

TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

Cast Bios

NAOMI RODGERS (*Tina Turner*) is an AMDA New York Graduate. Had tour debut in the 1st National Tour: *Frozen* (Ensemble u/s Bulda) I give all glory and honor to God for being the head of my life!!! So much gratitude to my family for your endless support, Telsey, and to my mom who is my everything! I love you! This is for Broom!! #wedidit Jeremiah 29:11 @naomiprincessrodgers

ZURIN VILLANUEVA (*Tina Turner*) is originally from Brooklyn, NY. Broadway: *The Lion King*, *Mean Girls*, *Shuffle Along* and *The Book of Mormon*. Regional: *Teenage Dick* (Woolly Mammoth), *Ragtime* (Barrington Stage) *Ain't Misbehavin* (Crossroads) and *Million Dollar Quartet* (PCLO). TV/Film: *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Insatiable*, and the upcoming *Murder Mystery 2* on Netflix! Howard University BFA and Laguardia High School for the Performing Arts Drama program. I dedicate this role to my mother, Michele Walker. @zurinspired.

GARRETT TURNER (*Ike Turner*) is a Jesus-loving free Black man who believes in the power of both joy and righteous indignation as tools for liberation. *Thoughts Of A Colored Man* (Broadway, Syracuse/Baltimore; World Premiere). Broadway: *Thoughts Of A Colored Man* Off-Broadway: *Bayano* (National Black Theatre). Regional: *The Royale* (Theatrical Outfit), *Chad Deity* (Asolo Rep). TV: *Law & Order: SVU*. Emory/RCSSD Grad. Marshall Scholar. Psalm 115:1 @garrettmturner

ROZ WHITE (*Zelma Bullock*). National Tour: *Dreamgirls*, (Regional); *Amen Corner* (Shakespeare Theater), *Seven Guitars* (Arena Stage), *Marie and Rosetta* (Mosaic Theater Company), *Bessie's Blues* (Studio Theatre) *Crowns* (Indiana Rep), *Anne and Emmett* (MetroStage), *Pearl Bailey by Request* (Milwaukee Rep), *Black Pearl Sings* (Alliance For New Music Theatre). Love to Howard University and Duke Ellington School of the Arts. I love you Anthony, King, and Mom (RIP).

ANN NESBY (*Gran Georgeanna*) is a six-time solo Grammy Nominee, former lead vocalist from two-time Grammy winning group Sounds Of Blackness, 8 solo albums that span three decades, *Demolition Man* with Sting. Acclaimed actress in film and TV; Ava Duvernay's *Queen Sugar*, Paramount Pictures *The Fighting Temptations*, Donald Glovers "Atlanta," TD Jakes' *Envy*, & the Netflix movie starring Jamie Foxx *They Cloned Tyrone*. annnesby.com.

LAEL VAN KEUREN (*Rhonda*) Broadway: *Paradise Square* (OBC), *Sister Act* (OBC). 1st National: *Finding Neverland* (Sylvia Davies), *Sister Act* (Sister Mary Robert). Off-Broadway/Regional: *Panama Hattie* (The York), *Paradise Square* (Berkley Rep), *Will Rogers Follies* (Maltz Jupiter Theatre), *Mary Poppins*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* (NSMT). Heartfelt thanks to the creative team, casting & Act One Mgmt. Endless love to my family! In Him

DAELYANNA KELLY BENSON (*u/s Young Aline, Young Craig*). 12 year old triple threat attends Debbie Allen Middle School. Movie: *Hostile Territory*. Song: "Free The Bun." TV: "RAISING A F***KING STAR" (E!). She's ecstatic to be part of *TINA*! Shouts to her dads, coaches, & Kurt Domoney, Lisa Calli, Pat Goodwin. Follow @Daelyanna_Daily

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ANTONIO BEVERLY (*Ronnie, Ensemble*) Tour: *A Bronx Tale* (Tyrone), *Cinderella* (Ensemble, Lord Pinkleton/Jean-Michel u/s) Regional: *Cinderella* (Ensemble) Paper Mill. Pronouns: They/Them. @thebeverleigh

GERARD M. WILLIAMS (*Raymond, Ensemble*) Grateful to join the *Tina* Family, Music Education: Berklee College of Music, Broadway World Regional Nominee for Best actor in a musical. Served as Musical Administrator at The River Church in Durham NC. National Tours: *The Color Purple* (Grady) *My Fair Lady* (lovely quartet). Regional shows: *Ragtime* (Coalhouse), *The Scottsboro Boys*, *Dreamgirls* (Wayne/Frank), *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Assassins* (Proprietor), *Sister Act*. Cruises: Celebrity Cruises. IG: @gmonwilliams

KAREN BURTHWRIGHT (*Swing, u/s Tina Turner, u/s Rhonda*). Broadway: *Paradise Square*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* (2012 Revival). 1st National Tours: *Mamma Mia!*, *Hairspray*, *Dirty Dancing*. Regional: 2020 Merritt Award Winner Best Supporting Actor 'Shug Avery' TCP at Neptune Theatre. Special thanks to the Telsey team, THNYC, and Kenrick. Love to Mommy! @kburth. Ps 28:7.

ALIYAH CALDWELL (*Ikkette, Ensemble*) National tour debut! *SWING - The Broadway Musical* (Norwegian Cruise Lines), *Hairspray* (Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines). Education: Ava Fields Dance Ministry, Baltimore School for the Arts, BFA in Dance/Dance Choreography from Towson University. #TheDancingZeta

LILLIAN CHARLES (Young Alline / Young Craig) is thrilled to make her stage debut! After attending her first national touring show, Lillian was determined to make it on stage. Lillian has appeared in commercials, audiobooks, podcasts, and on billboards. Thank YOU for your continued support! @actresslilyg

MAX FALLS (Erwin Bach, Ensemble) is so excited for his National Tour debut. Regional credits include Meadow Brook Theatre, Virginia Stage Company, Theatre Squared, Gretna Theatre, Utah Shakespeare Festival, Lyric Rep and others. BFA in Acting from Utah State University. Big thanks to Mom, Dad, sister, and Caroline for their constant love and support. @max_falls

ZACHARY FREIER-HARRISON (*Roger Davies, Ensemble*). Theater: *Mamma Mia!* (Royal Caribbean), *A Christmas Carol* (Palace Theater), *Lost in Yonkers* (Jewish Theater of San Francisco), *A Christmas Story* (San Jose Repertory Theater). Film/TV: *Three Ways Out* (We Make Movies), *Lambda* (Means of Production). Training: Northwestern! @zachdfh

REYNA GUERRA (*Ikkette, Ensemble*) National tour debut! All glory to God! Credits: New York City Center's *Runaways* and Carnegie Halls *West Side Story*. Film: *In The Heights*. Special thanks to her village, Telsey Office, Papi, Rey, mami, sigue pa'lante con fuerza y fe.

GORDIA HAYES (*Swing*) Recent grad of Baldwin Wallace University. Regional: *Rent*, *Hair*, *Kinky Boots*. Endless love to my amazing family, friends, Josh, and Telsey & Co. Luke 1:37

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ANDRE HINDS (*Craig, Ensemble*) National Tour Debut! Favorite Credits include: *Show Way* (The Kennedy Center), *After Midnight*, *Scottsboro Boys* (Signature Theater) *Cabaret*, *In The Heights* (Olney Theater Center). Thanks to The Mine. Love to my parents, family, friends and The DMV. @dizzydrizzy87

TAKIA HOPSON (*Ikkette, Ensemble*) is a Southern Methodist University graduate from Atlanta, GA. Takia choreographed for professional companies and performed in TV/Film and stage productions in Atlanta. Takia is excited to be making her national tour debut with this incredible cast!

AYVAH JOHNSON (*Young Anna-Mae*) is from Slidell, Louisiana Credits: Young Anna-Mae/Alline, *TINA* (Broadway). Little Ti Moune, *Once on This Island* (Oregon Shakespeare Festival). *Fences* and *Annie*. Love and Gratitude to my Mom, Dad, Family, Lisa Calli, Shonica Gooden, Pat Goodwin, and The *TINA* Team! IG: @ayvah_johnson

GEOFFREY KIDWELL (*Phil Spector, Terry Britten, Ensemble*) is ecstatic to be touring with *TINA*! Gratitude/love to everyone who got him here: Mom, Dad, Paul and Sarah, everyone at Wolf Talent Group. And love always to his husband, Andre. You're simply the best. @gkidwell

PARRIS LEWIS (*Alline, Ikkette, u/s Tina Turner*) is a native of Brooklyn, NY honored to be touring with *TINA*. National Tours: *The Color Purple* (Church Lady Jarene/Olivia), *Hairspray* (Dynamite/Pearl). *STONEWALL* (New York City Opera), *Pray* (Ars Nova), *A Time Like This* (Carnegie Hall), Bars Workshop (The Public Theatre), Richard Tucker Gala (Carnegie Hall). ENDLESS LOVE TO MY VILLAGE! ig@renaissancewoman_

NIA NELSON-WILLIAMS (*Swing*) National Tour Debut! Grateful to be working on this production with this beautiful cast! Blessed to have friends and family who support me endlessly! Regional: *A Bronx Tale* (Frieda), *42nd Street* (Ensemble, U/S Peggy Saywer), *Footloose* (Urleen). @thenialeenw

GRACIE PHILLIPS (*Ensemble, u/s Rhonda*). National Tour debut! International: *Legally Blonde*. Regional: North Shore Music Theatre, Gateway, Engeman, Theatre By The Sea. Pace MT'19. For my family and fiancé, Jacob. Thank you to Brian at The Hell's Kitchen Agency, Pat, and the whole Telsey team. Gracieephillips.com, @grelph_

NICOLE POWELL (*Ensemble, u/s Zelma, GG*) is a Howard University graduate from Long Island N.Y. and member of D.I.V.A Inc. Broadway: *Hairspray*, *Ragtime*. National Tours: *South Pacific*, *Dreamgirls*. Off-Broadway: *Curvy Widow*, *Sistas the musical*. Regional productions include *Prince of Egypt*, *Matilda*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Rock Of Ages*. Love to husband Ron. @nicolepowell7 nicolepowell.com

TERANCE REDDICK (*Swing*) is a Las Vegas native. Broadway: *Les Misérables*. Performing has always been my passion, being of service is just as important. Teaching and coaching are my ways of paying forward. @terancereddick "Gods Favor is more precious than Life".

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SHARI WASHINGTON RHONE (*Swing*) Principal Dancer Jazz Antiqua, L.A. company *The Lion King*, Asst. Dir. Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre, Soloist Lula Washington Dance Theatre, Choreographer Disneyland resort, *Proud Mary*, *Bella Donna*, *Soulicious*, and *Pam Darden's Marvelettes Revue*, Director Jaxx Theatricals. Love to Dan, Morgan and Mayumi.

JACOB ROBERTS-MILLER (*Swing*) National Tours: *A Bronx Tale* Off-Broadway: *From Here to Eternity*. Regional: *Trading Places* (Alliance Theatre), *Spamalot* (Ogunquit Playhouse). @jacobtwolastnames. Many thanks to Gracie, my friends and family, and the Daniel Hoff Agency.

BRIANNA CAMERON (*u/s Young Anna-Mae*) is making her Broadway debut in *Tina*. She is a 4th-grade honor student that is grateful to her family and friends for their love and support. Credits include Lego Broadway musical, *Equalizer*, *Ziwe*, and *Jamvan*. She is the 2022 first-place winner of Amateur night at the Apollo Theatre.

CHRIS STEVENS (*John Carpenter, Ensemble*). Off-Broadway/Tours: *Jersey Boys*, *Waitress*, *Mamma Mia!*, and *Cats*. Proud 2019 SALT Award Recipient for his portrayal of Buddy in *Elf the Musical* at Syracuse Stage. Endless thanks to B.W.A. & Pat Goodwin! All my love to Mom, Dad, Brett, and Erin. @CJStevens421

JEFF SULLIVAN (*Swing*). From Newfoundland, Canada. Tours: *Finding Neverland* (J.M. Barrie), *West Side Story*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Producers*. Regional: Paper Mill, Tuacahn, Engeman, SurfFlight. TV: "Hudson & Rex." NYFA Alum. Thankful for DGRW + Pat + TINA Team! Love to Matthew, Dad and brothers. In memory of Mom; "Don't turn around..." @jeff__sullivan

KRISTOPHER STANLEY WARD (*Richard Bullock, Club Announcer, Ensemble*) is thrilled to be returning to the road! Tours: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, 1st Nat'l (Drifter), *Shrek The Musical*, North American (Understudy Donkey). Selected Theatre/NYC Workshops; *In The Heights* (Oregon Cabaret Theatre), *Hairspray* (TUTS & FST), *Xanadu* (Stages Repertory Theatre), *Sueños: Our American Musical* (OSF Workshop & NYC EP). Special thanks to the creative team, casting, Pantera/Murphy The Agency & my Ward Family. Instagram: @iamkristopherward