



# DRURY LANE THEATRE

## ***THE COLOR PURPLE*** **EQUITY PRINCIPAL AUDITIONS**

**Seeking:** African-American identified male, female, and gender expansive dancers/singers/actors

**Location:** Lou Conte Dance Studios, 1147 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

**Date:** Friday, January 25, 2019

**Time:**

- 10:00am-12:30pm – Appointments
- 12:30-1:30pm – Lunch
- 1:30-4:00pm – Appointments

**Appointments:**

- Appointments made via AEA.
- EMC and non-union actors will be seen in open AEA appointment slots.

**Preparation:**

- Prepare one 16-bar cut of a song in the style the show. Bring sheet music in your key with your cut. An accompanist will be provided.
- Everyone must bring a current headshot and resume.

**Character Breakdowns:**

- **CELIE** (Female Identified Principal) – A Woman from Georgia whose story begins when she is 14. A survivor of abuse. Vulnerable, spirited, introverted, mischievous, has a sense of humor which is sometimes wicked. She is an observer. Eventually finds self-love and independence.
- **NETTIE** (Female Identified Principal) – Celie's younger sister. Adventurous, feisty, educated. She has a powerful bond with Celie. Forced by Mister to leave Celie, she starts a new life in Africa.
- **MISTER** (Male Identified Principal) – Local farm owner who becomes Celie's husband. Strong presence, dominating, capable of brutal behavior but also a victim. Gets his power for free. Married to Celie, he abuses her. He is in love with Shug. Eventually sees the error of his ways.
- **HARPO** (Male Identified Principal) – Mister's son from his first marriage. Vulnerable, confused, good-hearted son. Represents the new generation.

- **SOFIA** (Female Identified – ROLE CAST. SEEKING ENSEMBLE U/S.) – Harpo's wife. Powerful, physically strong and imposing woman. Comfortable in her skin, great sense of humor. She does not let anyone mistreat her.
- **SHUG AVERY** (Female Identified Principal) – Mister's long-time love, a singer who lives in Memphis. Powerful in her sexuality, dynamic, magnetic, irresistible, has a surprising frailty and vulnerability.
- **FEMALE ENSEMBLE/SQUEAK** (Female Identified Principal) – Harpo's lover after Sofia leaves him. Young, sassy, fiery, strong-willed, unafraid to take anybody on, has a caring heart.
- **FEMALE ENSEMBLE/CHURCH LADY** (Female Identified)
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- **FEMALE ENSEMBLE/OLIVIA** (Female Identified) – Celie's daughter who lives in Africa with Nettie.
- **MALE ENSEMBLE/PA** (Male Identified) – Celie and Nettie's abusive stepfather.
- **MALE ENSEMBLE/PREACHER/OL' MISTER** (Male Identified) – Mister's father.
- **MALE ENSEMBLE/ADAM/BUSTER** (Male Identified) – Celie's son who lives in Africa with Nettie.
- **MALE ENSEMBLE/GRADY** (Male Identified) – A prizefighter, Sofia's lover when she leaves Harpo.
- **MALE ENSEMBLE/BOBBY** (Male Identified)
- **MALE ENSEMBLE/GUARD** (Male Identified)

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** Drury Lane Productions is committed to being an equal opportunity employer of Actors of all ethnicities (including, but not limited to, African-American, Asian/Asian-Pacific American, Hispanic-American, Native American, multi-cultural), female identified Actors, seniors, and Actors with disabilities.

**Other Dates:**

- Equity Chorus Call 1/24/19
- Callbacks 1/30/19
- 1<sup>st</sup> Possible Rehearsal 8/19/19
- 1<sup>st</sup> Performance 9/13/19
- Contemplated Closing 11/3/19