

\*\*\*\*\***AUDITION NOTICE**\*\*\*\*\*

**“CROWNS, a Gospel Musical”**

Written by Regina Taylor

Adapted from the book by Michael Cunningham & Craig Marberry

**Director: Carla D. Gipson**

**Musical Director: Michael Nichols**

**PRODUCTION SCHEDULE**

AUDITIONS: Fri., January 28<sup>th</sup> & Sat., 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

and Sun., January 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

REHEARSALS: February 7<sup>st</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup>

TECH WEEK: March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

PERFORMANCES: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>

**AUDITION REQUIREMENTS**

Seeking actors ages 18 years and older. See cast/characters requirements below.

Yolanda	18-22 (young woman, seeking life’s answers, grieving, hopeful)
Mother Shaw	60’s plus (church mother, grandmother of Yolanda, wise and nurturing)
Velma	30’s (mortician, stable)
Wanda	30’s-40’s (educator, experienced)
Mabel	40’s-50’s (Pastors Wife, feisty)
Jeanette	20’s-30’s (flirtatious)
Man	40’s -50’s (Preacher, Ancestor)
Young Man	20’s (Teddy, younger men)

- Actors should prepare 16-32 bars of Gospel or R&B song. An accompanist may be provided. No music tracks. Acapella singing is acceptable.
- Rap lyrics or spoken word is acceptable for younger female character.
- There is dance/movement in the show. Actors should be prepared to dance and wear comfortable clothing and footwear for movement.
- Please bring a current photo to attach to the audition form, provided on site.
- Rehearsals will run from February 7<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> and will take place weekday evenings, Monday-Thursday, call time 6:30p-8:30p, as scheduled.
- Individual and additional rehearsal time may be scheduled as need.
- Extended rehearsal time (6:30p to 9:30p) will be added for March and Fridays as needed.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> WILL be a full rehearsal week for all, Monday-Friday 6:30p to 9:30p.
- Tech week will occur the week of March 27<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>, call time 6:30p to 10:00p.
- Conflicts are not acceptable for tech week. All cast must be present as scheduled.
- Due to COVID-19 guidelines and concerns, eligible individuals should be fully vaccinated as a condition of casting and participation. Vaccination cards will be required at auditions. Additionally, any backstage crew will also be required to show proof of vaccination.
- A negative COVID-19 test and wearing a mask throughout the process will be allowed and appreciated, but this does not negate the required proof of COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Auditions, rehearsals and performances will take place at **Hopewell Theater- 702 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44502** ..... Call 234-855-6904 if you have any questions.