

The Playhouse Company, Durban, by arrangement with DALRO, announces auditions for the production of West Side Story in Durban during November and December 2013.

The Playhouse Company is pleased to present West Side Story during the festive season in 2013. Auditions for this popular musical will begin in Johannesburg in December 2012.

The sophisticated music, extended dance scenes and focus on social problems in West Side Story marked a turning point in American musical theatre. Bernstein's score for the musical includes "Something's Coming", "Maria", "America", "Somewhere", "Tonight", "Jet Song", "I Feel Pretty", "A Boy Like That", "One Hand, One Heart", "Gee, Officer Krupke", and "Cool".

IMPORTANT AUDITION INFORMATION:

Suitably qualified persons* are invited to attend auditions for this production on Tuesday, 4 December at The Dance JunXion, Mall of Rosebank (rooftop level), Johannesburg, Gauteng from 11am.

**all potential candidates need to be proficient in dance, drama and singing. Previous experience in musical theatre will be an advantage. The production calls for trained dancers and singers.*

Please bring a headshot and full length photograph, as well as a resume with you to your audition. Candidates will be required to do their acting and musical audition first and then participate in a group dance audition after all the acting and musical auditions have taken place.

Candidates should arrive at least 30min before their audition time. Candidates should also be dressed ready to dance.

Candidates will be required to do the following:

Musical Audition: Perform a song either from WEST SIDE STORY or in the style of West Side Story. (We suggest the following songs: Tony: Something's Coming and Maria; Maria: I Have a Love and I Feel Pretty; Anita: A Boy Like That and America; Riff: Cool; Bernardo/Sharks/Jets: The Jet Song; Girls: America).

Acting Audition: Prepare a one to two-minute monologue reflecting any of the emotional content in the show. At call backs candidates will be asked to read from the script.

Dance Audition: Dance auditions will take place after the musical and acting auditions and will be done in a group format.

TO BOOK AN AUDITION:

Please contact Kipi Skweyiya to book your audition, either by telephone between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday on 031 3699463 or via e-mail: music@playhousecompany.com.

Closing date for audition bookings is midday on Monday, 3 December 2012.

NOTE:

Rehearsals for the production of West Side Story will take place at The Playhouse in Durban from 7 October until 19 November 2013

The production will run in the Playhouse Opera theatre from 21 November until 29 December 2013.

West Side Story is based on a conception of Jerome Robbins, book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Entire original production directed and choreographed by Jerome Robbins. Originally produced on the Broadway stage by Robert E. Griffith and Harold S. Prince by arrangement with Roger L. Stevens

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