

12 Young Actors needed for The Trials Community Co-Production

Thank you for your interest in being part of THE TRIALS by Dawn King, an exciting upcoming Main Stage community production at Nottingham Playhouse and Mansfield Palace Theatre, in partnership with Donmar Warehouse. We are looking for 12 young people to play the main roles in this production. The play will be co-directed by Omar Khan and Hannah Stone; they will be working with an exciting creative team including Maria Terry, who will be designing the set and costumes for the production.

In a future when air has become unbreathable, three adult Defendants fight to clear their names. Called to account as the generation responsible for the crisis that's unfolding, they are being judged by a Jury of twelve teenagers – those paying the price for the actions of their elders. With their own futures hanging in the balance, are they seeking justice – or revenge? This thrilling story of responsibility and climate crisis gives a voice to the young people who have no choice but to live with its consequences.

We are looking for 12 young actors from Nottingham, Mansfield and Nottinghamshire who reflect the rich diversity of our area to join the Young Community Cast and play the role of the Jury. Each young actor will have their own individual character and dialogue and will perform alongside three professional adult actors in the play.

To apply, you must be aged between 12 and 22 years old as of 9 March 2024, and be available for rehearsals and performances as follows. There will be a period of part-time rehearsals (1 per week), followed by 2 weeks of full-time rehearsals, then a week of technical rehearsals and performances (full dates below).

You don't need any prior acting experience – just energy, enthusiasm and commitment.

We are holding Casting Workshop on **Saturday 9 March 2024 (Mansfield Palace Theatre)** and **Saturday 23 March 2024 (Nottingham Playhouse)** to select the 12 young actors.

Please read the following information carefully. To apply, you will need to complete the application form online (link below).

Please note that there are limited places available for the Casting Workshops and they will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. If Casting Workshop slots become full before the closing date, we will start a waiting list.

The closing date to apply is **Monday 26 February 2024 at 5pm.**

To avoid disappointment, please check that you fulfil the requirements below before applying.

Requirements

- You must be aged between 12 and 22 years old as of 9 March 2024.
- As a member of the Young Community Cast, no fee is payable for taking part but travel expenses of £8 per day can be claimed for each day you attend rehearsals and performances.

Casting Workshop Details

There will be 2 days of Casting Workshops – one at **Mansfield Palace Theatre (Saturday 9 March 2024)**, and one at **Nottingham Playhouse (Saturday 23 March 2024)**. Each Casting Workshop will last for **3 hours** and will be done in groups. The workshops will be led by Co-Directors Omar Khan and Hannah Stone and will involve games and looking at extracts from a script. If you are not available to attend either of the Casting Workshop dates, we are sorry to say you can't audition for the Young Community Cast.

Please wear comfortable clothes like jogging bottoms and trainers and bring a soft drink.

When completing the sign-up form, you will be asked to indicate whether you would prefer to attend a workshop in Mansfield or Nottingham. We will do our best to accommodate your preference but cannot guarantee you will be allocated your requested location. We will allocate slots for the Casting Workshops on a first-come, first-served basis, and you will be notified of the audition time after the closing date, by email. A waiting list will be created if all workshops become full before the closing date.

You will receive notification of whether you have been given a place in the Young Community Cast by email in the week after the audition day.

Rehearsal & Performance Dates

PART-TIME REHEARSALS

- Thursday 18 April 2024, 6-9pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Thursday 25 April 2024, 6-9pm (Mansfield Palace Theatre)
- Saturday 27 April 2024, 9am-4pm (Nottingham Playhouse) – Costume Fittings
- Thursday 2 May 2024, 6-9pm (Mansfield Palace Theatre)
- Thursday 9 May 2024, 6-9pm (Mansfield Palace Theatre)
- Thursday 16 May 2024, 6-9pm (Mansfield Palace Theatre)
- Thursday 24 May 2024, 6-9pm (Mansfield Palace Theatre)
- Wednesday 5 June 2024, 6-9pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Wednesday 12 June 2024, 6-9pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Wednesday 19 June 2024, 6-9pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Wednesday 26 June 2024, 6-9pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Wednesday 3 July 2024, 6-9pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Wednesday 10 July 2024, 6-9pm (Main Hall, St Barnabas Church, Nottingham)
- Wednesday 17 July 2024, 6-9pm (Main Hall, St Barnabas Church, Nottingham)
- Wednesday 24 July 2024, 6-9pm (Nottingham Playhouse)

FULL-TIME REHEARSALS (provisionally 10am-5pm daily, but this is subject to change)

- Monday 29 July – Saturday 3 August 2024 (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Monday 5 August – Saturday 10 August 2024 (Nottingham Playhouse)

TECHNICAL REHEARSALS

- Monday 12 – Wednesday 14 August 2024 (Nottingham Playhouse) – daytime & evenings
TBC

PERFORMANCES

- Wednesday 14 August 2024, 7.30pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Thursday 15 August 2024, 7.30pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Friday 16 August 2024, 2pm & 7.30pm (Nottingham Playhouse)
- Saturday 17 August 2024, 7.30pm (Mansfield Palace Theatre)

Young people taking part in THE TRIALS must be available for all rehearsals and performances. We will not be able to accommodate holiday absences.

As all rehearsals and performances will take place in the evenings, weekends or during school holidays, it will not be necessary for the young people to have any time off school or to apply for a performance licence.

Chaperoning

We have a team of professional chaperones who will look after any young people under the age of 16 from the start of full-time rehearsals in July. Chaperones will not be required or provided during part-time rehearsals.

Please note, if the young performer has access requirements, and would need additional support to be part of the Young Community Cast, please let us know as part of the application. Should the application be successful, we would work with the young person and their parents/guardians to support the young person's participation.

How to apply

Please fill in the online application form online by clicking [HERE](#) by **5pm on Monday 26 February 2024**.

Please also attach a head and shoulders photo of the applicant to the application form. This does not need to be a professional photo; it could be a clear photo taken with a smart phone.

If you have any questions

Please contact Amanda Bruce, Associate Producer at Nottingham Playhouse by emailing community@nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk.