



## **AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT – JESUS HOPPED THE 'A' TRAIN**

Dear Atlanta Actor,

Actor's Express seeks five actors for our production of JESUS HOPPED THE 'A' TRAIN by Stephen Adly Guirgis. AE is fully committed to diversity, inclusion and equal employment opportunity. We are committed to principles of ethical and diverse representation in our casting.

Rehearsals and performances are held indoors at Actor's Express. We are working with an AEA-approved safety plan that includes vaccination, testing, masking, cleaning and distancing protocols. Pursuant to current AEA guidelines, proof of full vaccination no later than two weeks prior to in-person work is a required condition of employment.

### **ABOUT THE PLAY**

Angel Cruz is a 30-year-old bicycle messenger awaiting trial for the death of the leader of a religious cult. Inside Rikers Island, a terrified Angel is befriended by a charismatic serial killer named Lucius Jenkins. Lucius has found God and been born again, and now, Angel's life and the course of his trial will be changed forever.

### **SHOW PERSONNEL**

PLAYWRIGHT: Stephen Adly Guirgis

DIRECTOR: Eric J. Little

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: Freddie Ashley

ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR: Amanda Washington

CASTING DIRECTOR: Justin Kalin

### **PRODUCTION INFORMATION**

REHEARSALS BEGIN: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

REHEARSAL DAYS AND TIMES: Tuesday-Thursday 6:30-11:00; Saturday-Sunday 10:00-6:30

TECH – June 3 - 4, 2023

DRESS REHEARSALS – June 6-7, 2023

PREVIEWS – June 8 – 9 2023

OPENING – June 10, 2023

CLOSING – July 2, 2023

SHOWTIMES – Wednesday-Saturday at 8:00; Sunday at 2:00 (five performances per week; some added performances possible)

### **ROLES**

**Angel Cruz** - (20's /Latino) A young man Incarcerated at Riker's Island Prison. He's angry, lonely, frustrated and struggling with his faith/spirituality.

**Lucius Jenkins** - (40's/50's/Black) He is a charismatic, confident convicted serial killer but he has a strong Christian faith since being incarcerated.

**Mary Jane Hanrahan** - (late 20's/early 30's/White) She is Angel's jaded and tired state appointed attorney.

**Valdez** - (30's/40's/Ltino) He is the sadistic guard assigned to Lucius at Riker's.

**D'Amico** - (30's/40's/Italian) He is a gentle and more calming guard at Riker's.

**AUDITION INFORMATION**

**When:** Audition videos accepted through **December 7, 2022**.

**Where:** At the urging of Actors' Equity Association, these auditions will be video only.

**Contract:** Small Professional Theatre (SPT) Category 4 contract with Actors' Equity Association. Both AEA and non-AEA actors will be hired.

**What to prepare:**

- Sides available at [www.actorsexpress.com/get-involved](http://www.actorsexpress.com/get-involved)
- Please prepare sides for the character/s for which you would like to be considered. If you do not have access to a reader, you may prepare a monologue in the style of the play. No memorization required.
- Please include your headshot and resume with your submission.

**Submissions:**

- Upload your videos and materials at [www.actors-express.com/get-involved](http://www.actors-express.com/get-involved).
- If you have received this announcement in an email, please reply even if you are declining so that we know you have received this invitation and that we have correct contact information for you in our files.
- Please let Actor's Express know if you wish to be removed from our database.
- If you have questions, email [auditions@actorsexpress.com](mailto:auditions@actorsexpress.com).

Thank you,  
The Actor's Express Casting Team

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