

Auditions for HAIRSPRAY

When:

Saturday April 19, 2025 - starting promptly at 1:00pm

Unable to attend? A video audition is acceptable. It must be submitted to the director by NOON on Saturday April 19 to be considered. Videos should be sent via email to the director.

Where: Pentacle Theatre in West Salem

Things you should bring/do:

1. Prepare a song from a Broadway musical (*not from HAIRSPRAY*) that best fits and showcases your vocal range. Limit your selection to 1 minute (about 32 bars). Best to find a song that matches the character(s) you are most interested in auditioning/being considered for. An accompanist will be provided.
2. Bring sheet music for the accompanist if you plan to use the one provided.
3. You may provide your own accompanist.
4. Bring a bluetooth speaker and device to play your song. There will also be a bluetooth device available for you to connect to.
5. Absolutely no acapella singing will be allowed.
6. A list of your conflicts and your calendar for the months of May, June, July & August.

Intimacy:

There will be some kissing, hugging and hand holding for some of the lead characters. Please be forthcoming if you find these to be problematic.

CHARACTER LIST

<p>TRACY TURNBLAD Gender: female presenting Age: able to play high school aged Vocal range: Top G5/bottom G3</p>	<p>Our story's unsuspecting protagonist, she is large and in charge. Confident, talented, and incredibly determined. A romantic with a good heart and desire to cut up the dance floor. Always on top of the latest trends. This role should be played by a white actress.</p>
<p>EDNA TURNBLAD Gender: male presenting Age: able to play 35+ Vocal range: Top G5/bottom F3</p>	<p>Tracy's big and blonde mother. She is a working housewife who has lost her confidence and dream to be a plus-size clothing designer. Boisterous and commanding. Often played by a male in drag. This role should be played by a white performer.</p>
<p>WILBUR TURNBLAD Gender: male presenting Age: able to play 35+ Vocal range: Top A5/bottom A3</p>	<p>Tracy's simpleminded and kind father. He owns a joke shop and supports his daughter in spite of everything else. He also loves his wife, Edna, very much. This role should be played by a white actor.</p>
<p>CORNY COLLINS Gender: male presenting Age: able to play 30+ Vocal range: Top A4/bottom D3</p>	<p>The charismatic host of the Corny Collins' Show. Good looking and smooth talking, he is a genuinely nice guy both on and off camera. Corny should be played by a white actor.</p>
<p>PENNY PINGLETON Gender: female presenting Age: able to high school age Vocal range: Top G5/bottom A3</p>	<p>Tracy's best friend and dorky sidekick. Not the brightest girl, but she has good intentions. Bursting to get free of her mother's dominating control, she falls for Seaweed with childlike curiosity. This role should be played by a white actress.</p>
<p>AMBER VON TUSSLE</p>	<p>Link's girlfriend and Tracy's nemesis. She is pretty, thin,</p>

Gender: female presenting Age: able to play high school age Vocal range: Top F5/bottom A3	shallow, snobby, and racist. Can't dance but is expected to win Miss Baltimore Hairspray. Always feels the need to be the center of attention. This role should be played by a white actress.
VELMA VON TUSSLE Gender: female presenting Age: able to play 35+ Vocal range: Top E5/bottom G3	Amber's mother and the director of the Corny Collins show. She is a devious taskmaster and snobby racist. The former Miss Baltimore Crabs will go to any length to ensure her daughter is the next big thing. This role should be played by a white actress.
LINK LARKIN Gender: male presenting Age: able to play high school age Vocal range: Top A5/bottom G3	The star heartthrob on Corny Collins' show. He is extremely attractive and talented. Hoping to get his big break with a recording contract, he unexpectedly falls for Tracy. This role should be played by a white actor.
SEAWEED J. STUBBS Gender: male presenting Age: able to play high school age Vocal range: Top D5/bottom F3	Tracy's classmate and friend, who is discriminated against due to his skin color. He is cocky but surprisingly lovable. Talented in song and dance. He falls for Penny. Seaweed should be played by a Black actor. *This role has been precast*
MOTORMOUTH MAYBELLE Gender: female presenting Age: able to play 35+ Vocal range: Top E5/bottom F3	Seaweed and Little Inez's mother, she also appears as the Guest DJ on the Corny Collin's Negro Day show. Big, blonde, beautiful and proud of it. She is sassy and confident. This role should be played by a Black actress. *This role has been precast*
LITTLE INEZ Gender: female presenting Age: able to play middle/high school age	Seaweed's little sister. Little Inez should be played by a Black actress. *This role has been precast*
PRUDY PINGLETON Gender: female presenting Age: able to play 35+ Vocal range: Top B4/bottom D4	Penny's strict mother. Very conservative, controlling, and closed minded. This role should be played by a white actress.
ENSEMBLE	The Dynamites (these roles have been precast), Council members, detention kids, Mr. Pinky, Principal etc.

Questions?

Contact Robert Salberg (director) at: salberg.robert@gmail.com or 971-208-2799