

***Digging Up Dessa* by Laura Schellhardt – Audition & Show Information**

When – Friday, August 9th; 4:00pm-6:00pm

What Do I Need to Prepare? – Nothing! This will be a cold reading!

Show Dates and Rehearsal Period

- **Rehearsals:** August 12th - September 18th
 - **No Conflict Zone:** September 7th – September 22nd
- **Show Dates:**
 - Thursday, September 19th @ 7pm
 - Friday, September 20th @ 7pm
 - Saturday, September 21st @ 2pm
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- **Strike:** September 22nd – 2pm-6pm
- You MUST also be available for the following dates due to the competitions connected to this show:
 - SCTA:
 - Saturday, October 5th – 5:30pm-8:00pm
 - Saturday, October 12th – 5:30pm-8:00pm
 - Saturday, October 26th – 5:30pm-8:00pm
 - Saturday, November 2nd – 11:30am-7:30pm
 - Tuesday, November 5th – 4:00pm-8:00pm
 - Wednesday, November 6th – 4:00pm-8:00pm
 - *SCTA - November 7th-11th @ Claflin University*
 - PDA:
 - Saturday, January 11th – 12:00pm-3:00pm
 - Saturday, January 25th – 12:00pm-3:00pm
 - Saturday, February 1st – 5:30pm-7:30pm
 - Saturday, February 8th – 12:00pm-3:00pm
 - Friday, February 14th – 2:00pm-7:30pm
 - Wednesday, February 19th – 4:00pm-7:30pm
 - Thursday, February 20th – 4:00pm-7:30pm
 - *PDA - February 21st-23rd @ Coastal Carolina University*

Summary of Show

Dessa is a 21st-century girl with no shortage of struggles, secrets and mysteries to solve. From dinosaur bones to hidden memories, the world is filled with buried treasures just waiting to be uncovered. Luckily, thanks to the mysterious appearance of a remarkable friend—the pioneering 19th-century English paleontologist Mary Anning—young Dessa knows just how to excavate them! After a field trip to a museum reveals that Mary Anning’s legacy has been buried by history because of her gender and lack of formal education, Dessa decides that she’s going to fight to earn her friend the credit she deserves. With help from her once-rival, Nilo, Dessa sets to work unearthing the secrets hidden beneath the surface of the past and present—for Mary’s history and her own future.

Roles Available

- **DESSA:** 12, a hunter of fossils, a realist, open ethnicity.
- **ESTHER:** Dessa’s mother, a writer of songs, an idealist, open ethnicity.
- **NILO** (pronounced Neelo): 13, a popular boy with the potential to be more, an opportunist, white.
- **MARY ANNING:** The 19th-century British paleontologist as imagined by a 12-year-old girl. Part bag lady, part Mary Poppins, a pragmatist, open ethnicity.