



AUDITION NOTICE

BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES

Milwaukee, WI – July 19, 2022 – Black Arts MKE is seeking performers for its holiday musical production of BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES - a testament to the timeless work of Langston Hughes, telling the story of the Nativity through a combination of scripture, poetry, dance and song from the African-American perspective. Directed by **Dimonte Henning**, BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES will be mounted at the Marcus Performing Arts Center in Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall December 8-11, 2022. Experienced African-American equity and non-equity adult singers, dancers and actors who sing and move, and can play multiple roles are encouraged to apply. There are also roles available for young performers, ages 8-17.

BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES auditions will be held MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 2021, from 5:00PM TO 8:00PM AND MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 2022, from 5:00PM to 8:00PM at the Marcus Performing Arts Center, Studio 4A on the Fourth Floor (123 East State Street – use entrance next to loading dock.)

Please submit a headshot or photo, artistic resume and date/time conflict sheet prior to audition to INFO@BLACKARTSMKE.ORG by AUGUST 12TH, 2022. Prepare a one-to-two-minute monologue and one gospel/musical theater song of your choice. A piano accompanist will be provided. Please note that an appointment is required to audition. Rehearsals for BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES will begin early November, held evenings and weekends. Masks will be required indoors during auditions.

Please note that callbacks are tentatively scheduled to be held on MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2022, from 5:00PM TO 8:00PM. BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES is also in

need of production interns (stage management, costume, lighting, etc.), ages 16 and older. This is a paid opportunity. Please submit a cover letter and resume to INFO@BLACKARTSMKE.ORG to be considered.

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ABOUT BLACK ARTS MKE

Black Arts MKE's mission is to increase the availability and quality of African American arts and culture. We collaborate with over 100 local artists and arts organizations annually to bring to our community renowned and original performance arts works by African American authors, playwrights, poets, musicians, and composers. Our community outreach programs serve over 15,000 underserved schools, youth and their families including Youth Performing Arts Camp. Black Arts MKE's annual signature performance – Black Nativity by Langston Hughes is a holiday musical favorite in Milwaukee featuring an all-black, MKE-based cast. We're a recipient of the Association of Performing Arts Professionals, NEA Grant for Arts Projects, The Black Seed and Theatre Group Communications (TCG) national awards. Black Arts MKE is a producing theatre with World Premier Wisconsin. We are a proud Member Group of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF) and Resident Group at the Marcus Performing Arts Center. Black Arts MKE is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation.