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## AUDITION NOTICE

### Black Nativity by Langston Hughes

**Milwaukee, WI – July 13, 2021** – Black Arts MKE is seeking performers for its holiday musical production of BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES - a testament to the timeless work of Langston Hughes, telling the story of the Nativity through a combination of scripture, poetry, dance and song from the African-American perspective. Directed by **Dimonte Henning**, BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES will be mounted at the Marcus Performing Arts Center in Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall December 9-12, 2021. Experienced African-American equity and non-equity adult singers, dancers and actors who sing and move, and can play multiple roles are encouraged to apply. There are also roles available for young performers, ages 8-17.

BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES auditions will be held MONDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, from 4:00PM TO 9:00PM AND MONDAY, AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021, from 4:00PM to 9:00PM at the Marcus Performing Arts Center, Studio 4A on the Fourth Floor (123 East State Street – use entrance next to loading dock.) Please submit a headshot or photo and artistic resume to [INFO@BLACKARTSMKE.ORG](mailto:INFO@BLACKARTSMKE.ORG) by AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021. Everyone will need an appointment in order to audition. Rehearsals for BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES will begin early November, held evenings and weekends. This is a paid opportunity. Masks will be required in the Marcus Center.

Please note that callbacks are tentatively scheduled to be held on MONDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2021, from 6:00PM TO 9:00PM. BLACK NATIVITY BY LANGSTON HUGHES is also in need of production interns (stage management, costume, lighting, etc.), ages 16 and older. Please submit a cover letter and resume to [INFO@BLACKARTSMKE.ORG](mailto:INFO@BLACKARTSMKE.ORG) to be considered.

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### **ABOUT BLACK ARTS MKE**

Black Arts MKE's mission is to increase the availability and quality of African American arts and culture. Each year, we collaborate with over 100 local artists and arts organizations to bring to our community renowned and original performance arts works by African American authors, playwrights, poets, musicians, and composers. Our arts education and community outreach programs serve over 15,000 at-risk youth and their families including our new Youth Performing Arts Summer Camp. Black Arts MKE's annual signature performance – Black Nativity by Langston Hughes is a holiday musical favorite in Milwaukee featuring an all-black, all local cast. Black Arts MKE is a recipient of National Endowment for the Arts The Black Seed national awards. We are a proud Member Group of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF) and Resident Group at the Marcus Performing Arts Center. Black Arts MKE is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation.