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## **AUDITION NOTICE**

### **BRONZEVILLE ARTS ENSEMBLE'S ZURI'S CROWN ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS ON JANUARY 30TH**

**Artist collective has adapted the classic Rapunzel story into a stage musical.**

Milwaukee, WI, January 17, 2023 - ZURI'S CROWN auditions are set to begin auditions at the Marcus Center on January 30, 2023. Executive produced by Black Arts MKE, ZURI'S CROWN is presented as part of the World Premier Wisconsin – A state-wide festival celebrating new plays and musicals.

The new musical is a contemporary adaptation of the classic Rapunzel story. The musical is set just around the corner from your neighborhood and features a mysterious woman who teaches a beauty supply store owner's arrogant wife that being different should not be scary. Book and lyrics by Bronzeville Arts Ensemble's Cynthia Cobb, Parrish Collier, and Sheri Williams Pannell.

ZURI'S CROWN auditions will be held MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023, from 4:30PM TO 8:00PM at the Marcus Performing Arts Center, Rehearsal Hall A on the Fourth Floor (123 East State, use entrance next to loading dock.) Please submit a headshot or photo and artistic resume to [INFO@BLACKARTSMKE.ORG](mailto:INFO@BLACKARTSMKE.ORG) by JANUARY 26, 2023. Experienced African-American adult singers, dancers and actors who sing and move, and can play multiple roles are encouraged to apply. This is a paid opportunity.

Casting roles include Dewey Cheeter (Father), Louvain Cheeter (Mother), Madam LaRue, Zuri (Beautiful), Ukweli (Truth), Narrator/Bergamont (Female), Narrator/Sulfur8 (Male), Narrator/Ultrasheen (Female).

Produced by Bronzeville Arts Ensemble and directed by Sheri Williams Pannell, ZURI'S CROWN will feature scenic design by Amaya Rockett; costume design by Amy Horst, music direction by Antoine Reynolds, Sr., Aminah Rockett will serve as production stage manager, lighting design by Colin Gawronski, and Ron Scot Fry will serve as Technical Director.

ZURI'S CROWN opens at Marcus Performing Arts Center on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Special rates offered for Community Night, Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> features a mid-afternoon matinee performance. Tickets on sale now <https://marcuscenter.org/show/zuris-crown>. The musical is appropriate for ages 5 and up.

### **ABOUT BRONZEVILLE ARTS ENSEMBLE**

Founded in 2013, Bronzeville Arts Ensemble (also known as BAE) is a professional theater company in residence at Black Arts MKE. BAE illuminates the Black experience in America by developing and creating theater while also providing artistic and educational programming opportunities, collaborating with the local and national community, inspiring healing and positive social change.

### **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 our Black History Month Theatre for Young Adults and I AM. Performing Arts Summer 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.