

## **TINA- The Tina Turner Musical**

### **Cast Bios**

**JAYNA ELISE** (Tina Turner). Having been performing since the age of 4, Jayna Elise formerly known as Jayna Brown has been on stages with the likes of Tyler Perry, Queen Latifah, Wanya Morris of Boys 2 Men and many more. With one of her biggest appearances being on the hit TV shows, “America’s Got Talent” and “American Idol;” both for which she was a finalist. Since then, Jayna has continued to hone her craft in all areas of performing including songwriting for hit Kpop groups like Red Velvet and NMIXX. As she embarks on her next adventure in music and performance, she hopes to continue to inspire and educate the community on lessons dearest to her including; self-love, mental health, and breaking barriers.

**STERLING BAKER-MCCLARY** (Ike Turner). As a graduate of Center of excellence in Performing Arts Magnet program at Pebblebrook High School, Sterling McClary is bonafide Arts enthusiast, a trained dancer in over 7 various dance styles as well as training vocally and dramatically in commercial and musical theater techniques, granting him the opportunity to perform in various venues in Georgia. After living in Pittsburgh where he studied musical theater and dance at Point Park University he gained the opportunity to share his love and passion of creating and performing in various major theatrical venues and dance studios around the country as well as spending the past 5 years as a performer for Celebrity, Disney and various cruise lines and just recently finished the National tour of Madagascar The Musical as Marty The Zebra. From choreography to teaching, to casting and coaching and even recording music, Sterling has experienced entertainment at every level and has more often than not been on the right side of quality.

**ELAINA WALTON** (Zelma Bullock) is a Florida raised-Atlanta based actor, director, playwright and educator with an M.F.A in Acting from the University of Florida (UF) and a B.A in Theatre from the University of West Florida (UWF). Favorite credits: Apologies To Lorraine Hansberry (You Too, August Wilson), Chasing George Washington, and Hills on Fire. She gives all her love and dedicates all her work to her brilliant, little scientist.

**MONA SWAIN** (Tina Turner – Alternate). Mona is thrilled to be making her Broadway national tour debut! Aside from her theatrical achievements, she has also built a social media following of more than 2 million people across her platforms (@monaswain). Other Credits: Legally Blonde (Serena), Summer: The Donna Summer Musical (Disco Donna U/S), War Paint (Miss Beam). Glory be to God.

**DEIDRE LANG** (Gran Georgeanna) is excited to be a part of TINA – The Tina Turner Musical! Most recently she played Motormouth Maybelle on the Hairspray national tour. Broadway: Ragtime, The Lion King, Tommy. National Tour: The Lion King, Hairspray, School of Rock, Tommy, Cats. Regional: The Lion King (Las Vegas), Rock of Ages (Las Vegas), Smokey Joe’s Cafe International tour. TV: Fox TV’s “In Living Color” as a Flygirl. Thanks to God, my Friends and Family!

**KRISTEN DANIELS** (Rhonda Graam, Toni Basil). Kristen Daniels is thrilled to be touring with this powerhouse show! National Tour: Rudolph... (Dolly/Mrs. Donner) Regional: Xanadu (Kira; Laguna Playhouse), Hairspray (Penny; Laguna Playhouse), A Chorus Line (Maggie; Sierra Rep, Laguna Playhouse), Grease (Frenchy u/s, La Mirada), School of Rock (Patti u/s, Moonlight) Cinderella (Charlotte, Lythgoe Family). UC Irvine grad with BA in Drama, Honors in Musical Theatre. Love and thanks to her family- especially her mom and dad, her team at FSE, the Tina creative team, and Murnane Casting! kristen-daniels.com @kris10daniels

**MAURICE ALPHARICIO** (*Raymond Earl King, Craig Turner*). Born & raised from Durham, North Carolina. He’s an U.S Army Veteran & a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. TV/Film: “Fighting to Be Me” (BET+), “Mind Your Business” (BounceTv). Stage credits: *RENT* in Concert at the Rady Shell (Benny), *Dreamgirls* (Curtis Taylor, Jr.), *Choir Boy* (AJ), *Songs for a New World* (Man 1), *Hairspray* (Seaweed J. Stubbs), *The Brothers Size* (Elegba) & Lead Vocalist/Performer on Norwegian Cruise Line. New York Film Academy, BFA. Gratitude to my tribe for their undying support & love. Rest in Power to the Queen of Rock & Roll. IG: @\_mauricealpharicio

**CATRINA BRENAE** (Bodacious Lady, Ensemble). She/her/they. New York: Green Room 42: Jekyll/Hyde, Baltimore Centerstage: Soundcheck: Catrina Breae in Concert, Dreamgirls (Effie Melody White), Education: Clark Atlanta University Bachelors of Art, Music: Vocal Performance. Instagram @catrina\_breae

**TAYLOR BRICE** (Young Anna-Mae Bullock, Young Craig Turner, Young Alline). Taylor is a budding star, with a love for music and theatre. In addition to being naturally gifted with a strong, malleable, voice. She has a passion for captivating audiences with her enchanting performances. At the tender age of nine, Taylor is a vivacious, determined, and confident individual who radiates charisma and charm. She possesses an unwavering love for music, and her dream is to share her extraordinary talent with the world. With a sparkle in her eyes and a smile that lights up any room, Taylor is ready to take the stage and showcase her immense potential.

**MYA BRYANT** (Ikette #4, Alline) is thrilled to be making her National Tour Debut! Credits include: Memphis (The Lexington Theatre Company), Plumshuga: The Rise of Lauren Anderson (Stages). She thanks the team for this wonderful opportunity and her family for their support! @mya.lynaee

**AUDREY TAYLOR FLOYD** (Swing) is an NYC based Singer/dancer/actor. Her Recent credits include; The Broadway National Tour of Hairspray, The Little Mermaid/Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Footloose/Prather Productions. She'd like to thank all of her Family and friends for their endless love and support! Insta: audrey\_floyd

**CHELSEA NICOLE GREEN** (Swing, Dance Captain). UMBC graduate. Recently in "The Club Act" (Jack Cole Dancer). Off-Broadway: Bill T. Jones' Watch Night (Echo Chamber). Regional: Jan in Grease (The Fireside Theatre). Disney Cruise Line: Wishes, Aladdin, Believe, Frozen (MainStage, Dance Captain). Dance: ClancyWorks. Film: Mean Girls. @leaptotherhythm

**CHARIS MICHELLE GULLAGE** (Ikette #3, u/s Tina Turner). Charis is so grateful to make her second national tour debut! Recent credits: SUMMER: The Donna Summer Musical Natl. Tour- Disco Donna, Sister Act South Korea- Deloris US, Hairspray Australia- Swing, and more. Huge thanks to her family, fiancé, and HKA!

**CALLIE HOLLEY** (Swing). National tour debut! An NYU Tisch graduate, her previous credits include Pippin (Catherine), Hair (Dionne) and Netflix's Giving Voice. She would like to thank the Tina creative team, and her mother for all of her support. Social media: @callieholley

**JOE HORNBERGER** (Roger Davies, Ensemble). Joe is honored to continue sharing the legacy of Tina Turner across North America in TINA. National Tour: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (u/s Wonka, Mr. Salt). Other credits include Sister Act (Paper Mill Playhouse), Titanic (Milwaukee Rep), Disney's The Little Mermaid (The Gateway), and The Scarlet Pimpernel (Engeman). Off-Broadway: Frankenstein. Regional: Camelot, Curtains, Elf, Grease, Little Shop of Horrors, Oklahoma!, One Thousand Words, Ragtime, Sunset Boulevard, Sweeney Todd. Joe holds both a BFA and a Master's degree from Emerson College. "Immense gratitude to the TINA Team, Murnane Casting, Megan and Robert (Lohne/Graham Management), Brian (Hell's Kitchen Agency), Janet, and Ben". For Mom – who is simply the best. @joehornberger

**JEFFREY MAY HYCHE** (Swing) is thrilled to be a part of this triumphant telling of Tina's story! He was last seen in Super Freak: The Rick James Story! Special shout out to SFBATCO on 10 years! Big thanks to my family, friends, and faith-based communities! I love you! Ephesians 5:25

**DANIYAH JEZEL** (Ikette #2) is a Washington D.C. native and graduate of Nazareth University. Her credits include Vocalist with Oceania Cruises Vista, Pippin (Leading Player), Once On This Island (Ti Moune), Footloose (Rusty), Smokey Joe's Cafe (Brenda), etc. @daniyahjezel

**AVEIGHYAH "VEIGH" LEE** (Young Anna-Mae Bullock, Young Craig Turner, Young Alline). Aveighyah, better known as "Veigh", is thrilled to make her Broadway tour debut in TINA – Tina Turner Musical National Tour. Aveighyah would like to thank God, her family, friends, and Agent for their continued support. Follow @veighway

**MORGAN LEWIS** (Ikette #1, u/s Rhonda/Toni, u/s Young Alline). National Tour Debut! She's a Nashville native and recent Musical Theatre graduate from Syracuse University. Credits: Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Syracuse Stage, The Lex. Many thanks to her friends & family for their love and support! IG: @morgmlew

**ASHLEY D. LYLES** (Ensemble, u/s Tina Turner). A Baltimore native, Ashley has made her mark in productions like Beehive: The Sixties Musical, Ragtime, and Dreamgirls. She is elated to join the cast of Tina – The Tina Turner Musical on her first tour, continuing her passion for storytelling through theater.

**BEAR MANESCALCHI** (Phil Spector, Ensemble). Credits include: Many Frankie Valli's in Jersey Boys, Seymour in Little Shop, Motel in Fiddler, Hector in Orient Express, Watson in Baskerville and singing on Disney Cruise Line. Much love to their wonderful supportive family/closest humans: AA,DA,CB,SB,KM,BS,JS. Instagram: @bearquat3

**DARIUS J. MANUEL** (Richard Bullock, Ensemble). (He/they). Darius J. Manuel is a multifaceted creative, hot wing lover and teacher of the youths. Elated to hit the road with this phenomenal company of artists and raise a glass to Queen Tina! National Tour: Elf The Musical. Regional: Tarzan (Terk), Memphis (Gator), Songs for a New World (Man 1), Head Over Heels (Pythio) with Slow Burn Theatre Company; The Wiz (Lion) with Broward Stage Door. Other Credits: Kiss Me, Kate (Paul), Marie Christine (Paris) and starred in Philadelphia's Mainstreet Musical Festival. 2019 National Society of Arts and Letters Regional and National Winner in Drama. Founder/Executive Artistic Director of the House of Revolution. 2x BroadwayWorld Award Winning Director/Choreographer. 2022 REMY Award for Outstanding Contribution to Children's Theatre. May 22nd deemed "Darius Jay Appreciation Day" by Broward County Board of County Commissioners. BFA Musical Theatre (UArts). Rep: Baker Management. Here by the kindness of strangers and faith from loved ones. No rain, no flowers. Grow. IG: @legallydarius

**PHARAOH MOUTON** (Fred, Ensemble). A Houston native surrendering his life to self-expression and the adventures of the performing arts. As a southern boy living his dreams

and watching them manifest, Pharaoh is elated to be a part of the storytelling journey of Tina.

**STEVEN SAWAN** (Erwin Back, Ensemble). National tour debut! Favorite credits include Frozen (Prince Hans), Dogfight (Eddie Birdlace), and Something Rotten (Shakespeare). BA, Providence College. MFA, The Boston Conservatory at Berklee. All my love to those who helped me along the way. Website: StevenSawan.com

**ALBERT STERNER** (Swing, u/s Roger, u/s Erwin, u/s Phil, u/s Carpenter, Fight Captain) is ecstatic to be joining this production. Regional Credits include Kinky Boots (MT Wichita) Titanic (Maine State Music Theatre) and Charlie...Factory (Fulton Theatre). He wants to thank his parents for supporting him; his friends; and the higher powers that be.

**EPHRAIM TAKYI** (Swing, u/s Raymond, u/s Craig, u/s Richard, u/s Fred) is thrilled to be on the road with this spectacular show! Recent: Ragtime (Hangar Theatre), Beautiful (WPPAC). W&M alum. He is grateful to family, friends, and Stalwart Talent for their support! @ephraimtak

**HUNTER TORR** (John Carpenter, Ensemble) is excited to be back on the road with Tina – The Tina Turner Musical! Recent credits include Graham Nash in Super Freak (national tour), Adam in The Mad Ones, and T.J in Banjo. Thank you to his family and friends who he loves. AMDA

**PAUL WATT-MORSE** (Swing) is excited to be touring the country for the first time with Tina – The Tina Turner Musical! Regional: Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival (A Chorus Line), Weston Playhouse (The Music Man), Reagle Music Theatre (Mame). Endless love to his family, Alex, and Fido. @paul.watt.morse

