

CASTING INFORMATION:

Production Name: Kim's Convenience

Director: Weyni Mengesha

Production Dates: Dec 16, 2024 - Mar 16, 2025

- Rehearsals (includes Tech): Dec 16, 2024 - Feb 6, 2025
 - Includes 1 week hiatus over holidays
- Performances: Jan 30 - Mar 2
- Extension Option: Mar 3-16, 2025
- Additional dates for the American Conservatory Theatre: Sept 8-Oct 19, 2025

Audition dates: July 8-9, 2024

Submission Deadline: Sun, June 16, 2024 at 11:30 PM

Submission Email: casting@soulpepper.ca

HOW TO SUBMIT:

- Preferred Method: Casting Workbook
- Alternate Method:
 - Email casting@soulpepper.ca
 - SUBJECT: KIM'S CONVENIENCE – Casting Submission
 - Include Headshot & Resume
 - Indicate what role(s) you would like to be considered for

***MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE PRODUCTION PERIOD* Dec 16, 2024 - Mar 9, 2025. Only those selected for an audition or a self-tape will be contacted. Scripts and sides will be provided.**

Ethnocultural mandate:

Soulpepper Theatre is guided by a mission of Radical Inclusion: a commitment to prioritizing voices that have been excluded from our stages, and building a program and organization where everyone's experience is both valued and reflected.

As an equal opportunity employer, we welcome and encourage submissions from individuals of all gender identities, cultures, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and abilities. Additionally, there are character breakdowns that call upon artists with a specific lived experience or a shared identity to uphold the artistic integrity of the work. If you choose, you may provide us with the pronouns you would like us to use in your submission, or any other self-identification. We will respect these pronouns throughout the process. If you are a person with a disability and require assistance during the application and/or hiring process, please let us know and we will work with you to meet your needs.

In all that we do, Soulpepper is committed to reflecting the diversity of our community and our country. As theatre makers, we commit to centering a plurality of voices and stories in our work and we believe in the transformative power of stories to unite communities.

ABOUT THE SHOW:

Mr. Kim is a first-generation Korean immigrant, a father of two, and the proud proprietor of Kim's Convenience for the past 30 years. After building his empire from nothing, the stubborn Mr. Kim grapples with his changing Toronto neighbourhood, and the growing chasm between him and his second-generation children. In this heartwarming and hilarious story, audiences follow the Kim family as they tackle their challenging past and look to face an unknown future. Playwright Ins Choi, who will also star in the production as the title character (Mr. Kim), calls the play his "love letter to his parents and to all first-generation immigrants who call Canada their home."

ROLES:

****PLEASE NOTE:** The Role of APPA will be played by Ins Choi**

UMMA (Korean Woman, Character Age:56)

The mother of 2 adult children. Along with her husband, she runs a convenience store in Regent Park in downtown Toronto. She is faithful to her dwindling downtown Korean church and the connector in the family. She has great memories. Must be able to sing. Speaks with a Korean-Canadian accent. Some lines are in Korean.

JUNG KIM (Korean Man, Character Age:32)

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Kim and Janet's older brother. He ran away from home when he was 16 and hasn't returned. He used to be athletic when he was younger. He dabbled in some illegal activity as a proud and selfish young man. He is unmarried and has recently become a father. Must be able to sing.

JANET KIM (Korean Woman, Character Age:30)

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kim and Jung's younger sister. A professional photographer who still lives with her parents in their apartment above their store. She's single and awkward with an equal amount of geeky and sexy. She takes after her dad with regards to her fiery temper. Along with Mr. Kim, she's a lead in the play. Singing isn't a must but a great bonus.

RICH / MR. LEE / MIKE / ALEX (Black Man, Age Range: 20-40)

The following characters are all played by the same actor. RICH, an average new customer; MR. LEE, a successful real estate agent and a friend of Mr. Kim; MIKE, a rough young man with an attitude and a thick Jamaican accent; ALEX, a police officer, also a childhood friend of Jung and Janet.