

Casting Call for *'da Kink in my Hair*

Audition Information: Selected artists will be asked to submit a self-tape.

Production Name: *'da kink in My Hair* by Trey Anthony

Engager: Soulpepper Theatre

City: Toronto

Production Rehearsal Date: October 24, 2022 (Start Date)

Submission Deadline: Monday, August 15, 2022 at 11am ET

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Engagement Policy: CTA

Casting statement:

Soulpepper Theatre is guided by a mission of Radical Inclusion: a commitment to prioritizing voices that have been excluded from our stages, and building a program and organization where everyone's experience is both valued and reflected.

As an equal opportunity employer, we welcome and encourage submissions from individuals of all gender identities, cultures, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and abilities throughout our season and through our general auditions. However, there are times when the breakdown of a casting call indicates the need for a culturally-specific role, or someone with specified lived experience in order to uphold the integrity of the artistic work.

If you choose, you may provide us with the pronouns you would like us to use in your submission, or any other self-identification you wish to provide. If you are a person with a disability and require assistance during the application and/or hiring process, please let us know and we will work with you to meet your needs.

Additional Information:

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

Set in a West Indian hair salon in Toronto, Trey Anthony's 'DA KINK IN MY HAIR untangles the triumphs and tragedies of the women who sit in Novelette's salon chair, giving voice to a group of women who tell us their unforgettable, moving, and often hilarious stories.

This TO Live-Soulpepper Theatre co-production will be directed by Soulpepper's Artistic Director Weyni Mengesha, who also helmed the original 2003 production, and will be on stage at the Bluma Appel Theatre in the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

SHARMAINE RICHARDSON (25-35) – Queer Black woman – Popular soap opera star. Ambitious, self-made, career-oriented, but also deeply in love. Navigating standing in her truth as a queer woman alongside feelings of isolation and rejection – most painfully from her mother, who had always been her greatest champion.

For this role, we are specifically encouraging LGBTQ2+ actors whose identities reflect the character's intersectionality, and especially welcome submissions from queer Black women.

Though we are interested in singers for this role, singing is not a requirement.

MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE PRODUCTION PERIOD October 24, 2022 – December 23, 2022. Only those selected for a self-tape will be contacted. Scripts and sides will be provided.

COVID-19

Please note that as per Soulpepper's current COVID-19 Health and Safety policy, proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 will be required from all artists as part of contracting. This policy is subject to change.

Submissions: Please send your headshot and resume at casting@soulpepper.ca