Casting Announcement: A Vote of Her Own

A New Musical by Candace Corrigan & Janne Henshaw
Directed by Jaclynn Jutting

A Vote of Her Own includes vintage music and original songs inspired by styles of the 1920s. Diaries, letters, speeches and first-hand accounts of the unfolding drama bring the voices of women's suffrage to modern audiences. Filled with political intrigue, unexpected alliances and comical legislative debates, this historical musical reminds us of the past and how it shapes our future.

A Vote of Her Own will have 4 performances August $15 - 17^{th}$ at Nashville's Looby Theatre. Rehearsals will start in early July – August 14^{th} . This is an open call for <u>taped</u> audition submissions. If you are interested in auditioning, please complete:

- Audition Form
- Resume & headshot
- 32-bars (taped)
- 90-seconds side/monologue

Actors called back for the production, will be notified on/by June 4^{th} . Invited callbacks are scheduled for June 7 (9:30 am - 6:30 pm); June 8 (1 - 4) or June 9 (7 - 9:30 pm). Callbacks will be scheduled by appointment and include singing, auditioning with sides and for some roles, a dance call.

Key Dates:

Performances: Friday, August 15, 7:00 pm Saturday, August 16, 2:00 pm Saturday, August 16, 7:00 pm Sunday, August 17, 2:00 pm

Required Rehearsals (TECH): Tuesday, August 12^{th} 6 – 11 pm Wednesday, August 13^{th} 6 – 11 pm Thursday, August 14^{th} 6 – 11 pm

Rehearsals will begin in early July (the weekend of July 4^{th} is OFF) rehearsing: 3 weeknights TBD (6:30 – 10 pm) + Saturdays (10 am – 5 pm with 1-hour lunch) & Sundays (Noon – 4 pm).

Pay: Actors cast in this production will be paid a \$500 stipend.

We support an ethical, respectful and inclusive environment. All are welcome and encouraged to audition. To view the script or songs, visit: https://candacecorrigan.com/votesongs.html

A Vote of Her Own Character Descriptions:

- Elizabeth Avery Meriwether/ensemble: writer, president of the first Suffrage organization in Memphis, TN, national suffrage lecturer. 20 50 MEZZO SOPRANO. Some dancing. This role will also understudy White, Kenny, Dudley and Milton.
- Lizzie Crozier French: lecturer, educator, suffrage leader from East TN. 25 55 SOPRANO. Some dancing.
- Anne Dallas Dudley: president, TN Equal Suffrage Association, Nashville, TN. Lecturer, suffrage leader. 40s MEZZO SOPRANO. This is a dancing role.
- Abby Crawford Milton: president, TN League of Women Voters, from Chattanooga. 30s. MEZZO SOPRANO. This is a dancing role.
- Catherine Talty Kenny: Vice President, TN League of Women Voters, 40s. MEZZO. This is a dancing role.
- Frankie J. Pierce/ensemble: African American Community Leader in Nashville, 40 50s. ALTO/MEZZO. This is a dancing role and this role will understudy French & Catt.
- Governor Albert Roberts: Tennessee Governor, 50s. BARITONE. This role will understudy Olmstead.
- Seth Walker: Speaker of the House of Representatives. Suffrage enthusiast, turned anti-suffrage leader. Late 20s 30s. BARITONE. May dance.
- Sue Sheldon White/ensemble: National Woman's Party Officer, Henderson, TN. 30s. MEZZO SOPRANO. Some dancing. This role will understudy Pierce.
- Josephine Pearson: president, TN State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage. ALTO/MEZZO. 40 50s. This role will understudy Pollitzer.
- Carrie Chapman Catt/ensemble: National leader for National League of Women Voters. ALTO/MEZZO. 50 60s. This role will understudy Meriwether.
- Anita Pollitzer/ensemble: National Woman's Party officer. 20s. SOPRANO. Some dancing. This role will understudy Pearson.
- Anne Davis/ensemble: Young suffrage activist. SOPRANO/MEZZO. 20s. This is a dancing role.
- Harry Burns/ensemble: House of Representative. TENOR. 20s. This is a dancing role.

Banks Turner/ensemble: House of Representative. BASS. 20 – 30s. This is a dancing role.

Rep. Olmstead/Ensemble: BARITONE/TENOR. This role will understudy Gov. Roberts, Walker, Turner and Burns. Some dancing.

Child: This role has already been cast.

A VOTE OF HER OWN production Team:

Book: Candace Corrigan

Music: Candace Corrigan and Janne Henshaw

Director: Jaclynn Jutting

Music Director (Orchestra): Jeffrey Keever

Music Director (Vocal): Lara Butler

Orchestrator/Arranger: Daniel Bondaczuk Orchestra: Middle Tennessee Sinfonietta

Choreographer: Sienna Butler Stage Manager: Kat Tierney-Smith