

# ...cake

## Casting Breakdown



### OVERVIEW

...cake by babirye bukilwa

Director

malakai sargeant

...cake is the second in the psychological thriller trilogy. Delving unapologetically into the heart of Eshe's childhood, power and duty battle in equal measure.

How do queer, Black femmes achieve legitimacy when their soil is hostile?

What happens to their roots?

...cake examines who deserves solace on a sinking island where performativity is currency.

### Production dates

#### Rehearsals

Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm

Monday 14 June 2021- Friday 9 July 2021

Saturday 10 July – Get in

Monday 12 July – Get in + tech

### Preview dates

Tuesday 13 July – Dress + 1st preview

Wednesday 14 July – 2nd preview

Thursday 15 July – 3rd preview & Young people's evening

### Show dates

Friday 16 July – Opening Night shubz

Saturday 17 July – show 14.30 and 19.00

Tuesday 20 July-Saturday 7 August

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays – 7:30pm

Thursdays – 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Saturdays – 2:30pm & 7pm (Closing Night shubz on 7 Aug)

Actors will need to submit a CV and a video to the attached drop boxes up to 60 seconds that mentions:

Who they are (name, pronouns, age, location)

Top career highlights so far

How they connect to the character they're auditioning for.

Please label your submission "Character Name - Your Name"

Submission deadline

7 May 2021

Audition date

14 May 2021 at Theatre Peckham, 221 Havil Street, London SE5 7SB

## CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Eshe

Playing age: 16

Accent: Souf London

About the character: Eshe is abundant in emotional and academic intelligence. A young, dark-skinned queer girl who is full of heart, compassion and dreams. Eshe is the Black girl in school who did her 'own thing' – away from the crowds but able to mix with everyone; she stays giving, nurturing and careful. Forced to grow up in an unstable environment surrounded by suits, shanks and shame, Eshe is now seeking solace and is beginning to question why she doesn't feel safe at home.

About the actor: a fierce performer with heart, poise and strong vocal ability. Lived experience of challenges related to being queer and dark-skinned, as well as an understanding of the socioeconomic climate of working-class London.

Content warning: substance abuse, self-harm.

Sissy

Playing age 30+

Accent: Souf London

About the character: Sissy is a dark-skinned Black woman who swells with confidence and charisma, an Afrocentric queer free spirit. She's the aunt you look forward to seeing at family functions who you lowkey wish was your mother.

Funny, quick-witted and deeply passionate, Sissy is a womanist who has a great taste in music who, despite her circumstances, is incredibly worldly. Sissy desires to be articulate but has struggled in a society that forced her to grow up too fast and ultimately left her behind.

About the actor: a charismatic performer who is not afraid to get ugly. A confident mover and singer. Lived experience of challenges related to being queer and dark-skinned, as well as an understanding of the socioeconomic climate of working-class, 2000s London.

Content warning: substance abuse, violence, threat, mental health crises.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Actors should be available for press engagements throughout the rehearsal period

Actors will need to be available to record the play for audio

Equity Fringe 8-week contract

Due to the nature of the themes in the play, a Black healer/therapist will be available throughout the rehearsals and production to speak with confidentially.