

CASTING/AUDITION INFORMATION

Elephant and Piggie's We Are In A Play

Books and Lyrics by Mo Willems

Music by Deborah Wicks La Puma

Based on the Elephant and Piggie Books by Mo Willems

Direction, Music Direction and Choreography by Courtney Malone

PRODUCTION DATES:

Open Auditions: Feb 12 10am - 4pm and Feb 13 1pm - 5pm 2022

Saturday: 10:00 – 1:00 Experienced Auditioners; 2:00 – 4:00 Less Experienced Auditioners

Sunday: 1:00 – 3:00 Less Experienced Auditioners; 3:00 – 5:00 Experienced Auditioners

Callback Audition Date: TBD

Company Meeting/1st Rehearsal: May 16, 2022

Performance Dates:

- *PATH Sizzlin Summer - June 11, 2022 11am*
- *Rhododendron Festival, Bakersville - TBD in June*
- *AMY libraries -*
 - *Yancey Co Library - June 23, 2022 11am*
 - *Avery Co Library - July 6, 2022 11am*
 - *Spruce Pine Library - July 11, 2022 11am*
- *The Orchard at Altapass - TBD in July*
- *Downtown Pocket Park Spruce Pine - TBD in July*
- *Mt Mitchell Crafts Fair - TBD in August*

SUMMARY OF SHOW:

An elephant named Gerald and a pig named Piggie are best, best, "bestus" (a word Gerald and Piggie made up that means "very best") friends, but Gerald worries that something could go wrong that would end their friendship. Piggie is not worried at all. She's even happier and more excited than usual. That's because she and Gerald are invited to a party hosted by the Squirrelles, three singing squirrels who love to have a good time. And so begins a day when anything is possible.

READING IS ALIVE:

Reading Is Alive is a theatre outreach project created through Parkway Playhouse that will support the North Carolina Summer Reading Program in Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties. Working alongside AMY Regional libraries, *Reading is Alive* is designed to provide the cultural experience of live theatre performances to audiences that would otherwise not have the means nor access to this cultural experience.

AUDITOR(S): Courtney Malone (Director)

CHARACTERS/CASTING NEEDS:

1 male, 4 female

Gerald (male)

Age: 16+up

A lumbering, somewhat formally attired elephant; prone to melancholy. Best friends with Piggie.

Piggie (female)

Age: 16+up

An ebullient, inquisitive pink pig. Best friends with Gerald.

The Squirrelles (female)

Age: 16+up

Vocal range: E3 to Ab5

A trio of back-up singing squirrels; friends with Gerald and Piggie.

Dog

Age: 16+up

A dutiful delivery dog.

Penguin

Age: 16+up

A sarcastic ice cream seller.

AUDITION PROCEDURES:

Parkway Playhouse is a Community Theater and welcomes EVERYONE regardless of skill-level or experience. We know that auditioning can be stressful and daunting. To facilitate the most positive, welcoming and stress-free audition experience we are offering two audition options. One audition will be specifically for experienced auditioners, the other for inexperienced auditioners. Each performer may choose to attend either audition, though we respectfully request that you honor the spirit of this offering – if you are an experienced auditioner, please attend the designated audition. Auditioners may be asked to attend a callback audition at the discretion of the director. All auditioners will be considered for all roles.

Experienced Auditioners:

Saturday, February 12, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday, February 13, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Please come prepared with a one-minute monologue (not necessarily from the show being cast), 32 bars of sheet music for an accompanist for a musical audition (musical pieces from the show we are casting are acceptable, but not required), please bring a resume and, if you have one, a headshot.

Less Experienced Auditioners:

Saturday, February 12, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Sunday, February 13, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Rather than preparing a monologue, you will be given sides (portions of the script) to read from. If you'd like to be considered for the musical, you should be prepared to sing part of a song of your choice. You're welcome to provide sheet music for the accompanist or sing without music. If you have a headshot and/or resume, please bring them.

COVID audition procedure: Masks are required at all times during the audition.

REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE LOCATIONS:

Rehearsals will be held at the Mountain Heritage Center located at 113 Green Mountain Drive in Burnsville and at Parkway Playhouse, located at 202 Green Mountain Drive. Performances will tour all libraries within Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties as well as offer select park/outdoor productions. Any/all known conflicts should be disclosed prior to or at auditions and confirmed at the first company meeting.

Additional calls for the purposes of costume fittings, research, PR, and other issues pertaining to production will be scheduled as needed by the Production Manager/Stage Management.

COVID rehearsal procedure: Masks are required at all times during rehearsals.

TENTATIVE REHEARSAL DAYS AND TIMES:

Mondays-Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm

Saturdays TBD

COMPENSATION:

While it is our fervent desire to be able to pay all performers at a level that truly reflects their time, talent and commitment, budget constraints require that Named Roles are limited to some pay.

During our 2022 season we will be unable to accommodate members of Actor's Equity Association.

NOTIFICATION:

ASAP via email or phone call no later than March 31. Actors may be asked to attend a callback audition at the discretion of the director.