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CASTING CALL

Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company are seeking Aboriginal performers to audition for our 2024 main-stage production of *Songbird* written by Shakara Walley.

Songbird is a story about a young couple, Leon & Brooke, who parted ways following the death of Brooke's brother, Michael. Michael, Brooke and Leon grew up together and have been best friends their entire lives. They were inseparable until Michael's untimely death drove Brooke and Leon apart.

After five years, Leon wants to reconnect with Brooke and find out why Michael died. Does he really want to know the truth behind the death? Will he understand why reconciliation with Brooke may be too difficult, or will their shared memories & love of music allow forgiveness to triumph over the ever-aching sadness they both share?

We are casting three Aboriginal characters with stage ages early to late 20s.

Roles available:

Leon – Male, Aboriginal, stage age early to late 20s. Ability to play guitar is desired but not essential.

Brooke – Female, Aboriginal, stage age early to late 20s. Ability to play guitar is desired but not essential.

Michael – Male, Aboriginal, stage age early to late 20s. Must be able to play guitar.

Performer requirements:

All actors must be able to sing confidently (although being able to read sheet music is not required). Experience in musical theatre is preferred but not essential.

If you successfully receive a role, you must be based in Perth, Western Australia, for the duration of rehearsal and the production period.

Rehearsals are currently scheduled to run from the 5th of March to the 8th of April 2024, with the performance season scheduled from the 9th to the 20th of April 2024 and regional tour dates (to be confirmed) from the 26th of April to the 24th of May 2024.

If you are interested, please submit your CV / Bio and headshot stating which role you are auditioning for to auditions@yirrayaakin.com.au by Friday 22nd September, 2023, and we will contact you if you successfully receive an audition.

Auditions will be held on **October 10th** and **11th, 2023**. Video auditions may be accepted on application in writing if the applicant is unable to attend in person.