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ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC CONDUCTS DC-WIDE SEARCH FOR TEEN MUSICAL THEATRE STARS

CHOSEN TEENS WORK WITH TONY-AWARD WINNING PLAYWRIGHT AND TOP DC TALENT

GLEN ECHO, MD –[Adventure Theatre MTC](#)(ATMTC), celebrating the glorious richness of our world by cultivating Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity, seeks eight middle and high school students aged (11 – 18) for the roles of Huckleberry Finn, Jim, Mary Jane, and Alice in *Huckleberry Finn's Big River*, a world premiere Theatre For Young Audiences co-production with [The Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma](#). In association with [Rogers and Hammerstein Theatricals](#) and [First Stage, Milwaukee](#), *Huckleberry Finn's Big River* is based on the Tony Award Winning musical, *Big River* by William Hauptman and music and lyrics by Roger Miller. ATMTC will conduct auditions September 24-October 2, 2018, in Washington, DC, Montgomery County, Fairfax County, Prince George's County, and Frederick County. All interested teens should register for an audition timeslot at www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org. All actors will receive compensation for his or her role.

In partnership with [Duke Ellington School of the Arts](#), [NextStop Theatre](#), [Frederick Community College](#), [Six Flags America](#), [Fairfax County Public Schools](#), and [Montgomery County Public Schools](#), these auditions will seek to find four teen African American performers, female and male, and four teen performers, female and male, of any race.

To illustrate an American story, against the tapestry of different ethnicities and cultures, the *Huckleberry Finn's Big River* script and designs are sculpted using feedback from community influencers. Community influencers ensure the production reflects the values of our current culture. Adventure Theatre MTC seeks to celebrate courage, to encourage social change and social justice, and to engage generations about our current nation's social climate through this new work. One of the changes implemented was making Jim a young man.

Michael J. Bobbitt, Artistic Director of ATMTC, says of the script change, "As this is a production that will speak to young, modern children, we need Jim to be a young voice; someone they can understand and relate to. I hope this production will be fresh and exciting for fans of the musical but also educational and poignant for young children who

may not know the dark side of our nation's history. I cannot wait to see what talent the DC area holds, and I hope that this new generation will cherish this new musical as much as previous generations have the Broadway version.”

CASTING

Seeking middle and high school students aged (11 – 18) for the roles of **Huckleberry Finn** (any race), **Jim** (African American), **Mary Jane** (any race) and **Alice** (African American). All the actors receive compensation for their role.

AUDITION DATES

September 24, 2018

4 to 6:30pm

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Performance Hall

3500 R St NW

Washington, DC 20007

September 25, 2018

4 to 6:30pm

Next Stop Theatre

269 Sunset Park Dr.

Herndon, VA 20170

September 26, 2018

4 to 6:30pm

Frederick Community College

Visual & Performing Arts Building

Black Box Theater

7932 Opossumtown Pike

Frederick, MD 21702

Directions: North entrance to the college (across from Monocoacy Middle School, the 2nd stop light for FCC). The parking lot on the direct left when you enter the North entrance is the Visual and Performing Arts lot.

September 28, 2018

4 to 6:30pm

Adventure Theatre Academy

2nd Floor Wintergreen Plaza

837 D Rockville Pike (2nd Floor Wintergreen Plaza)

Rockville, MD 20852

October 2, 2018

4 to 6:30pm

Six Flags America

13710 Central Avenue

Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Grand Theater on Main Street

Talented hopefuls should prepare (16) sixteen bars of one song and bring with them sheet music, a one minute monologue, and a headshot/photo or resume. Adventure Theatre MTC will provide an accompanist. Adventure Theatre MTC will conduct rehearsals January 10 – February 7, 2019, with performances running during the daytime February 8 – March 17, 2019. For more information on auditions or to participate in committees for social change, e-mail mbobbitt@adventuretheatre-mtc.org or call 301-251-5766.

ABOUT ADVENTURE THEATRE MTC

Adventure Theatre MTC educates and inspires new generations of theater artists and audiences with exceptional theatrical experiences.