

AUDITION NOTICE

IN-PERSON AUDITION: NOVEMBER 19, 2025
SELF-TAPE SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 17, 2025

GovState Theatre and Performance Studies presents

BY THE WAY, MEET VERA STARK

by Lynn Nottage

Directed by Dr. Quenna L. Barrett

PERFORMANCE DATES:

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026 AT 10 AM AND 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 AT 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026 AT 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 AT 3 PM



Four public shows at Governors State University's Sherman Hall
An Arts in Education performance will occur the morning of April 9th for local schools.

ABOUT THE PLAY:

By The Way, Meet Vera Stark is a seventy-year journey through the life of Vera Stark, a headstrong African-American maid and budding actress, and her tangled relationship with her boss, a white Hollywood star desperately grasping to hold on to her career. When circumstances collide and both women land roles in the same Southern epic, the story behind the cameras leaves Vera with a surprising and controversial legacy scholars will debate for years to come.

ABOUT THE PRODUCTION:

This is a live production in front of an audience. All rehearsals will be held on campus with most occurring in Sherman Hall

CASTING:

Auditions are open to students and non-students, alumni, faculty, and staff. Previous theatre experience is not necessary.

****This is a non-paying production.***

PREPARATION:

Auditionees should prepare memorized one contemporary dramatic and one contemporary comedic monologue, each no longer than 2 minutes.

Option 1: Attend the in person auditions held on **November 19th, 2025** in Governor State University's Sherman Hall. Please see below to sign up for an audition time.

Option 2: Auditionees can send a self-tape with the audition preparation requirements to the Production Manager at scorum@govst.edu. The due date for self-tape audition submissions is **November 17th, 2025**.

CONTACT:

For further audition information or to express an interest in working backstage, please contact the Production Manager, Staci Corum at scorum@govst.edu. For complete preparation details, script, and to schedule an audition, **click the link below.**



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