



PERSEVERANCE THEATRE

— Alaskan Regional Theatre —

CASTING CALL FOR

The Great Leap by Lauren Yee

Perseverance Theatre is officially accepting auditions for an upcoming production of *The Great Leap* by Lauren Yee. Those auditioning will receive sides from the show and will be asked to submit a self-taped video for consideration.

The deadline for submissions is
September 19.

Only non-union contracts available.

This show will be produced and performed in Juneau and then transfer to Anchorage.

Juneau Rehearsals: Jan. 10 – Feb. 16

Juneau Performances: Feb. 17 – Mar. 5

Anchorage Rehearsals /

Performances: Mar. 14 – Mar. 26

To request audition sides or to ask questions, please email casting@ptalaska.org

AUDITIONS

Looking for non-union actors to play the roles listed below. You do NOT need to do an accent for the auditions.

SHOW DESCRIPTION

Manford Lum knows the game of basketball like the back of his hand. After all, he's basically a legend on the Chinatown courts. It's 1989 in San Francisco, and a determined Manford talks his way onto the American team scheduled to play a "friendship" game in Beijing. But when he arrives, he finds himself smack in the midst of post cultural revolution China, where tensions are high and one wrong move could get him into serious trouble. Here, Manford must come to grips with his identity, his past, and the choices he now faces. In this witty and fast-paced comedy by award-winning playwright, Lauren Yee, there's more at stake than winning and losing, and when personal loyalties and politics collide, it all comes down to the final buzzer.

CHARACTERS

MANFORD (POINT GUARD) 17, male, Chinese-American. Intense, scrappy, runs into trouble, attacks the rim, with a ruthless crossover. Not tall. More Allen Iverson than Jeremy Lin.

CONNIE (SHOOTING GUARD) 25, female, Chinese-American. Manford's cousin and UC Berkeley grad student. Level headed, and big picture thinker. A Chris Paul / Klay Thompson type.

WEN CHANG (SMALL FORWARD) 43, male, Chinese. Coach of Beijing University's men's basketball team. Observant, and efficient. favors three pointers over aggressive inside shots. Tim Duncan would appreciate his energy. (His English is formal, but relatively unaccented.)

SAUL (POWER FORWARD) 52, male, Jewish. Coach of University of San Francisco's Men's basketball team. A shit talking, shot blocking, washed up Larry Bird.