



ANNOUNCES OPEN AUDITIONS FOR

## The Fats Waller Musical Revue



*Book by Murray Horwitz and Richard Maltby, Jr. Directed by Jeffery S. Nelson*

*Auditions Open to ages 18 and over. Early auditions by special arrangement only.*

Dates: Sunday, October 15, 2017  
Monday, October 16, 2017 Call-Backs Only

Time: 6:00 pm Registration  
6:30 pm Auditions

Location: First Presbyterian Church  
529 Hendrie Blvd (*just off Woodward and Sixth Street*)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

**About the Show:** *Ain't Misbehavin'* is a Tony-Award winning show that debuted on Broadway in 1978. It is a 1940's musical revue of the works of composer Fat's Waller, who was known for the technique of stride piano. There is no real plot and very little spoken dialogue. However, a story unfolds that tells of the African-American experience in a cabaret-style performance through song and dance. Featuring five triple-threat actors and a unit set, *Ain't Misbehavin'* provides the perfect opportunity to bring together an ethnic ensemble cast of various talents for the very first time on the Village Players Stage.

**Performance Dates:** January 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, February 2, 3, 4, 2018  
8:00 pm Fridays and Saturdays, 2:00pm on Sundays at Village Players of Birmingham,  
34660 Woodward Avenue.

## Character Breakdown

All actors must be African-American. Each character has multiple solos which include some dancing throughout the show. Each actor must be a very strong, confident singer first and foremost. Each actor must also have some ability to dance and a willingness to learn. Ages listed are for the character and not the actor.

### **André – Black Male**

An unrepentant party-hound. Very smooth and slick, a flirt, a bit of a con-artist. Required to smoke during one scene.

Age: 25 to 45

Vocal range top: E6 Vocal range bottom: G2

Audition songs: "Viper's Drag", "How Ya Baby"

### **Armelia – Black Female**

A voluptuous, sexy, and sassy woman. Very strong-willed and not afraid to share her thoughts.

Age: 25 to 45

Vocal range top: C6 Vocal range bottom: G3

Audition Songs: "Squeeze Me", "When the Nylons Bloom Again"

### **Charlaine – Black Female**

A sweet, young lady. Very innocent looking and coming of age. This character will be the youngest of the group.

Age: 18 to 25

Vocal range top: G5 Vocal range bottom: G3

Audition Songs: "Keepin' Out of Mischief Now", "Handful of Keys"

### **Ken – Black Male**

Jovial, cheerful, and loud. Larger than life. Able to command a crowd.

Age: 25 to 45

Vocal range top: C6 Vocal range bottom: D3

Audition Songs: "Honeysuckle Rose", "Your Feet Too Big"

### **Nell – Black Female**

Confident and charming. A knowledgeable woman of the world. One who has been hurt many times in love.

Age: 30 to 45

Vocal range top: F5 Vocal range bottom: F3

Audition Songs: "Mean to Me", "Cash for Your Trash"

## Required Time Commitment

- Typically, rehearsals will run Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings (7:00-9:30 pm), as well as some Saturday afternoons. However, this may change depending on the availability of the persons cast.
- October 16, 2017-February 4, 2018 is our production window.
- All actors are **required** to submit a list of schedule conflicts at time of registration.



## ABOUT AUDITIONS

**Wear:** Please do not dress in character. Dress in light, comfortable clothing and shoes; prepared to learn choreography.

**Bring:** Please bring a non-returnable headshot or recent photo of yourself. If you do not have a photo, a digital photo will be taken at auditions.

**Music Cuts:** Available beginning Sept. 19, 2017, cuts can be obtained by sending an email to

[birminghamvillageplayers@gmail.com](mailto:birminghamvillageplayers@gmail.com) with AIN'T MISBEHAVIN' in the subject line and list the names of the characters interested in in the body of the email.

**Notes:** Out of respect for those who are auditioning, please refrain from bringing infants and young children to auditions. Individuals cast in the production will be required to pay either a rehearsal fee or become a member of Village Players.

## Audition Contacts:

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