

# Village Theatre **KIDSTAGE**

2023 Winter Production – KIDSTAGE Originals Production

## ***I'm Doing This***

### **CASTING NOTICE & CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

#### **KIDSTAGE Mission**

KIDSTAGE is a youth development program focused on building “Skills for Theatre Skills for Life.” Our mission is to provide a program for young people which uses theatre arts to teach creativity and responsibility, to encourage teamwork and personal integrity, and to foster self-esteem and appreciation for live theatre.

#### **KIDSTAGE Inclusion Statement**

Village Theatre KIDSTAGE believes that everyone benefits from an inclusive, multi-cultural environment of students, staff, and programming. We welcome people of every ethnicity, race, faith, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, and ability.

#### **What is KIDSTAGE Originals?**

KIDSTAGE Originals is an original musical project created by emerging theatre artists. Students generate their own original material under the mentorship and guidance of a professional writing, composing, and directing team.

Once the writing team has a completed script, student actors are added to the process and the show is shared with an audience for feedback regarding their script and story. This process is designed to teach students about the process of creating a show from script to stage, and provide students the life skills of collaboration, compromise, communication of ideas, and receiving critical responses to creative endeavors, among many others.

#### **Project Needs**

**We encourage actors of all genders, ethnicities, bodies, abilities, skill levels, etc. to audition and to be considered for any of the roles.**

#### **Character Breakdown**

**CAST SIZE: 8-10 actors**

#### **ADELAIDE (ADI) LAVIGNE**

**Character Age:** 18-20

**Gender:** Genderfluid (She/They)

**Race/Ethnicity:** Any

**Character Description:** A college sophomore who recently moved back home due to being outed and harassed because of her sexuality. She moves in with Aria who helps her with her anxieties of feeling like a nobody in her hometown. Andy, Adi's dad, has neglected them since their mother passed away at a young age. She has always struggled with feeling seen and heard.

#### **ANDY LAVIGNE**

**Character Age:** 45-50

**Gender:** Male (He/Him)

**Race/Ethnicity:** Any

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**Character Description:** A struggling comedian trying to find his next job. His wife Margaret passed away prior to the events of the show, and he has a strained relationship with his daughter Adelaide.

## **BLUE DAVIS**

**Character Age:** 25

**Gender:** Male (He/Him)

**Race/Ethnicity:** Any

**Character Description:** A substitute English teacher at a local high school. Anxious, socially awkward. Looking for love. In the wrong places. Tenor

## **DANNY RIPLEY**

**Character Age:** Early 20s

**Gender:** Male (He/Him)

**Race/Ethnicity:** Any

**Character Description:** A young struggling singer-songwriter who is desperately trying to make his name known in the industry. He meets Aria and together they collaborate to try and create the next top hit song.

## **MIMI**

**Character Age:** Early 20s

**Gender:** Any

**Race/Ethnicity:** Any

**Character Description:** A bubbly, friendly barista who loves Pokémon go and seems to help out almost everyone with their struggles.

## **ARIA**

**Character Age:** Early 20s

**Gender:** Written femme (She/Her, She/They), could be played non-binary

**Race/Ethnicity:** Any

**Character Description:** A cheerful, friendly singer-songwriter who moved to the city to pursue a career in music. She meets Danny, a fellow musician, and teams up with him to produce a hit song. Mezzo-soprano.

## **ENSEMBLE**

**Character Age:** Any age due to the fact that there only a few in a big city

**Gender:** Whatever the actor prefers

**Race/Ethnicity:** Any

**Character Description:** The core ensemble characters that get speaking parts mainly will come off as either friendly or angry.