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SYRACUSE STAGE TO HOLD YOUTH AUDITIONS FOR TWO MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS

Local Youth Actors Invited to Open Auditions for Roles in *Our Town* and *Tender Rain*



SYRACUSE, NY – The Syracuse Stage artistic team announced today that it is seeking local youth actors for performance opportunities in the upcoming productions of Thornton Wilder’s American classic *Our Town* and the world premiere of *Tender Rain* by Syracuse Stage Resident Playwright Kyle Bass.

Auditioners should note that the production schedule for *Our Town* includes three morning student matinees in addition to evening performances. The productions open on March 29 for *Our Town* and May 3 for *Tender Rain* and close on April 16 and May 21 respectively. Cast members must be available for rehearsals at Syracuse Stage. Rehearsals for *Our Town* begin March 7 and rehearsals for *Tender Rain* begin April 4. Rehearsals are not held on Mondays. Young actors will not be required to be at all rehearsals. Rehearsals for youth actors will generally be held weekdays after 4 p.m. and daytime on weekends.

The Opportunity:

Our Town
By Thornton Wilder

Directed by Robert Hupp

Seeking casting for:

WALLY WEBB: Any ethnicity, young boy aged 11 to 13, a Boy Scout. Sincere and friendly.

REBECCA GIBBS: Any ethnicity, young girl aged 11 to 13. Has a strong sense of energy and wonder about the world. Inquisitive and curious.

Tender Rain

By Kyle Bass

Directed by Rodney Hudson

Seeking casting for:

DEIRDRE: Black female. 12 years old. Scared but brave. Longs to return home. Also plays ARALIA: Black female. 11. The Doctor's daughter. Shy. Smart. Neat as a pin.

Auditions will be held in-person on Jan. 25 and 28. All audition submission instructions will be updated on the Syracuse Stage website at <https://www.syracusestage.org/job-opportunities>.

Notes:

- Actors are required to bring a picture and resume.
- Actors will be emailed a few pages of the script in advance to prepare for auditions.
- Actors of all ethnicities are strongly encouraged to audition.
- *Our Town* performance schedule available [here](#).
- *Tender Rain* performance schedule available [here](#).
- Please note that proof of vaccination is required to work at Syracuse Stage.
- To sign up for an audition slot, please use this link: shorturl.at/gpQV0

Any questions about the auditioning process should be directed to Cynthia Reid, cjmoor02@syr.edu.

Tickets for both *Our Town* and *Tender Rain* are on sale now at www.syracusestage.org or by calling the Box Office at 315.443.3275.

ABOUT SYRACUSE STAGE

Founded in 1974, Syracuse Stage is the non-profit, professional theatre company in residence at Syracuse University. It is nationally recognized for creating stimulating theatrical work that engages Central New York and significantly contributes to the artistic life of Syracuse University, where it is a vital partner in achieving the educational mission of the University's Department of Drama. Syracuse Stage's mission is to tell stories that engage, entertain and inspire people to see life beyond their own experience. Each season 70,000 patrons enjoy an adventurous mix of new plays, and bold interpretations of classics and musicals, featuring the finest theatre artists. In addition, Stage maintains a vital educational outreach program that annually serves more than 15,000 students from 14 counties. Syracuse Stage is a constituent of the Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national organization for the American theatre, and a member of the Arts and Cultural Leadership Alliance (ACLA), the University Hill Corporation and the East Genesee Regent Association. Syracuse Stage is a member of The League of Resident Theatres (LORT), the largest professional theatre association in the country.

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