

Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum is deeply committed to inclusion of all artists and is actively seeking artists with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds to participate in our Repertory season. In addition, Theatricum is committed to diversity of age and gender, striving to create opportunities through casting choices for artists that are often under-represented.

For your audition, please prepare up to three minutes total of material, including at least one piece from the works of William Shakespeare.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

By William Shakespeare

- Theseus- King of Athens.
- Hippolyta- Queen of the Amazons.
- Egeus- A noble of Athens.
- Hermia- A young woman of Athens, daughter of Egeus. In love with Lysander.
- Lysander- A young man of Athens. In love with Hermia.
- Demetrius- A young man of Athens. In love with, and betrothed to, Hermia.
- Helena- A young woman of Athens. Hermia's oldest friend. In love with Demetrius.
- Oberon- King of the Faeries.
- Titania- Queen of the Faeries.
- Puck- Trickster spirit, footman to Oberon.
- Nick Bottom- A weaver. Presents the part of Pyramus.
- Peter Quince- A carpenter and aspiring director.
- Frances Flute- A bellows-mender. Presents the part of Thisbe.
- Tom Snout- A tinker. Presents the part of Wall.
- Snug- A joiner. Presents the part of Lion.
- Robin Starveling- A tailor. Presents the part of Moonshine.
- Philostrate- Adjutant to Theseus and master of revels.
- The Changeling Child- A young human child in the care of Titania.
- Athenian Lords- Various.
- Amazons- Various.
- Faeries- Various, incl. Peaseblossom, Cobweb, Moth, and Mustardseed.

JULIUS CAESAR

By William Shakespeare

Julius Caesar- The ambitious and easily flattered emperor of Rome

Triumvirs after Caesar's death

- Mark Antony- A politically shrewd orator who incites Rome to violence
- Octavius Caesar- Caesar's heir, brought on to give legitimacy to the new government

- Lepidus- A weaker third leg of the triumverate, browbeaten by Antony into errand service

Conspirators against Caesar

- Marcus Brutus- A noble tribune who fears Caesar's potential for tyranny
- Cassius- Wise but easily cowed, will resort to deceit to achieve goals
- Casca- A witness to Caesar's prowess at manipulation, a violently eager conspirator
- Cinna- Insists the conspiracy recruit the notably honest and noble Brutus
- Metellus Cimber- An expert at attracting attention
- Trebonius- Argues for the sparing of Antony.
- Caius Ligarius- Inspired by Brutus' nobility, despite a bout of illness

Tribunes

- Flavius- A dissenter against Caesar's popularity
- Marullus- A dissenter against Caesar's popularity

Roman Senate Senators

- Cicero- A calm and level headed orator, who is killed for arguing forbearance
- Publius- A stunned witness to the assassination who keeps the peace thereafter
- Popilius Lena- A misinterpreted well wisher

Citizens

- Calpurnia – Married to Caesar, given to vivid and prophetic nightmares
- Portia – Married to Brutus, seeks equity and trust within their partnership
- Lucius – Brutus' attendant
- Soothsayer – A fortuneteller who warns Caesar about his immediate future
- Artemidorus – A sophist from Knidos
- Cinna – A poet, confused for the conspirator by the same name
- Cobbler
- Carpenter
- Poet

Loyal to Brutus and Cassius

- Volumnius- Refuses to assist in Brutus' suicide
- Titinius- A loyal and idealistic soldier
- Young Cato- Family to Brutus and Portia, dies a valiant and heroic death
- Messala – A messenger
- Varrus- A servant, who does not see the ghost of Caesar
- Claudius- A servant, who does not see the ghost of Caesar
- Clitus- A soldier, refuses to kill a superior officer
- Dardanius- A soldier, refuses to kill a superior officer
- Strato- Assists in Brutus' suicide
- Lucilius- A loyal officer, captured and repatriated by Antony
- Pindarus – Cassius' bondman

Ensemble- Various. Seeking citizens and senators, as well as strong movers and stage combatants for battle scenes.

THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR

By William Shakespeare

A NOTE ON MERRY WIVES: This production will be set in suburban Connecticut during the 1950s.

- John Falstaff- A pompous and scurrilous cad, ever on the hunt for a quick buck.
- Mrs. Ford- A wealthy and cautious woman who enjoys laying traps for all the foolish men in her life.
- Mr. Ford- Married to Alice, jealous to the point of masquerade
- Mrs. Page- An advantaged woman of high social status who lays a trap for the lecherous Falstaff.
- Anne Page- A plucky bachelorette, pursued by three young suitors. Loves Fenton.
- Mr. Page- A mostly sensible man, yet relentlessly tries to marry his daughter to a fool.
- William Page- The young son of the Page family.
- Fenton- A romantic and fiscally irresponsible young man, in love with Anne Page.
- Mrs. Quickly- A puckish servant, apt to take advantage of a workplace relationship.
- Robert Shallow- A grumpy country lawyer and uncle to Slender.
- Abraham Slender- A young suitor to Anne who much prefers sport to courting women.
- Peter Simple- Slender's assistant.
- Doctor Caius- A French doctor. The only thing worse than his temper is his English.
- Hugh Evans- A Welshman who seeks to aid Slender and Shallow in wooing Anne.
- Host- A clever arbitrator who sets a duel between two injured parties.
- John Rugby- An assistant to Doctor Caius.
- Bardolph, Pistol and Nym- Falstaff's drinking buddies
- Robin- Falstaff's assistant.

THE LAST BEST SMALL TOWN

By John Guerra

- **PLAYWRIGHT** - (30s or maybe 40s. Perhaps it's difficult to tell). The gender of this person does not matter. But it would be best if they were a person of color. Extra points if they are Latinx.
- **CHUY** - (Late 60s). His full name is Jesús Gonzalez Muñatones, but everyone has always calls him Chuy. He is Elliot's paternal grandfather and a plumber at a local plumbing company.
- **BENNY** - (Late 40s at the start of the play). Benito Gonzalez is a son, a father, a husband, and a provider. Married to Della, he is a Southern California native who has lived his entire life in Fillmore, California. He spends his days working as a mechanic at a car dealership in Valencia. He does not own a car.

- **HANK** - (*Early 50s at the start of the play*). Hank William Miller is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, the editor of the local paper (known as the *Fillmore Gazette*), and Willow's husband. He likes a green lawn.
- **DELLA** - (*Late 40s at the start of the play*). Dolores Gonzalez is an unwavering supporter of her family. She works as a cleaning lady for the Fillmore Best Western during the week and runs her own home-maid service on the weekends to help pay the bills.
- **WILLOW** - (*Late 40s at the start of the play*). A force to be reckoned with, Willow Miller is a college graduate who met Hank at a Vietnam protest. Now she is a housewife who manages almost every aspect of Miller house with aplomb.
- **ELLIOT** - (*18 at the start of the play*). Elliot Gonzalez is the Fillmore High School valedictorian of 2005. People call him Eli (pronounced *EI-EE*).
- **MAYA** - (*17 at the start of the play*). Maya Miller is the Fillmore High School debate team captain elect, an all around great student, and a complete badass.