



AUDITION NOTICE Olympia Little Theatre

DAPHNE's DIVE by Quiara Alegria Hudes
(Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Water by the Spoonful*, author of the book for *In the Heights*.)

Production runs June 7- 23, 2019

Synopsis: The play takes place in a Philadelphia neighborhood bar, opening with Daphne and her patrons' conversations interrupted by the appearance of 11 year old Ruby, covered in glass, fleeing the police arrest of her family who were living in an apartment upstairs. Adopted by Daphne and watched over by Daphne's sister, Inez, Inez's husband Acosta, and bar regulars Rey, Pablo and Jenn we see her grow and glimpse the changes in all of their lives and relationships in 5 scenes over a 15 period, ending when Ruby takes over the operation of the bar. Each character is strong and well-delineated and the play is beautifully written. *Daphne, Inez, Acosta and Pablo have Puerto Rican roots and Jenn is Asian American.*

PRODUCTION DATES:

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday 6/6/19

Evenings at 7:25pm on Friday 6/7/19, Saturday 6/8/19, Friday 6/14/19, Saturday 6/15/19, Thursday 6/20/19, Friday 6/21/19, and Saturday, 6/22/19

Matinees at 1:55pm on Sunday 6/9/19, 6/16/19, and 6/23/19

PLEASE do not audition unless you can clear all those dates.

Rehearsal schedule is negotiable.

AUDITIONS: Sunday March 10 12:30 – 3:30 pm and Monday March 11 6:30-8:30pm at the Olympia Little Theater ANNEX (behind the Theatre building) at 1925 Miller Ave SE, Olympia, WA **or earlier by appointment.** Please contact the Director, Toni C. Holm tch@Well.com 360-951-2380 if you are interested **or have questions.**

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. If you would like to read the script in advance, copies are available for reading at Timberland Library branches in Olympia, Lacey & Tumwater or excerpted audition sides will be emailed if requested, by contacting the production's Director tch@Well.com in advance.

CHARACTERS, in order of appearance: (4F, 3M) Playing ages are negotiable depending on ages of other actors cast, As the play takes place over 15 years actors will be aged with the use of make-up, costuming and lighting.

Daphne - female 30-50 Latina (Puerto Rican) any race.

Owner of Daphne's Dive. Practical, unsentimental and sometimes sarcastic, Daphne is a woman who has succeeded and made it on her own. She is also the heart of the neighborhood and this unconventional family. Actor must be able to tolerate drinking green juice and at minimum able to

pronounce some Spanish.

Inez - *female a little older than Daphne Latina* (Puerto Rican) any race.

Daphne's more flamboyant older sister who loves her guiros and her family. Ambitious and well-dressed, she often acts as the foil to her more reserved sister, but is fiercely proud of her family and her heritage. Must be able to pronounce Spanish words and phrases.

Acosta - *male 30 - 60 Latino* (Puerto Rican) any race

Married to Inez. Ambitious and charismatic, Acosta owns a flourishing construction company and is often seen as the "godfather" of the neighborhood with jobs and favors to dispense. He runs for office, first capturing a city council seat and later becoming a state senator, but still holds connections to his background.

Rey *male 20-60's any ethnicity and race*

Glass cutter, artist and laborer. A free spirit who eschews material possessions except for his motorcycle, spending money as quickly as he makes it. Loves riding his motorcycle, working only as he needs, A regular at Daphne's Dive.

Jenn *female 20-50 Asian American*

Performance artist, political activist and friend. Passionate, free-spirited, creative, and ultimately self-destructive. Jenn spends her free time thinking up brilliantly colorful and poetic guerilla protests at City Hall and public spaces, but eventually suicides (off stage and away) leaving many of the group bereft and uncomprehending.

Pablo *male 25-50 Latino, any race*

Visual artist, he makes his paintings from other people's garbage and eventually achieves artistic and financial success. Daphne's love interest, although you wouldn't know it from her!

Ruby - *female age 18-30 any ethnicity and race*

Needs to play the role from an adolescent girl to a young adult woman. She first appears as a frightened 11-year-old girl covered in glass after jumping through the window of her family's upstairs apartment during a police raid. Adopted by Daphne and raised by Daphne and her "regulars", she grows to be a strong, self-possessed young woman who takes over her mother's bar.