



KC MELTINGPOT THEATRE



Shawna Downing - Rachel Loving

Shawna Downing. As a professional performance artist, Shawna has worked with a variety of prominent KC theatre companies: the Coterie Theatre, KC Melting Pot Theatre, Heart of America Shakespeare Festival, Theatre for Young America, & Egads! Theatre Company.

Shawna is a teaching artist with the Coterie Theatre and the KC Black Repertory Theatre; as well as a peer educator with the Dramatic Health Education Project. She's a co-director of education & community programs with KC Melting Pot Theatre and is signed with Exposure Model and Talent agency.

Shawna loves to spend her time, energy and free spirit being an educator, laughing, eating and giving back. She lives to create and perform quality work that has the ability to inspire, entertain and educate.

She would like to thank Nicole, Linda, and Harvey for the guidance, and her friends and family for their love and support.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE SHAWNA FROM:

- Truth Stands
- Waiting to be Invited
- The Wiz

Lynn King - Mrs. Mary Loving

Lynn King is a proud Kansas City native and has appeared onstage for Theatre for Young America, InPlay Theatre Co., Coterie Theatre, New Theatre Restaurant, KC Repertory Theatre, The Unicorn Theatre, JCCC and UMKC Theatre Depts. (her alma mater), and with the Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre. She has previously performed with KC MeltingPot in productions of The Session, Waiting To Be Invited, Old School Ghetto Gospel, and JFK - A Ghostly Evening. Lynn is proud to have been honored with a Best in KC award for acting and has appeared in several film projects including the recently released JAYHAWKERS directed by Kevin Willmott.

A special thanks to Nicole, Harvey, Linda and this incredibly talented cast. Thanks too, to Dennis and to my family for their love and support. Lynn feels truly blessed and deeply grateful for the opportunity to do what she loves most.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE LYNN FROM:

- Old School Ghetto Gospel
- JFK - A Ghostly Evening
- The Session

Lewis Morrow - Thomas Loving

Lewis Morrow, is a native of Kansas City, KS who has written and appeared in one-off productions since 2013, most recently "Between Us" in March of this year. He is extremely excited to share the stage with this talented cast in a play with such a rich history and enduring relevance. Lewis would especially like to thank Mr. And Mrs. Williams and KC Melting Pot for this incredible opportunity as well as those who have continued to support his acting and writing endeavors.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE LEWIS FROM:

- Between Us

Aishah Ogbeh - Mrs. Lane

Aishah Ogbeh (Reatha) – is a student at UMKC, studying Theatre and Black Studies. She has performed in quite a few plays such as A Midsummer Night's Dream as Titania, Seven Guitars as Louise, The Cover of Life as Sybil, A Letter to the Black as Chanel, Echoes of Octavia as Octavia, and The Wizard of Oz as The Wicked Witch of the West.

Aishah plans to move to California after graduating to fulfill her destiny of being a phenomenal actress and role model.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE AISHAH FROM:

- The Wizard of Oz
- Echoes of Octavia
- Seven Guitars

Sam Salary - John Strong

Sam Salary, is a Kansas City native, who found his love for theatre performing in church plays at an early age. His love for theatre and acting followed him to the stages of state fair community college as well as northwest Missouri state university. Sam made his professional debut at the unicorn theatre in 2014 in the production of Hands on a hardbody. Since then he has been in August Wilson Jitney at the Kansas City metropolitan theatre, the Christmas carol at the Kansas City repertory theater as well as a goat song at the Westport Center for the Arts, Parade at the MET, he was also a part of the first production put on by the black repertory theater dream girls in concert. Sam Salary would like to thank the Kansas City Melting Pot theatre for allowing to him to continue to express his love for the art.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE SAM FROM:

- Hands on a Hardbody
- Jitney
- A Goat Song

Arianna Craig – Nancy

Arianna Craig, is a 4th grader at Laurel Hills Elementary. She enjoys acting, dancing, interviewing and public speaking. Arianna has been in performances of Tribulation Christmas at Sheffield Family Life Center. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad, Nana's Papa and sisters for supporting and encouraging her.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE ARIANNA FROM:

- Tribulation Christmas

Haley James – Ethel Lane

Haley James, is a 2nd grader at Brookside Charter. She enjoys reading, writing, singing and dancing. Haley has been in performances for Hip Hop Dance and the improve play of Maleficent. She would like to thank her big sister Hannah, her parents and grandparents for encouraging and inspiring her to express her creativity and joy through acting, dancing and singing.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE HALEY FROM:

- Improve Play Of Maleficent

Hannah James – Martha

Hannah James, is a 6th grader at Brookside Charter. She enjoys all types of sports, dancing, singing and acting. Hanna has been in performances for Hip Hop Dance competitions nationally and locally. She would like to thank her parents and grandparents for helping her strive for excellence in every area of life. A special thanks to her little sister for always keeping life interesting.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE HANNAH FROM:

- Hip Hop Dance Competitions

Madden Eugene Tanner – Jimmy Mason

Madden Eugene Tanner, is a 2nd grader at University Academy. Madden enjoys reading and facilitating a boys book club, R.O.Y.A.L.E (Reach Outgoing Youth Accelerate Literacy Enthusiasm). He has been in performances for Males to Men and the KC Library. He would like to thank the community for their love and support.



YOU MAY RECOGNIZE MADDEN FROM:

- Males to Men

Prince-Davynn Donnell – Jimmy Mason

Prince-Davynn Donnell, is a 2nd grader at Delaware Ridge Elementary. He enjoys football, basketball, baseball, and soccer as well as being on the student leader council for 3 years. He has also been an anchorman on Braves Nation Network (BNN) for 2 years. I would like to thank my cousin Cynthia with Drama time for giving me this opportunity, my parents, grandparents, and family for always encouraging me to do whatever I put my mind to.

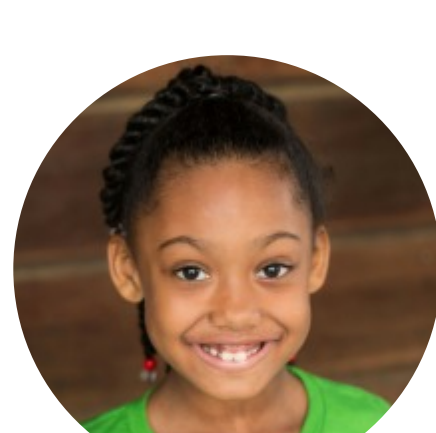


YOU MAY RECOGNIZE PRINCE-DAVYNN FROM:

- Braves Nation Network (BNN)

Reina Tucker – Jenny

Reina Tucker, is a 2nd grader at University Academy. She enjoys singing, dancing, acting and being a child. This is Reina's debut stage performance. She is currently attending LoveJoy's Drama time classes and will be appearing in The Fox and The Hound. She looks forward to being in many more productions. Reina would like to thank KC MeltingPot and all the Rachel crew for this great experience. Look forward to seeing her in the future!



YOU CAN CATCH REINA IN:

- The Fox and The Hound