

# Awa Sal Secka

Height: 5'3"

Vocal Range: E<sup>3</sup> - D<sup>6</sup>

Ethnicity: Gambian-American

## Theatrical Experience

<i>After Midnight</i>	Sassy	Paper Mill Playhouse/ Dominique Kelley, Jen Bender & Sean Mayes (Current)
<i>RAGTIME</i>	Sarah	Signature Theatre/ Matthew Gardiner & Jon Kalbfleisch (2023)
<i>RENT in Concert</i>	Joanne	Kennedy Center/ Sammi Cannold & Sean Mayes (2023)
<i>Intimate Apparel</i>	Mayme	Theater J/ Paige Hernandez (2022)
<i>GODDESS</i>	Grio Trio & Nadira/Rashida u/s	Berkeley Rep Theatre/ Saheem Ali, Darrell Grand Moultrie, and Marco Paguia (2022)
<i>The Last Five Years</i>	Cathy Hiatt	ArtsCentric Theatre (AEA Filmed Production)/ Kevin McAllister & Cedric Lyles (2022)
<i>Simply Sondheim</i>	Self	Signature Theatre (SAG Filmed production)/ Matthew Gardiner & Jon Kalbfleisch (2021)
<i>Steel Magnolias</i>	Shelby	Ford's Theatre (Virtual Performance)/ Holly Twyford (2020)
<i>MEMPHIS</i>	Felicia	Keegan Theatre/ Kevin McAllister & Cedric Lyles (2020 [Canceled due to COVID])
<i>Gun and Powder (Dance/Fight cap.)</i>	Flo	Signature Theatre/ Robert O'Hara, Darryl G. Ivey & Bryon Easley (2020)
<i>Christmas Carol</i>	Mrs. Fred	Ford's Theatre / Michael Baron (2019-2022)
<i>School Girls (Fight cap.)*</i>	Ama	Round House Theatre/ Nicole Watson (2019)
<i>Into the Woods+</i>	Baker's Wife	Ford's Theatre/ Peter Flynn & Bill Yanesh (2019)
<i>AIDA</i> ‡	Aida	ArtsCentric Theatre/ Kevin McAllister & Cedric Lyles (2018)
<i>Cinderella+</i>	Cinderella	Imagination Stage/ Kate Bryer & Elisa Rosman (2018)
<i>You're... Charlie Brown*** (Dance cap.)</i>	Lucy VanPelt	Imagination Stage/ Aaron Posner & Deborah Jacobson (2018)
<i>The Wiz***Δ</i>	Glinda/ Dorothy u/s	Ford's Theatre/ Kent Gash & Darius Smith (2018)
<i>Me... Jane (Dance cap.)**</i>	Maisie, Mrs. C, Hermione	Kennedy Center/ Aaron Posner, Christopher D'Amboise & Bill Yanesh (2017)
<i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>	Simon Zealot	Signature Theatre/ Joe Calarco & Bill Yanesh (2017)
<i>Caroline, or Change***</i>	Dotty Moffet	Round House Theatre/ Matthew Gardiner & Jon Kalbfleisch (2017)

### ★ Things To Know ★

Co-writer of the 2023 Helen Hayes Award winning play, *THE JOY THAT CARRIES YOU* (produced at Olney Theatre in 2022).

**Skills:** West/East African Accents. Whistle. Snap. Marching Drums/Aux. Percussion. Poetry. Somersaults. Cartwheels. Burp on command. Hair. Make-up. Hand to hand/sword combat. Video/music editing.

**Interests:** Food. Writing. Fashion. History. Psychology.

### Workshops:

*GODDESS*, NYC Workshop (Spring 2023)  
Grio Trio  
Saheem Ali, Jocelyn Bioh, Michael Thurber

*KIN*, Woolly Mammoth (Summer 2023)  
Rue  
Gethsemane Herron & Katherine Wilkinson

*Sunday in the Park with George*, Ford's Theatre (2019)  
Dot  
Sdra Vasiljevic & Bill Yanesh

*Wig Out* Studio Theatre (2017)  
Fay  
Tarell Alvin McCraney & Kent Gash

### Training:

Acting  
Kenyatta Rogers, Sasha Olinick, Susan Hoffman

Voice  
Lisa Carrier-Baker, Sasha Olinick

Dance  
Sandra Atkinson, Ralph Glenmore, Pauline Grossman.

Stage Combat  
Lewis Shaw, Kenyatta Rogers, Karin Abromitis

Devised Theatre  
Gedalya Chinn

\* = Helen Hayes Award | \*\* = HHA Nomination | \*\*\* = HHA Best Supporting Actress Nomination | + = HHA Best Lead Actress Nomination | Δ = Performed u/s | ‡ = BWW Lead Actress Award