

White Plains Performing Arts Center: Mainstage Auditions

IN THE HEIGHTS

PERSONNEL

Music/Lyrics/Conceived by: Lin-Manuel Miranda

Book by: Quiara Alegría Hudes

Director/Choreographer: Vincent Ortega

Music Director: Stephen Ferri

The White Plains Performing Arts Center is seeking **both AEA & non-union** performers for ***In the Heights***. We are seeking a MULTI-ETHNIC cast with fantastic singing, acting and dancing abilities to play principal and supporting roles (breakdown below).

Please note there is NO housing for this production. Theater is located 35 min from NYC via train or car.

SYNOPSIS

From the creator of ***Hamilton*** comes this 4-time Tony Award Winning Best Musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda! ***In the Heights*** tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights—a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open, and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

IMPORTANT DATES

1st Rehearsal: September 18 (rehearses in NYC, within 10am-6pm range) Actors are called only when needed.

Tech: Sept 30-Oct 5 in White Plains

Shows: Oct 6-8, 12-15, 19-22 (*3-4 performances/week)

**Possible Extension through 29 (additional compensation would be added)*

Please bring any and all conflicts to the auditions and note that the rehearsals times may vary. **You must be available for all shows and tech week to audition.**

Venue:

White Plains Performing Arts Center

11 City Place, 3rd Floor (City Center)

White Plains NY 10601

(35 min from NYC via train/car) wppac.com

CONTRACT

LORT-LOA Contract **Total of 3-4 performances/week

\$530/week min for AEA actors + Pension/5 health weeks

Non-union: Fee Min. of \$1,600 min+ (based on role)

Theatre anticipates having 4 total AEA contracts available for this production. Travel via MNR provided.

Casting Breakdown:

Please note all roles unless otherwise listed are Latinx performers.

USNAVI DE LA VEGA: Male 20's-30's, Owner of De La Vega's Bodega, whose parents emigrated from the Dominican Republic and have since passed away. Lives with Abuela Claudia, in love with Vanessa, but is comically shy. Charismatic and friendly with a generous heart. Excellent actor / rapper / mover and singer. D3-G4.

NINA ROSARIO: Female 19-25, Nina is the first one in the family to attend college. The only daughter of Kevin and Camila Rosario, working-class parents who run a car service, love interest of Benny, and best friends with Vanessa. An overachiever, role model, straight-A student but going through tough times. Excellent mover, strong belt. A3-F5.

KEVIN ROSARIO: Male 40s-50's, co-owner of Rosario Car and Limousine, husband to Camila and father to Nina. Charismatic and proud, this self-made man is also stubborn and hot tempered, but always wants the best for his family. Singer who moves well. C4-E5.

CAMILA ROSARIO: Female 40s-50's, co-owner of Rosario Car and Limousine with her husband Kevin. Strong, fiery yet pragmatic woman with a deep love for her family. Singer who moves well. G3-B4.

BENNY: Male 20's-30's, BIPOC, driver for Rosario Car & Limousine, where he has worked since he was a teenager. Ambitious and optimistic, he aims to have his own business one day. Handsome, flirtatious, charming man who falls in love with Nina. Strong singer, excellent mover. E3-G#4.

VANESSA: Female 20's, works at Daniela's Salon. Charismatic, with strong dreams of leaving the Heights, away from her alcoholic mother. Excellent dancer, strong belt/mix. F#3-E5.

SONNY: Male 18-25 years old, Usnavi's cousin, and who works for him at the Bodega. Comic actor, excellent rapper and mover. G3-A#4.

ABUELA CLAUDIA: Female 50-60, Abuela Claudia raised Usnavi after his parents died, and continues to live with him. She has been in the Heights the longest and is the matriarch to all. Strong belt to a C. F#3-C5.

DANIELA: Female 20-40, Quick witted, brassy, no-nonsense owner of Daniela's Salon. Confident and strong, she is a big sister figure to Vanessa and Carla. Comic actress with a strong belt. Excellent dancer. G3-C5.

CARLA: Female 20-30, a hairdresser at Daniela's Salon. Funny and naive, she has a sunny disposition all the same. Comic actor with strong belt mix. Excellent dancer.

GRAFFITI PETE: Male 18-30, talented though undiscovered graffiti artist, always dancing with boom box in tow. Grew up in the Heights, buddies with Sonny, harmless but rough around the edges. Extremely strong dancer, acrobatics a plus.

PIRAGUERO: Male Any age diligently sells piraguas in the Heights to earn a living. Bright, soaring tenor. D3-A4

ENSEMBLE: Seeking an ensemble to create the diverse, vibrant world of this Washington Height's neighborhood. Seeking all ethnicities, ages and body types. Must be excellent dancers and singers (hip hop and salsa primarily), and actors who can develop strong, specific and vulnerable characters

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

VIDEOS ARE DUE August 22

-Please sing a cut of a song from the show (HIGHLY preferred) or in the style of the show.

We have provided a few song options you can use in the material link below if you want.

No in person audition/callback invites will go out until all videos are viewed as pre-screens for in person appointments.

MATERIAL LINK

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SFqw3Luo4okjJHagwfH79NMD-x9_IPdi?usp=share_link

Questions email: auditions@wppac.com

Submit all materials via this link: <https://airtable.com/shrYHoU2CJcJIBVET>

1. Videos must be uploaded to (youtube, vimeo etc) and sent as a link. Please No password protected videos etc.
2. Include Headshot and Resume (In one file not separate files)
3. In your recording, slate your name, union status,
4. Make sure we see as much of you as possible.
5. Accompaniment should be played on a separate device and be sure there is no editing, effects etc to your vocal recording.