



AUDITION NOTICE

Call for actors for speaking roles in
Kurt Weill's *Lost in the Stars* at Union Avenue Opera

**AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 5:30PM TO 7:30PM
UNION AVENUE OPERA, 733 N. UNION BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63108.**

**QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE AN AUDITION EMAIL INFO@UNIONAVENUEOPERA.ORG
ALL ARTISTS MUST REGISTER WITH UAO 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE AUDITION DATE
Audition will consist of a cold reading.**

LOST IN THE STARS takes place during 1940's South African apartheid and tells the story of Stephen Kumalo, a local black preacher, coming to terms with the fact that his son Absalom killed a white man and during the course of the show, is sentenced to death. The show deals with issues of racial injustice, inequality and eventually reconciliation.

The principal roles (singing parts) are already cast as is most of the chorus. LOST IN THE STARS will run for two weekends August 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2018 and will have a 3-week rehearsal period beginning July 30th. Candidates must be available nights and weekends during that period and one or two of the larger parts may be called to limited daytime rehearsals during the first 2 weeks (particularly James Jarvis). Stipends are based upon number of lines and stage-time. There are 18 scenes and many of them are very short, 2 minutes or less.

Rehearsal and Production Dates:

Rehearsal Period: July 30 – August 12 must be available nights and weekends

Dress Rehearsals: August 13, 14, 15 runs start at 8:00pm

Performances: August 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8:00pm

All rehearsal and performance dates should be considered mandatory.

All performances and rehearsals will take place at Union Avenue Opera, 733 N. Union Blvd, STL 63108

SPEAKING ROLES - Description of Roles (in order of appearance):

Grace: Wife Stephen Kumalo and mother of the accused, played around the age 40
speaking lines in 2 scenes (1.1 and 1.2) - \$800 Stipend

James Jarvis: Wealthy white landowner, 55 years old, the largest speaking role
speaking lines in 3 scenes (1.2, 2.1, 2.5) - \$1200 Stipend

Arthur Jarvis: Male, played around the age of 30, son of James Jarvis, is murdered
speaking lines in 1 scene (1.2) - \$800 Stipend

John Kumalo: Brother of Stephen Kumalo, played around the age of 35
speaking lines in 2 scenes (1.3, 2.1) - \$1000 Stipend

Mark Eland: Parole officer, played around 30-35 years old
speaking lines in 4 scenes (1.4, 1.7, 1.9, 1.11) - \$1000 Stipend

Absalom Kumalo: Son of Stephen and Grace, the accused, played around the age of 20 something speaking lines in 3 scenes (1.6, 2.3, and 2.4) - \$1000 Stipend

Matthew Kumalo: Son of John Kumalo, involved in the crime and trial with Absalom and Johannes a few speaking lines in 3 scenes (1.6, 1.8, 2.3) - \$800 Stipend

Johannes Pafuri: Friend of Matthew and Absalom Kumalo, involved in the crime and trial a few speaking lines in 3 scenes (1.6, 1.8, 2.3) - \$800 Stipend

Additionally, Teen/Preteen roles available.

Audition, Wednesday May 16, 4:30-5:30 PM

We are looking for 3 talented, mature early teens (age 10-15, approximately) for the following roles:

Nita: A young female villager in the hometown of Stephen Kumalo has about 5 speaking lines in the first scene of the show - \$100 Stipend

Edward Jarvis: grandson of James Jarvis, son of Arthur Jarvis has lines in 2 scenes, fairly significant scene-work in one of them - \$200 Stipend

Alex: Nephew of Stephen Kumalo a fairly large speaking part, also sings an important song (voice must be unchanged) would need to be available during the daytime and evenings - \$300 Stipend

CHORUS

Audition, Tuesday May 15, 5:30-6:30 PM

Audition will consist of one song of your choosing, memorized. Pianist provided.

CHORUS – we are still looking for 4 chorus members for LOST IN THE STARS – there is a chorus of 24. The score stipulates a “white chorus” and a “black chorus” which most often sing together but have a few moments of just one or the other. These 4 roles are for the “black chorus” (1 alto, 2 tenors, 1 bass). In addition to the above-mentioned rehearsal schedule (nights and evenings), there are 3 mandatory musical rehearsals for the chorus: June 4, 7-10 pm, June 5, 8-10 pm and June 7 8-10 - \$500 Stipend

**To register email your name, role(s) interested in, resume, and headshot to
info@unionavenueopera.org**

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For more information on *LOST IN THE STARS* please visit www.unionavenueopera.org

