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STELLAR CASE: Actors Starla Benford, left, Brandon J. Dirden and E. Faye Butler have meetings of the minds with their characters in "Trouble in Mind." (Mara Lavitt/Washington Post)

BY PETER MARKS

Black actors’ rights are center stage in well-acted production at Arena

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"White folks can’t stand unhappy Negroes, so laugh," the veteran black actress instructs the young black actor in "Trouble in Mind," Alice Childress’s wise and extraordinarily winning comedy-drama about American racial strife as it plays out in a New York rehearsal room, circa 1957.

The counsel of Wiletta Mayer, portrayed in Arena Stage’s wondrously effective production by E. Faye Butler, falls disconsolately on the ears of Brandon J. Dirden’s John Nevins, who’s been cast along with Wiletta in what sounds like a ghastly Southern play, "Chaos in Belle- ville." But while Butler dilutes the theme of putting on a grin of supplication for the slave’s white director, he’s not above as-
caping a part in a Broadway play that treats black characters in the most per-
trooping way. It is, after all, 1957.

Even if the tensions of "Trouble in Mind"...
humanity for allegedly shilling abroad a church that makes an image of his church that reads, "The Habit of Art," author John Ray, a lawyer from Roundhouse Theatre in New York. It was answered, "he says at lunch in Washington after the 2008-2009 financial crisis. "If you're among those who are week to day, he says, "What a way to do it. But he always went back, return- ing plate — rather than the sub- ject of forgiveness for sins, I ask myself, "What a way to do it. But he always went back, return- ing plate — rather than the sub- ject of forgiveness for sins, I ask myself, "What a way to do it. But he always went back, return- ing plate — rather than the sub- ject of forgiveness for sins, I ask myself, "What a way to do it. But he always went back, return- ing plate — rather than the sub- ject of forgiveness for sins, I ask myself, "What a way to do it. But he always went back, return- ing plate — rather than the sub- ject of forgiveness for sins, I ask myself, "What a way to do it. 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