

Afeni Shakur In Her Defense - Auditions Being Held

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Afeni Shakur: In Her Defense - A short play and gallery exhibit about the self-defense of one woman, who was among several leaders in the Black Panther Party who were charged in a conspiracy to blow tip New York City department stores, subway stations, and police stations.

Despite most of her co-defendants objections, Afeni defended herself against 156 charges they faced in what became known as the Trial of the Panther 21.

Using court records, the short play and gallery exhibit will feature her original opening statement, cross-examination of informants, and an eloquent closing statement by a pregnant twenty-four year old young woman in the trial for her life.

The exhibit includes original TV news coverage (from 1969-1971) anchored by CBS' Walter Cronkite and others. The play also captures her inner most thoughts and feelings after being released on \$100,000 bail, money raised by churches and the community, only to have bail revoked and returned to jail while pregnant with her son, Tupac Amaru Shakur (Hip Hop Icon 2Pac). He was born one month three days after her acquittal. The trial became the longest and most expensive political trial in New York State.

Auditions: January 12 from 10 am - 4pm

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Seeking an actress with the ability to play the strong character role of Afeni Shakur.

Actress must look between the age of 20-24 slender to slim build, between 5'0 and 5'6.

Must have short hair or works well with a natural wig, preferably medium to dark skin complexion but we will consider all with a strong audition.

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Please be prepared to deliver a 2mm dramatic monologue and a cold read.

There is compensation for the part.

Opening Exhibit Night: Afeni Shakur: "In Her Defense"

Feb. 1, 7p & Mar. 7, 2008 7p

Exhibit: Feb. 1 - Mar. 28, 2008

Featuring live music and food. Donations welcome.

Play Nights: Feb. 22, 7:30p, Feb. 23, 7:30p, Feb. 29, 7:30p,

Mar. 1, 7:30p, Mar. 7, 7:30p, Mar. 8, 7:30p

\$15 adults/\$10 students

Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts

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