

CASTING NOTICE

New Stage Theatre, Mississippi's professional theatre located in Jackson, is seeking actors for its upcoming production of the Pulitzer Prize winning play *Primary Trust* by Eboni Booth.

Kenneth, a 38-year-old bookstore worker in a small upstate New York town, spends his evenings sipping mai tais at the local tiki bar with his best friend Bert. When he is suddenly laid off, Kenneth faces challenges he has long avoided—with transformative and heart-warming results. *Primary Trust* is a touching story of new beginnings, old (and new) friends, and finding the courage to see the world for the first time.

Rehearsals begin on January 27, 2026. The show opens on February 17 and plays through March 1, 2026.

Casting is currently ongoing for all of the play's adult characters. Seeking AEA (SEA-Category 2- Tier C) and non-union actors. Travel, housing and per diem included for out of state artists. If you would like to submit for the production, please send picture and resume to <u>submissions@newstagetheatre.com</u> and put the <u>name of the character</u> you wish to be considered for and where you live in the subject line. The deadline for submissions in November 17, 2025.

New Stage Theatre is committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. Actors of all backgrounds are strongly encouraged to submit their information.

Character Breakdown

Kenneth - Male, Black, late 30s. Has lived in Cranberry his whole life. He worked at Yellowed Pages bookstore for 15 years until its closure. He spends most of his free time at Wally's Tiki Bar.

Bert - Male, Black, late 30s – 40s. Kenneth's best friend. He joins him at Wally's and offers Kenneth advice and support however he can.

Corrina/Others -Wally's Waiter/Bank Customers - Female, Black, 30s – 40s. A new waitress at Wally's and a new presence in Kenneth's small circle of friends. Also will play Wally's Waiter and Bank Customers.

Sam/Clay/Le Pousselet Bartender - Male, any race, 50s - 60. Sam is the owner of Yellowed Pages and has been Kenneth's employer for the last 15 years. Clay works at Primary Trust and hires Kenneth after Yellowed Pages closes.

The Musician provides atmospheric music in places like Wally's, Le Pousselet, and Primary Trust.

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