalists, musicians, gangsters and politicians, was destroyed by the Apartheid government in the early 1950s. In a most cynical act, it was renamed *Triomf* (Triumph). In 2006, the suburb regained its original name.



Jakes, a black journalist working for Drum Magazine, invites a Jewish girl, Ruth Golden to stay with him in his Sophiatown shack. She is welcomed into the family and Jakes starts writing about her life. They fall in love but their relationship is fatally threatened when the Apartheid government moves in with bulldozers and literally destroys Sophiatown. Apartheid has forced a wedge between them.