



Performer Casting
The Christmas Spirits
Spun Glass Theatre

Summary

Brand new devised theatre production in Hastings this Christmas in a new bespoke, intimate children's theatre. Working with award winning director Ross Drury and directly with our community of parents, babies, toddlers and school children in the town to create a magical Christmas performance infused with music, puppetry, storytelling and visual treats.

The Christmas Spirits is a fun and varied compilation performance of many different Christmassy stories, all chosen by the audience so no two performances are alike. Families will be able to choose the stories they hear, mixing up their own unique Christmas offering. This is a show for all the family but specifically the youngest audiences so it's all about introducing the concepts and ideas of Christmas time.

Spun Glass Theatre productions always feature a strong co-creation element with our communities and The Christmas Spirits is no different, inviting parents and children to join rehearsals to explore performance snippets, give feedback and help the team make creative choices. You will be working alongside babies from our First workshops, toddlers from our Second workshops and children from local primary schools.

These roles involve clowning, physical set piece, original music, audience interaction and a love of children's theatre. You will be part of the creation process in Hastings for three weeks 28 Nov - 17 Dec, devising alongside director Ross Drury and the rest of the creative team.

We encourage performers with young families to apply - we have childcare contributions available of £250. Performers local to Hastings and those from the global majority are encouraged to apply as we want to play an active role in showcasing local talent and diversity for family audience.

There will be 3 performances a day - 10am, 1pm and 3pm.

Closing date: 4/11/2022 : 18:00

Fee details: £600 per week - 3 weeks of rehearsals and one week performances.
£2,400 total contract to include holiday pay.

Production location: Hastings

Production dates: Performances Sunday 18th - Thursday 22nd December 2022.

Director: Ross Drury

Company: Spun Glass Theatre

Casting location: TBC

Casting details

Spun Glass Theatre is looking for three performers local to Hastings, with a strong background in improvisation, comedy and physical performance.

The Christmas Spirits are a clowning ensemble, each representing and inspired by Christmas folklore. Love 'N' Magic is a cuddly and expressive character who enjoys nothing more than planning a surprise and packing it full of glitter.

Professor of North Pole History who knows everything there is to know about Father Christmas, The North Pole, the composition of a mince pie, reindeer flight, and the productivity of an Elf and much more. And Christmassy is the guardian all Christmas traditions and the elusive sense of 'feeling Christmassy'

We are looking for actors with strong improv skills and musical ability. Actor Musicians, Puppet makers & puppetry performers are also strongly encouraged to apply.

Desirable Skills -

- Experience with one-on-one or small group performances
- Experience devising theatre
- Excellent improvisation and character building skills
- Experience with running workshops for children
- Actor Musicians
- Experience running workshops in schools

Enhanced DBS check is desirable, but not essential

We are looking for a performer with strong physical comedy and vocal skills, playing age 25-40, open to actors from any gender, ethnicity or nationality. Ability to play a musical instrument is desirable.

Apply with CV and headshot to recruitment@spunglasstheatre.com by 6pm on Friday 4th November 2022.