

Audition call out for HIGHLY SKILLED PUPPETEERS and PHYSICAL THEATRE PERFORMERS

Theatre-Rites is looking for a **Lead Puppeteer and a Support Puppeteer/Physical theatre Performer for a new international theatre production Autumn/Winter/Spring 2021/22 based in Austria.** This new production will be directed by Theatre-Rites' Artistic Director and puppetry specialist Sue Buckmaster and rehearsals and performances will be in Austria.

We are looking for 2 Puppeteers to operate several objects and puppets throughout a 75-minute main house theatre production. The two puppeteers will be part of an ensemble cast of 7 or 8.

Essential requirements (LEAD)

We are looking for Lead Puppeteers who:

- Are highly experienced with the skills to operate the head of a puppet
- Have the ability to maintain the emotional integrity and motivation of a puppet/s throughout the duration of the show.
- Can speak English and German (part of the rehearsal process will be in English, performances in German).
- Lives in, or can be based in Vienna

Essential requirements (SUPPORT)

We are looking for Support Puppeteers/Physical Theatre Performers who

- Have a minimum of 2 years' experience as a Puppeteer
- Have experience as a Physical Theatre Performer
- Have a good stage presence
- Speak English and German (part of the rehearsal process will be in English, performances in German)
- Lives in, or can be based in Vienna

Project dates:

- 7 or 8 week rehearsal period starting mid to late September 2021 in Vienna, opening in November with performances scheduled in rep through to Feb/March 2022.
- Optional workshop February or March 2021 in Vienna according to availability.

Auditions: We are currently exploring how best to manage the audition process and anticipate it may be a mix of live and digital sessions.

If you would like to be considered, please provide us with:

- a CV
- a covering note highlighting your suitable experience
- a link to a showreel or selected relevant footage (if available)
- any access requirements for both physical and digital auditions

Please send this information to casting@theatre-rites.co.uk (please title your email PCast21) and feel free to email us or give us a call on 0207 164 6196 if you have any questions or would like to submit your information in a different format.

Deadline for applications: Friday 23rd October at 10am

We aim to email shortlisted puppeteers and performers by the week commencing 2nd November.

About Theatre-Rites: We are a visual theatre company; all our work is devised and usually non-reliant on text. It is inspired by artists, objects and site-specific locations. Theatre-Rites is committed to being actively anti-racist and a driver of positive change both within our company and our industry.

For an example of some of our previous productions please watch these videos:

The Welcoming Party

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uciWvNOcXkE&t>

The Incredible Tale of Robot Boy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeA0_IB0gQ&feature=youtu.be

Paradise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tp1ghDbbR9E>

Big Up!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOpbzu4OLbM>

Mischief

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kcNVsxmGKQ>

For more information on Theatre-Rites, please visit: <http://www.theatre-rites.co.uk>