

5280 AUDITIONS SUMMER 2025

[Aug 16 & 17, 2025 @ The Historic Elitch Theater](#)



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5280 Theater Company Presents Bright Star

Directed & Choreographed By: Nick Sugar

Vocal Directed By: Lisa Hoffman

Produced By: Austin Golinski & 5280 Theater Company

Audition Date: January 11, 2025

Callback Date: January 13, 2025

PLEASE READ ALL INFO CAREFULLY

Bright Star!

Character Descriptions

Actors of all ages, ethnicities, gender identities, and abilities are encouraged to audition. In reference to the character descriptions below: Most characters we encounter currently are presented in the binary he/him or she/her pronouns, and you will see that in the following descriptions. However limiting the descriptions may be, our casting seeks to be as inclusive as possible and we invite gender non-conforming, genderqueer, transgender, and non-binary actors to submit for the roles they most identify with. We will also list race/ethnicity when specific to the character but are otherwise seeking all races and ethnicities. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, or if there is any accommodation we can provide.

Alice Murphy:

(Female Presenting; Lead; Mezzo-Soprano)

Is an editor of a Southern literary magazine. She is intelligent, attractive, and professional — but with an air of melancholy. Young Alice is rebellious, high-spirited, and adventurous; always looking to break out of small-town life and experience the world. Must be a very strong singer and comfortable in folk and bluegrass styles. *NOTE: We may consider casting 2 actresses (one for the younger and one for the older Alice).*

Billy Cane:

(Male Presenting; Featured; Tenor)

A young soldier returning home from WWII. He is an aspiring young writer. Fresh, open, optimistic, and a little naïve.

Daddy Cane:

(Male Presenting; Featured; Tenor)

Billy's father. He is a widower. Spry, good-looking, kindhearted, and a bit lonely.

Margo Crawford:

(Female Presenting; Supporting; Soprano)

A small-town bookstore owner and childhood friend of Billy's, who now harbors romantic feelings toward him. A natural beauty with a keen intellect.

Max:

(Male Presenting; Featured; Ensemble)

A customer at Margo's bookstore. At first, he has a crush on Margo, but later becomes Edna's beau.

Florence:

(Female Presenting; Featured; Mezzo-Soprano)

An employee at Margo's bookstore and a childhood friend of both Billy and Margo

Edna:

(Female Presenting; Featured; Mezzo-Soprano; Ensemble)

An employee at Margo's bookstore.

Daryl Ames:

(All Gender Identities; Featured; Baritone, Tenor)

An assistant at a literary magazine. He is funny, with a dry and officious sense of humor. Insecure and a bit socially awkward but endearing and innately likable.

Lucy Grant:

(Female Presenting; Featured; Soprano)

A junior editor at a literary magazine. An ambitious and professional young "modern" career woman of the 1940s. She is strong, forthright, and provocative with a sharp sense of humor.

Mama Murphy:

(Female Presenting; Featured; Mezzo-Soprano)

Alice's mother. She is a caretaker to her family and her rural community. A warm, loving, and sensible woman. She is hardworking, compassionate, and possesses great inner strength.

Daddy Murphy:

(Male Presenting; Featured; Baritone)

Alice's father. He is an authoritative and stern disciplinarian. A devoutly religious, hard-working, and proud farmer — but ultimately poor.

Mayor Josiah Dobbs:

(Male Presenting; Supporting; Baritone)

The Mayor of Zebulon. He is a political and financial powerbroker. A distinguished, imposing, and controlling presence who has a genuine interest in protecting his son's future and his family name. But in doing so, is ultimately pushed to a point of extreme and irrevocable cruelty.

Jimmy Ray Dobbs:

(Male Presenting; Lead; Tenor)

Mayor Dobbs' son. Plays both ages 18-20 and ages 38-40. Flashbacks of Jimmy Ray in his early 20s show a handsome, boyishly charming, well-built, and intelligent man from a family of wealth and power. He is being groomed by his father for a similar future in the family business; however, Jimmy is an independent thinker who is not afraid to stand up to this father for what he believes in. He has a sense of personal responsibility and morality as well as a deep reserve of passion and emotion. *NOTE: We may consider casting 2 actors (one for the younger and one for the older Jimmy Ray).*

Stanford:

(Featured; Baritone, Tenor)

Loyal assistant to Mayor Josiah Dobbs.

Dr. Norquist:

(Featured, Ensemble)

The local family doctor in Zebulon.

Government Clerk:

(Ensemble)

A clerk at the Office of Records in Raleigh.

Well Dressed Woman:

(Featured, Ensemble)

A woman (age 38-40) living in Raleigh

SEEKING TWO SWINGS. SWINGS WILL COVER ALL ENSEMBLE TRACKS AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE OF EVERY SHOW.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:

- A Vocal selection in the style of the show (16 bars or 30 seconds). Please bring sheet music with your cuts.
- A 1-minute monologue in the style of the show.
- Register for your time slot
- Completed actor profile.

CALLBACK INFO:

- Callbacks will be on January 12, 2025.
- The material will be emailed to you the night before to bring in with the callback the NEXT DAY. Please note there will also be a dance combo.
- Callbacks will be held from 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM.

