

Job Position: Touring Theatre Actor/ASM for *River Rat and Cat* for Children's Theatre Workshop (CTW)

Reports to: Director/Stage Manager for *River Rat and Cat*

Job Brief: To prepare and perform touring performances of *River Rat and Cat* between May 2021 and September. Need 3 performers. This is a part-time, contracted, non-Equity position for approximately 4 months with the possibility of extending through December 2021..

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Rehearse approximately forty (40) hours for *River Rat and Cat* in May and June 2021.
- Perform *River Rat and Cat* in all scheduled performances. There will be a minimum of eight (8) performances in June-September 2021.
- Assist in loading the set/costume/props, unloading set/costume/props, and performing maintenance as needed.

Qualifications:

- Previous experience in theatre performance.
- Previous experience in working with young people in educational setting.
- Ability to maintain composure and professionalism in high-energy environment.
- Flexibility and problem-solving skills.

Working Conditions:

- Rehearsal hours are flexible and will be scheduled with the rest of the performing ensemble. Rehearsals will occur in May and June 2021 and will be 2-4 hours long.
- Summer performances are on weeknights between 6 and 9 pm and Saturday mornings/early afternoons. Performances begin June 2021 and conclude September 2021. Actors/ASMs may be offered an extension contract through December 2021 for school-year performances.
- Performance hours are not flexible; performances are scheduled in advance and attendance is required at each performance, barring illness or personal emergency. Actor/ASMs are required to notify the CTW office of absences no later than 24 hours before the performances begin.
- Rehearsals will take place at the Collingwood Arts Center (CAC) and the Ohio Theatre in Toledo, Ohio. Performances will take place at the Ohio Theatre, libraries, and parks within a 20 minute driving radius of the CAC.
- CTW will provide scripts, costumes, set, and props.

Other Staff:

- Actor/ASMs report to the Director for rehearsal and performance-related activities.
- The Executive Artistic Director handles all booking and scheduling for performances and rehearsals.

Covid-19 precautions:

- Indoor rehearsals will be masked unless all present are fully vaccinated. Outdoor rehearsals are likely and will not be masked. CTW does not require vaccination in order to audition.
- Outdoor performances will not be masked. Indoor performances will not occur until the state of Ohio lifts its mask mandate, in which case CTW will schedule indoor, unmasked performances.

Compensation:

Actor/ASMs will be paid \$15/hr per contact hour ("Contact hour" meaning time spent in rehearsal, loading/unloading performance materials, travel to and from performance locations, and performances.). Actor/ASMs do not receive compensation for at-home prep (ie memorization and acting work) or travel to and from their place of living and the CAC or Ohio Theatre. Payment is bi-weekly; Actor/ASMs can pick up checks at the office or request to have them mailed.

Hiring Note: BIPOC artists, artists belonging to the LGBTQIA* community, and artists with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

To Apply: Sign up to audition at this link: <https://signup.com/go/OuWCMrA>

Play Description: No one has ever understood the mysterious friendship of River Rat and Cat. From the day fastidious River Rat hauled a drowning sodden Cat from a sinking basket (thinking Cat was some unique collectible), all of the river creatures have been dismayed by the camaraderie of this unlikely duo. Cat proved to be imaginative, grand, fussy and thoroughly needy, while Rat is material, practical and thoroughly self-reliant. Lately, Rat has become frazzled by Cat's demands and has undertaken a program to make Cat more self-sufficient. However, Cat is determined to remain a pampered feline. Unbeknownst to River Rat and Cat, their downstream neighbor, Dale Beaver, has cast an eye on the one remaining tree, a tree currently owned by River Rat and inhabited by Cat. Beaver needs this tree if the Dale Beaver Dam is to remain the tallest on the river. Beaver must break up this friendship so that Rat will evict Cat. It's a Keystone Kops kind of komedy for kids and their kin.