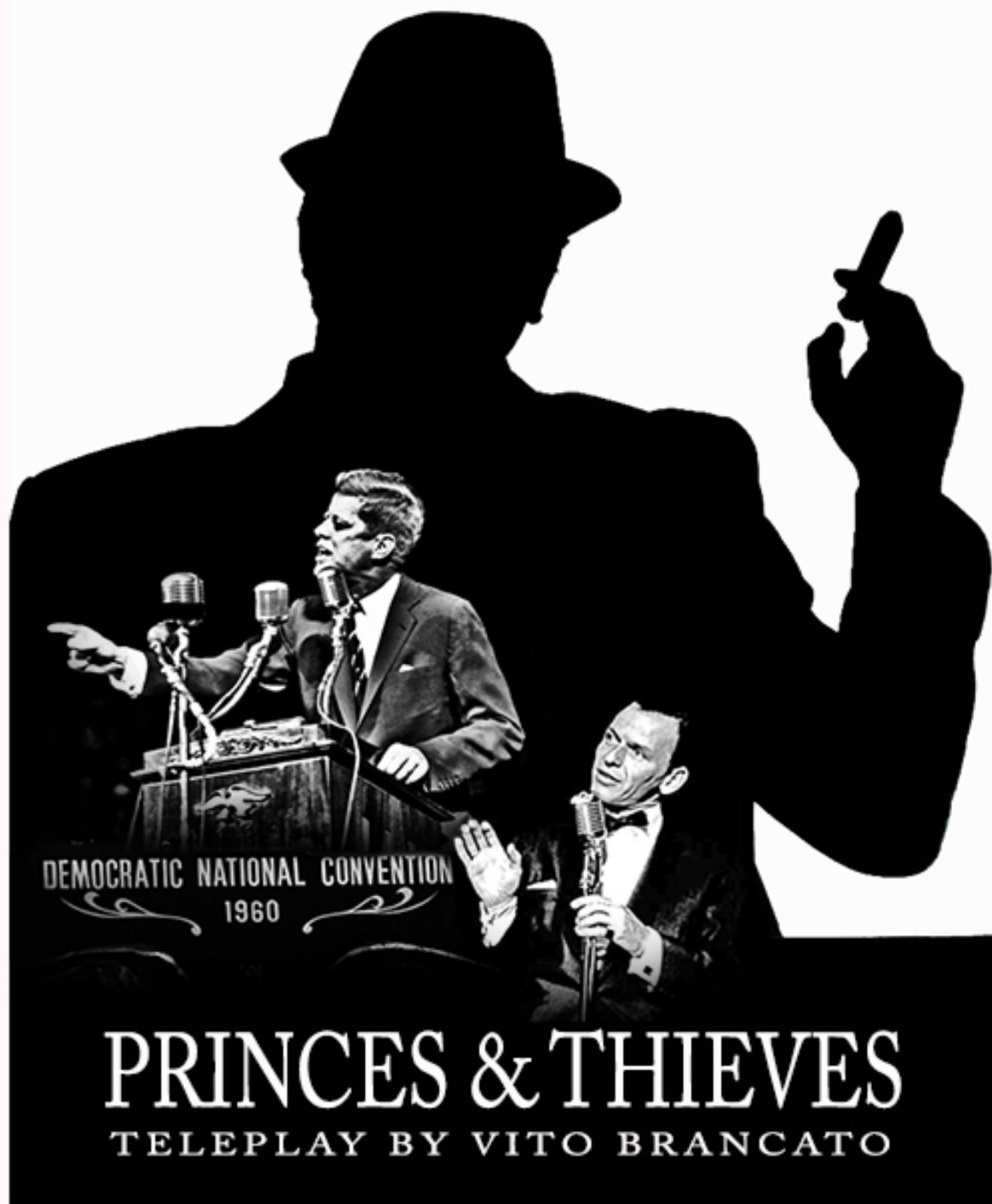


Once upon a time in America...

When a candidate, a movie star and a gangster  
secretly held the fate of the nation in their hands.



## **PRINCES & THIEVES – SERIES INFO**

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### **The Characters**

#### **The Candidate (JFK)**

As the charismatic, playboy son of one of America's most powerful (and ruthless) businessmen, he was born into American royalty and slotted for greatness. He almost reluctantly lets himself be guided to the White House, though he is drawn more to the glitz, glamor and carefree decadence of Hollywood.

#### **The Movie Star (Frank Sinatra)**

The singer/actor rose from the dirty, gangster streets of Hoboken to become Hollywood's most powerful and influential performer. Despite his success however, his ethnicity leaves him feeling shut out by the "white" west coast elite and he desperately looks to connect with the American hierarchy to finally establish his legitimacy.

#### **The Gangster (Sam Giancana)**

As the son of poor Sicilian immigrants, the natural progression leads him directly into the deadly world of the Chicago Outfit (mob). From his start as a murdering street thug, he quickly developed into a brilliant businessman/entrepreneur, spreading the reach of the Chicago Mafia's investments world-wide. He too is dangerously attracted to the glamor and celebrity world (and one actress in particular) despite warnings from his powerful gangster colleagues who wish to remain hidden from public view.

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## **Season One:**

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Sensing JFK's strong attraction to the southern California's glamour set, Sinatra quickly cements his relationship with the presidential candidate by supplying him with an endless cache of beautiful (and willing) starlets.

At the behest of the controlling patriarch Joe Kennedy, Sinatra asks a favor of his gangster pal Sam Giancana. The mob has firm control of the West Virginia Coal Miners Union and their vote in favor of JFK would seal the Democratic nomination.

Leery of the father Joe Kennedy, Giancana is initially reluctant to help. But after Sinatra slyly introduces Sam to beautiful singer/actress Phyllis McGuire, Giancana is smitten and agrees to the favor.

Season one follows the inner workings of the Chicago underworld and Giancana's steamy romance with McGuire; Sinatra digs himself deeper and deeper into presidential politics as he enlists all his Hollywood connections to help the Kennedy campaign; JFK wins the nomination and ultimately the White House by the slimmest of margins over Richard Nixon, due in no small part to the vote rigging of the Cook County Democratic machine and the Chicago mob.

## **Season Two:**

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Despite pre-election assurances otherwise, President Kennedy's Attorney General (brother Bobby) escalates his war on the Mafia with deportations and massive indictments nationwide.

Sinatra revels in his relationship with the President of the United States and sees himself as a future Ambassador.

Giancana tries to balance his duties as the Chicago boss with his personal life as his well-publicized affair with show biz girlfriend McGuire draws the ire of his gangster colleagues.

Though a popular president, JFK has made enemies within the government and the mafia. An elaborate plan is initiated by shadowy government figures and Giancana to assassinate Kennedy at a Democratic fundraiser at Chicago's Blackstone hotel using an unsuspecting Cuban assassin.

### **Season 3:**

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The President's continued infatuation with Hollywood (and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe) has wife Jackie irate and brother Bobby worried. Robert convinces his president brother it's finally time to cut ties with his famous California friends.

Though reluctant, JFK cleans up his act and shuns his onetime pal Sinatra. Meanwhile, a drug induced Marilyn continues to pursue her president boyfriend with repeated phone calls to the White House until she dies mysteriously in her own bed.

Due to the unrelenting efforts of Bobby Kennedy and the Justice Department, the American Mafia is now nearing complete eradication. Meanwhile, President Kennedy secretly makes plans to withdraw troops from Vietnam.

On September 22, 1963, JFK is assassinated by lone gunman Harvey Oswald in Dallas.

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