

DALLAS THEATER CENTER

SEEKING SUBMISSIONS FOR POSSIBLE REPLACEMENTS

Dallas Theater Center is seeking **local DFW actors** for possible replacements in our upcoming production of *Cake Ladies* by Jonathan Norton. To submit, please send your headshot and resume to casting@dallastheatercenter.org.

CAKE LADIES (World Premiere) by Jonathan Norton

Directed by Kevin Moriarty

First Rehearsal – July 17, 2021

Tech – August 3-8, 2021

Dress Rehearsal – August 10, 2021

1st Preview - August 11, 2021

Opening - August 18, 2021

Closing - August 29, 2021

Rehearsals are typically 12 - 6 pm Tuesday through Friday and 10am - 4 pm on Saturdays.

Cake Ladies will be produced in the Potter Rose Theater at the Wyly Theater under a LORT B Equity contract (COVID permitting).

General Note to Actors: *Cake Ladies* is a world premiere new comedy by Jonathan Norton. Though the play is at times gloriously broad, funny and highly theatrical, the acting should be rooted in truthfulness. Often the characters' size of emotion and intensity is masking their inner fears and vulnerability of equal size. Have fun with these characters. Embrace all of their humanity, from the ridiculous to the sublime; from the larger than life emotions to the quiet moments of realization. *Cake Ladies* is both an elegy for the damage done in the wake of a pandemic and a joyful love letter to the redemptive power of friendship and the undeniable thrill of the spotlight.

SEEKING:

LeAnne - White female. 45 - 60 years old. Co-owner of *Cake Ladies*, a cupcake trailer and catering company, which she operates with her co-owner and best friend, Tweedy-Bird, in the small town of Cedar Oak, Texas. An enthusiastic though inexperienced community theater actor, she played the Angel track in the Scott County Playhouse's 2003 production of *Angels in America*, which never saw opening night due to a town outcry. She finally gets her shot when she is given the chance to reprise her role in the Angel track in the Playhouse's 2020 revival, which is then threatened with closure due to COVID. LeAnne is the kind of person you want on your side when the shit hits the fan. Fiercely loyal and always up for good trouble, but sometimes she goes way overboard.

Tweedy-Bird - Black female. 45 - 60 years old. Co-owner of *Cake Ladies*, a cupcake trailer and catering company, which she operates with her co-owner and best friend, LeAnne, in the small town of Cedar Oak, Texas. A single mother of a grown child and an enterprising business woman, she also harbors a deep seated though rarely expressed desire to be onstage. Tweedy-Bird starred alongside LeAnne in the controversial 2003 community theater production of *Angels in America* and is still carrying the trauma of that experience. Though she rarely expresses it with quiet tenderness, Tweedy-Bird is a fiercely dedicated, protective mother who deeply loves her child. Tweedy-Bird is that friend who talks you out of slashing the tires on your cheating exes' car. But Tweedy-Bird's sensible and cautious nature masks a Pandora's box of fears.