Term 4 2026 audition brief
October 2026

Melbourne based performer to play male identifying roles for In-School Theatre tour

Project brief

A position has come available for someone who is passionate about theatre for young people to join our existing team of performers.

We are casting for a short Melbourne based season of our Christmas Show Rudolph's Recruits, currently equivalent to 5.5 days' work inc. rehearsals and shows, between 3rd & 15th Dec. (See our website for further info about our work.)

Key dates are in the **Production dates** section below.

Apply by Friday 6th November

https://forms.gle/WCqRAE5EahWRAGKSA

What we're looking for

We are looking for a Melbourne based performer to play male identifying roles, including Santa! Full details of the skills and experience we're looking for are in the **Performer requirements** section of this brief.

We welcome applications from anywhere in Australia; however, you must be based in Melbourne for the duration of rehearsals and the tour.

By the start of the tour (7th December), you must:

- be over 21 and
- hold a full driver's license (no L or P plates) otherwise we can't insure you on the vehicle and therefore can't cast you.
- hold a current employment Working With Children Check, or equivalent. Without this you can't work in schools and therefore we can't cast you.

A note on casting:

The creative team is committed to diversity and inclusion. We strongly encourage submissions from actors from First Nations, culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, neurodiverse actors, with disability and/or who identify as LGBTQIA+.

If you have any questions about the production or audition process, or have access requirements you'd like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact us at admin@meerkatproductions.com.au

Audition / Rehearsal / Production dates

Auditions:

Deadline for initial application: Friday 6th November

Auditions will be held in person on **Monday 9th November**

Please send an application with your Headshot & Resume by completing this form: https://forms.gle/WCqRAE5EahWRAGKSA

Suitable candidates will then be invited to an audition. We will send you a link to a short monologue and two short tracks for you to prepare. You may also be invited to a one-hour group audition on the same day where we will explore characters and your creativity.

From those auditions we will create a shortlist. Those shortlisted will be invited to an online interview.

Production dates:

(Note: dates may vary slightly dependent upon bookings.)

- Rehearsals: **Thursday 3rd, Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December**
- Performances will commence on **Wednesday 9th December**
- The season is currently due to conclude **Tuesday 15th December** but may be extended through to Friday 18th December if we get additional bookings

Job payment

Paid - We are offering a fixed fee of $1,400 per week before tax, plus Super; reflecting the intermittent and non-exclusive nature of the work. If additional performances are booked, the fee will increase accordingly.

We provide a company vehicle for travel to performances.

The work

Rehearsals are full time during the day, 9am to 6pm.

The performance schedule consists of one full day and three mornings across 5 working days

You will learn one show, which is a play with songs lasting 40-45 minutes plus a structured and scripted Question & Answer session with the students. (We will teach you how to lead the Q&A.) More details about the show is in the **Project Details** section of this brief.

Please note, if you are successful there is the opportunity for work on future tours. We have many actors who stay with us for multiple tours.

Project details:

You will learn our Christmas show:

- **Rudolph's Recruits:** https://meerkatproductions.com.au/shows/christmas-show-rudolphs-recruits/
  Oh no! Santa's reindeer are sick with the flu and they can't deliver presents to Australia! It's up to Rudolph to find some new sleigh pullers so he heads to Australia to find some native animals to help him with this task, but will the nasty dingo derail his plan? **Includes a visit from Santa!**

The show is a play with songs lasting 40-45 minutes plus a structured and scripted Q&A with the students. Scripts and songs will be supplied as soon as contracts are signed.

Performer requirements:

You must be 21 or over at the start of the tour.

The role requires a performer with the ability to play with voice and physicality to portray numerous characters in the same show and who has a good instinct for comedy. All characters are varied so capability for clearly drawn differences in physicality and voice or accent is critical.

We require a confident singer; the role would suit either a trained musical theatre performer or an actor who can sing. Also, ability to follow basic choreography / movement.

We use puppetry in our shows so experience in puppetry or dance would be an advantage; but don't worry, we have an amazing puppetry teacher!

It is also advantageous if you have a genuine interest in working with children, e.g. performing, teaching, etc. and experience of working in school environments.

You will be required to drive a large car (e.g. (Kia Carnival) and bump in and out of schools, therefore you need to be physically capable.

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