

AUDITION NOTICE

Spunk

By: George C. Wolfe, adapted for the stage from three short stories by Zora Neale Hurston

Music by: Chic Street Man

Directed by: Denise Chapman

Produced by: The Shirley Tyree Theater

SUMMARY OF PLAY*:

Hurston's evocative prose and Wolfe's unique theatrical style blend to create an evening of theatre that celebrates the human spirit's ability to overcome and endure. Utilizing the blues, choral narrative and dance, the three tales focus on men and women trapped inside the "laughin' kind of lovin' kind of hurtin' kind of pain that comes from being human." the first of the three tales, Sweat, tells the story of a young washerwoman who is abused and betrayed by her estranged husband, and of her ultimate triumph over him. The second piece, Story In Harlem Slang, is told in 1940s Harlemlense. It is the story of two street lotharios trying to out hustle each other and win the favor of - and a meal from - a domestic on her payday afternoon off. The third tale, The Gilded Six Bits, is a bittersweet story of an adoring husband's betrayal by his loving but innocent wife.

*This is a play with music, all roles are singing roles.

PRODUCTION DETAILS:

Production Dates: February 16, 2024 - March 10, 2024 (Thursday - Sunday, 15 shows)

Rehearsal Dates: Wednesday, January 17th – February 15th 2024 (evenings and daytime weekends)

Honorarium: \$2000

General Auditions:

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and 16 bars of prepared music.

Saturday, November 4th: 4pm-7pm

Sunday, November 5th: 4pm-7pm

Monday, November 6th: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Please reserve an audition time at:

<https://calendly.com/denise-414/auditions-for-confederates-and-spunk-1>

Audition Location:

The Union for Contemporary Art, 2423 N 24th St, Omaha, NE 68110

Cast Requirements:

Two women/Four men - all are African American

Character Breakdown:

Blues Speak Woman - strong leading voice

Folk Man 2 - plays multiple characters

Guitar Man* - must be able to play the acoustic guitar

Folk Woman - plays multiple characters

Folk Man 1 - plays multiple characters

Folk Man 3 - plays multiple characters

Contact Denise Chapman at denise@u-ca.org or 402.933.3161 with questions.