



SHOW AND CHARACTER INFORMATION

It's 1958, and Jack Paar hosts the hottest late-night talk-show on television. His favorite guest? Character actor, pianist and wild card Oscar Levant. Famous for his witty one-liners, Oscar has a favorite: "There's a fine line between genius and insanity; I have erased this line." Tonight, Oscar will prove just that when he appears live on national television in an episode that Paar's audience—and the rest of America—won't soon forget. GOOD NIGHT, OSCAR explores the nexus of humor and heartbreak, the ever-dwindling distinction between exploitation and entertainment, and the high cost of baring one's soul for public consumption. The show was a hit on Broadway in the 2023 season, garnering several Outer Critics' circle and Tony Nominations. Sean Hayes (Oscar Levant) won "Best Actor." This will be the first production of GOODNIGHT, OSCAR since the Broadway run.

(In order of appearance)

BOB SARNOFF – male, 40s or 50s. Expensively dressed. The reigning president of NBC during television's Golden Age.

JACK PAAR – male, 30s or 40s. Bob Sarnoff's contemporary, and America's smoothest talker. "Father" of late night TV hosts.

JUNE LEVANT – female, mid-40s. Attractive and gracious under pressure, an actress. She has a core of steel. Oscar's wife.

ALVIN FINNEY – male, Black American. A medical orderly working in the mental ward at Mt. Sinai, with a droll sense of humor and serious ambition. Willing to consider a variety of ages.

MAX WEINBAUM – male, early 20s. Jack Paar's new production assistant. A young man whose ingratiating enthusiasm borders on anxiety and is matched only by his comic ineptitude.

**OSCAR LEVANT – male. Late 40's to early 50's. Not particularly attractive. The posture of a sad sack, and a razor sharp wit aimed at all in his path. OCD. A deeply flawed genius.

GEORGE GERSHWIN – male. 20's to 40's. Charming and rakish. He's got the tapered physique of an athlete, a winning grin, and the most celebrated career in American popular music.

**willing to consider AEA guest artist contracts