

-Auditions-
The Elephant Man
by Bernard Pomerance

Directed by Craig Joseph
Joshua Erichsen, Producing Artistic Director
Production Stage Manager: Breanna Morton

SYNOPSIS: *The Elephant Man* is based on the real life of John Merrick, a 19th century British man who became a star of the traveling freak show circuit, before being found abandoned and helpless. When a renowned doctor takes Merrick under his care, he is astonished by Merrick's brilliant intelligence and unshakeable faith - despite his deformities. Merrick slowly evolves from an object of pity to an urbane gentleman desperate to be recognized as a man like any other. But is being accepted into society possible - or even desirable? A poetic, luminous, and moving theatrical meditation on what it means to be truly, fully human - and how quickly and easily we devolve into something more grotesque.

WHERE: Players Guild Theatre - Kent State University at Stark Fine Arts Building (6000 Frank Ave NW, Canton, OH 44720) Floor One

PERFORMANCE DATES: January 27 - February 12 (Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30, Sundays at 2)

AUDITIONS: Initial auditions will be held on Monday, November 7th from 6-10 PM. To sign up for a slot, go to www.playersguildtheatre.com/audition. If you cannot make this time, contact director Craig Joseph at craigjose@gmail.com. Please prepare one dramatic monologue of 2-3 minutes OR come a bit early and look at sides from the script. Please bring a headshot and resume if you have them. Callbacks will be on Tuesday, November 8th from 7-10.

WHO I'M CASTING: I'll be casting 6-8 actors (all paid), and everyone should expect to double except for the actors playing Frederick Treves and John Merrick. I'll also say that - while the gender identities of the *characters* can't change - I'm excited to consider *actors* of all races and all gender identities for all roles.

REHEARSALS: Subject to change based on who I cast, but these will ideally begin the week of November 28 and will occur 1-2 times a week through December (excluding the week between Christmas and New Years) - and then continue 5 nights a week, beginning on January 3rd. Obviously, not everyone will be called every night until we get closer to opening.

QUESTIONS: Contact Craig at craigjose@gmail.com

Please bring a current photo or provide a Headshot/Resume, if available. These will become property of the Players Guild and will not be returned.

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