

AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT – June 28, 2016

Woodbury Community Theatre is pleased to announce auditions for
Songs for a New World – September 30 – October 16

Show Overview: It's about one moment. It's about hitting the wall and having to make a choice, or take a stand, or turn around and go back. These are the stories and characters of today, the Songs For A New World. The first musical from Tony Award winner Jason Robert Brown (Parade, Bridges Of Madison County, The Last Five Years), this moving collection of powerful songs examines life, love and the choices we make.

A staged song-cycle, four actors play many roles to show the universality of the effects a decision can make on the outcome of a human life. With incredible music, compelling situations, and relatable themes, this show transports audiences from the deck of a 1492 Spanish sailing ship to a ledge 57 stories above Fifth Avenue to meet a startling array of characters ranging from a young man who has determined that basket-ball is his ticket out of the ghetto to a woman whose dream of marrying rich nabs her the man of her dreams and a soul-less marriage.

Cast Needs: Justin Madsen will be directing this cast of four adults (18 or older). Looking for strong singers with the ability to learn music quickly and hold complex harmonies. Characters include:

- Man 1 - Tenor; range: D3-C5; Youthful, energetic optimist with a stunning upper register.
 - Ages: 18 – 35
 - Ethnicity: Role is written for an African-American male, but casting will be flexible based on auditions.
- Man 2 - Baritone, range F2-Ab4; Worldly wise, subtle.
 - Ages 18 – 50
- Woman 1- Soprano/belt, G3-F5; Youthful ingénue type with a light but powerful voice.
 - Ages 18 – 35
- Woman 2 - Belter, F3-F5; Character actress with excellent dramatic sensibility and comedic timing. Must be able to perform with dialects (New York Jewish, German).
 - Ages 18 – 55

Auditions at Merrill Rivertown Campus:

- Saturday July 23 – 1-4pm
- Sunday July 24 – 7-10pm
- Monday July 25 – 7-10pm
- Callbacks: Saturday July 30 – 12-3pm

Performances in the Black Box Theater @ East Ridge High School:

- Friday, September 30 at 7pm
- Saturday, October 1 at 7pm
- Sunday, October 2 at 3pm
- Thursday, October 6 at 7pm
- Friday, October 7 at 7pm
- Saturday, October 8 at 7pm
- Sunday, October 9 at 7pm
- Thursday, October 13 at 7pm
- Friday, October 14 at 7pm
- Saturday, October 15 at 7pm
- Sunday, October 16 at 3pm

Rehearsal Information: Rehearsals will take place both at the Merrill Rivertown Campus and the black box theatre at East Ridge High School. Rehearsals will typically be Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, and Sun evenings from 7-10pm.

Audition Information:

- Please sign up on our Sign-Up-Genius site for an audition date and time - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d44aeaf2faaf85-songs>
- Plan to arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time, and prepare to stay 30 minutes past your time.
- Bring sheet music and be prepared to sing 64 bars of a musical theatre song that showcases your vocal range and strength. Please bring sheet music in the key you wish to sing in and provide all cuts, clearly marked for the accompanist. You may be asked to sing scales or an excerpt from the show as well.
- Bring a complete audition form with you, which is linked on the audition sign-up page. Include all conflicts with rehearsals on your audition form. Actors with performance conflicts will not be considered.
- Please bring a headshot or photo that you do not want returned. Does not need to be a professional photo. People will be notified if they are being called back. Not being called back does not mean you are not cast. Often times, only certain parts need callbacks. We will let all auditioners know the results via email or phone ASAP prior to the Saturday callbacks.

Volunteer Involvement:

As a volunteer-driven organization, we depend on cast to support crew needs. Each cast member (or member parent, spouse, sibling, friend, etc.) is expected to contribute at least 4 hours of time in helping to support the show by helping build/paint the set, sew costumes, make props, hang up posters, assist with lights and sound, help backstage, usher, house manage, help with refreshments and other tasks that arise.

Location Information.

- **Auditions & Most Rehearsals** will be held at the Merrill Community Arts Center, 380 Rivertown Drive, Suite 200, Woodbury, MN 55125.
- **Tech & Dress Rehearsals and Performances** are held at the Black Box Theater - East Ridge High School, 4200 Pioneer Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129.

Additional questions may be directed to mwitte@merrillartscenter.org.