

The Winter Park Playhouse

2022 SPRING SERIES CAST BREAKDOWNS

TRAV'LIN – A 1930s HARLEM MUSICAL ROMANCE

A Southeastern Regional Premiere!

Score by J. C. Johnson & Friends / Book by Gary Holmes & Allan Shapiro

Rehearsals begin January 4, 2022. Previews January 20 & 21, 2022.

Runs January 21 - February 19, 2022

***Seeking strong Black musical theatre performers who sing, act and move extremely well.**

GEORGE: Age range: 60's. Retired Pullman porter, church Deacon, and unofficial Mayor of 132nd street. An orderly gentleman with cherished memories of an earlier life and time. Embraces the present and the future but harbors unexpressed regrets over his past. He ultimately restores his previous relationship to Billie. Half of the experienced couple wounded by the first time. (Powerful, strong tenor / high baritone. G above middle C)

BILLIE: Age range: 60's. The sweetheart George left behind 40 years ago. Strong and direct with a mind of her own. A woman of experience and style with a streetwise reality. Lives through her past and struggles with the present. Still has strong feelings and memories of George. Other half of the experienced couple wounded by the first time. (Big voiced Blues singer – alto / low mezzo. Belt up to D)

ARCHIE: Age range: 30's. A numbers runner and self-styled ladies' man. A charismatic flirt not willing to settle into a relationship, "yet." A rascal, not a scoundrel, with a genuine love for Roz. Maintains a pretense of self-assurance and bravado, often to his own detriment. Wants to seem a master of the game but still plays it safe. Roz's long time main squeeze. The comic half with Roz. (Smooth character type jazz voice, high baritone. G above middle C)

ROZ: Age range: 30's. Beauty shop owner and Archie's long suffering woman. Truly wants her man, even with his faults but with a few changes. Stylish with an air of sophistication. Strong-willed and stubborn in everyday matters. A commanding brassy quality with lots of attitude. Takes pride in herself and her appearance. A romantic at heart. The comic half with Archie. (Sassy high alto / mezzo. Strong belt / mix up to Eb)

NELSON: Age range: 20's. Traveling bible and hymnal salesman. Ella's beau. Innocent and insecure, especially about the other sex. Strongly in love with Ella but confused about relationships. Willing to commit but daunted by the ways of love. Easily swayed by outside influences. Definitely the ingénue partner to Ella. (Sweet voiced ingénue tenor / high baritone. High note F# above middle C)

ELLA: Age range: 20's. George's young niece. Staying with him for nursing school. Sweet and innocent, definitely in love with the idea of love. The perfect match for Nelson but doesn't know how to manage her feelings. Has a backbone and shows it when needed. Idealistic but naïve and swayed by those who seem to know better. Definitely the ingénue partner to Nelson. (Sweet jazz-pop with a strong belt-mix up to D. Soprano up to F for ensemble.)

THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES: DREAM ON

Created by Roger Bean

Rehearsals begin February 28, 2022. Previews March 17 – 18, 2022

Runs March 18 - April 16, 2022

***Seeking strong musical theatre performers who sing act and dance extremely well. Must be proficient at singing tight pop harmony.**

BETTY JEAN: Age range: 29-38. The class clown and tomboy of the group, best friends with Cindy Lou. Always quick with a comeback, Betty Jean has a loving heart that is easy to break. She finally leaves her philandering husband, and discovers the inner strength to survive on her own. (Alto with strong low range.)

CINDY LOU: Age range: 29-38. Was always the prettiest girl at Springfield High. While her hopes were previously shattered, this beauty takes one final chance to make her childhood dreams of stardom come true. Sassy, wicked, with a heart of gold. (Mezzo-Soprano with belt; sings lead on many songs.)

MISSY: Age range: 29-38. The over-achiever of the group, keeping control of everything in her path as the group's organizing force. With her new husband Mr. Lee watching from the front row, this type-A personality reveals that she has a baby on the way, and all bets are off as she prepares for the adventure of a lifetime. (Soprano with wide range and very high vocals.)

SUZY: Age range: 29-38. Giddy, happy-go-lucky, slightly ditzy, and best friends with Missy. Forever in love with her childhood sweetheart (now husband), this fearless woman worries that her marriage might be on the rocks as the Matchbox plant in town closes and husband Ritchie is forced to look for work out of town. (Mezzo-Alto with a sweet, soulful sound and a big belt.)