Audition Call

Seeking: Performers ages 18+ to perform in Tacoma Arts Live's Civil Rights Legacy Tour production of *Nihonjin Face,* written by Janet Hayakawa and Tere Martinez, directed by Lia Lee.

Synopsis: In 1942, ten-year-old Tomiko Hashimoto and her family are forced to leave their Tacoma home when the US government incarcerates 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. Over three years in an incarceration camp, Tomiko learns the painful impact of racial discrimination. Later in life, she passes these vital lessons on to her grandson as he navigates his own racial identity in America.

Characters:

Mrs. Hashimoto, "Mama" - Japanese immigrant - "Issei", 40s, Tomiko and Kiyo's mother

Tomiko Hashimoto - teen-aged Japanese American girl - "Nisei"; ages forward to portray herself as Grandma Tomi in the present day scenes

Kiyo Hashimoto - 18 yr old Japanese American boy - "Nisei", older brother to Tomiko; plays Tommy a 14 yr old Japanese American boy - "Yonsei", Tomiko's grandson.

RJ - 14 yr old African American boy - Tommy's friend

Rehearsal Schedule: Nov 30 - Dec 18. Possible Dec 29 - 30 for brush-ups. ~40 rehearsal hours. Tech rehearsals: Jan 4 - 6 from 9 am - 1 pm.

Performance Schedule: January 7 - February 12, 2027. 2 performances per day, Monday - Friday in K-12 schools. In addition: 2 public performances on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and possible public performance on a TBD Saturday. Must be available 5 am - 6 pm during performance window to allow for travel time to/from sites. Actors work together with crew to load in, deliver the show, and load out at each site.

Compensation: Approx 216 hours for rehearsals and performances paid at $18/hr

Video Submission Directions:

- Film in landscape orientation in front of a neutral background
- Limit or eliminate background noises
- Slate with your first and last name, role for which you are auditioning, and where you are based
- 2 minute monologue suited to youth and family audiences
- Brief verbal statement about your interest in joining this production.
- Email an unlisted YouTube link of your video audition to Education@tacomaartslive.org

Submission Deadline: October 25, 2026

Contact Education@tacomaartslive.org with questions and to submit your audition!

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