

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 be held in Durban on **13 December 2012** at the Playhouse.

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 artists are invited to attend auditions for this production on **Thursday, 13 December** in studio 503 at The Playhouse Company, Durban, KwaZulu Natal from 9am. Please enter via stage door in Acutt Street.

Artists are requested to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start in order to register.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. The production calls for classically trained dancers, singers and actors.
2. Previous professional experience in musical theatre is essential
3. Ladies need to bring high heel dance shoes and **MUST** be able to dance in these
4. An American accent would be a further advantage.
5. Please bring a headshot and full length photograph, as well as a resume with to your audition.
6. Artists to arrive by 8:30 am and be dressed ready to dance.

ARTISTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

Dance Audition: Dance auditions will take place first and will be done in a group format.

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.

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 Wednesday, 12 December 2012.

NOTE:

Rehearsals for the production of West Side Story will take place at The Playhouse 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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