

# Transgender actor says they were fired from Hamilton after requesting a gender-neutral dressing room

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A transgender cast member of *Hamilton* alleges they were fired from the hit musical after asking for a gender-neutral dressing room.

According to a [discrimination and retaliation complaint](#), Suni Reid — who is Black, nonbinary, and uses the pronouns they/them — said that they were "cast out of *Hamilton* when the Company's management refused to renew their contract shortly after they requested that the performers have a gender-neutral dressing room in addition to the ones for men and women."

The complaint also alleges that they "experienced frequent incidents of discrimination and harassment" including being purposely misgendered that, according to the documents, came primarily from using a male dressing space.

"Publicly, *Hamilton* is a beacon of diversity and appears committed to causes seeking social justice and harmony. Behind the curtain, however, the company's management will force out a Black, transgender cast member simply because they stood up for themselves and advocated for a more equitable workplace, and therefore called that public image into question," Reid's attorneys, Lawrence M. Pearson and Lindsay M. Goldbrum, said in a statement to *EW*. "We look forward to upholding Mx. Reid's rights and hope this is a wake-up call for the theater industry about the systemic inequities that persist even at its greatest heights."

Reid joined *Hamilton* as an ensemble member in 2017, performing in the Los Angeles, Chicago, and Broadway productions. Reid covered several roles during their time with the show, including lead roles such as Aaron Burr, George Washington, Hercules Mulligan/James Madison, and Lafayette/Thomas Jefferson.

According to reports, a gender-neutral space was eventually offered by way of partitioning off a section of the dressing room, which Reid said did not meet their expectations or the expectations of the [Los Angeles transgender regulations](#). Afterward, Reid alleges that *Hamilton* "terminated its contract" and "the only explanation is that Mx. Reid was punished for making legally protected complaints and requests to the Company."

"Suni Reid was a valued cast member for more than three years," a spokesperson for *Hamilton* told *EW* in a statement. "We offered them a contract to return to *Hamilton* with terms responsive to their requests. We deny the allegations in the charge. We have not

discriminated or retaliated against Suni. Since the shutdown, our organization has taken care of our community. We have treated Suni with the same respect and consideration as all the company members of *Hamilton*. Specifically, we have given Suni direct financial support, paid for their health insurance, and paid for their housing. We wish Suni well in their future endeavors."