



Cross Community Players

Casting Guidelines

Thank you for sharing your talents with Cross Community Players. CCP's goal is to provide quality, family-friendly theater for our community. We strive to create an environment where families can participate together.

Open Casting

Unless stated elsewhere in audition information, auditions are open to all persons within the specified age and gender ranges. We do not pre-cast, nor do we promise that everyone who auditions will be cast. Casting is based on ability and experience. In the case where multiple persons are qualified for the same role, we may give preference to persons who live in our community.

Family Participation

We try to avoid casting a child without his or her parents involved in some way. If parents are not interested in participating on stage but the child shows a unique ability and desire to participate, we invite the parents to participate in other ways. These might include helping with children back stage, ushering/ticketing, or other behind-the-scenes tasks. We set a clear expectation for regular attendance at rehearsals. When one member of a family is cast, we endeavor to cast all members of the immediate family who wish to participate. This may include, for example, younger children under the audition age for walk-on roles in ensemble, etc.

Scheduling

Where possible, we try to schedule families to be at rehearsal on the same nights. We also attempt to avoid times that are usually reserved for family events such as Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, holidays, etc. A preliminary schedule is published at the time of auditions. Changes will be made with as much notice as possible in order to allow participants to coordinate family schedules. In return, we expect participants to take their commitment to the production seriously and attend every rehearsal possible.

Family-Friendly Environment

When adults are working together, they should be sensitive to the presence of minors and choose language and content that are appropriate to a family environment. The artistic staff is responsible for reminding cast members about this.

Promotion of CCP Productions

Families with children are a great source for finding and inviting audience members! We are a non-profit, mainly-volunteer organization, and we expect participants to encourage family and friends to purchase tickets.

The CCP Board of Directors reserves the right to review the cast list prior to posting. Our role is not to direct the artistic vision of the production, but to provide experience and context to the casting process to help ensure that the mission of CCP is carried forward. We invite you to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

— Cross Community Players, Board of Directors