

Theatre Aspen's 9-12th grade Winter Play: To Tell a Story About the Earth Information Sheet

To Tell a Story About The Earth By Miranda Rose Hall Directed by Alicia Millerson

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In this partly scripted, partly devised production, a fledgling theatre company teeters on the brink of collapse after a disastrous first show. When the local librarian requests a new performance for Earth Day, the artists must decide whether to quit - or begin again with a story that truly matters.

To Tell a Story About the Earth is part guided introduction to devising methods, part environmental investigation, and part creative fill-in-the-blank. This new work invites ensembles everywhere to craft and share an original performance inspired by the natural world close to home. In rehearsal, actors collaborate to generate dialogue and stage meaningful theatrical moments while experimenting with advanced ensemble techniques such as Viewpoints and Theatre of the Oppressed.

Cost: \$525 (scholarships & payment plans available)

Grade Range: Actors at any school in grades 9-12 are eligible to audition.

In-Person Auditions and Callbacks:

Auditions: November 18 (Tuesday), 4:00-7:00pm - attend one 10 minute slot Callbacks: November 19 (Wednesday) 4:30-7pm - attend the whole callback time at the Black Box Theatre

Rehearsals:

- Rehearsal: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday | 4:30-7:30
 - 1st rehearsal week: December 1st | December 3rd ends at 6:30 |
 December 5th
 - o 2nd Rehearsal Week: December 8th | December 10th | December 12th
 - o 3rd Rehearsal Week: December 15th | December 17th
 - OFF FOR WINTER BREAK
 - o 4th Rehearsal Week: January 5th | January 7th | January 9th
- Tech Rehearsal:
 - o January 9th 4:30-8:30
 - o January 10th 11:00-6:00
 - January 12th 4:30-8:30
 - o January 13th 4:30-8:30
 - January 14th 4:30-8:30

Please note that reasonable rehearsal conflicts prior to January 9th are acceptable if disclosed in advance, but a large number of conflicts may affect role size and casting. Not every actor will be required for every rehearsal. ALL Rehearsals from January 9th onwards are required.

Rehearsals will be held in the Black Box Theatre at Aspen High School.

Performances:

Jan 15, 16, 17 @ 7:00pm, January 18 @ 2:00pm

Audition Logistics & What to Prepare:

Auditions - November 18th

<u>Logistics:</u> Actors will sign up for a 10 minute time slot between 4:00-7:00pm. You will remain for the duration of your time slot, and be dismissed afterwards. Please plan to arrive 5-10 minutes before your slot begins so we can start each group on time.

Fill out this signup form in it's entirety to complete your audition registration.

REGISTER FOR AUDITIONS / FILL OUT YOUR AUDITION INFO FORM HERE

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<u>To Prepare:</u> Please prepare a monologue, poem, or meaningful piece of text no longer than 90 seconds.

The artistic team may ask you to talk about your selection and share why you chose the piece. We may ask you to perform the piece of text more than once or to chat about your experience as an actor and your goals for this production.

Callbacks - November 18th

<u>Logistics</u>: All actors auditioning for the production are required to be in attendance for the full callback time period (4:30-7:00pm).

To Prepare: Nothing in advance!

Callbacks will include a group warm-up, a brief devising workshop, and a collaborative discussion of the piece's themes.

We may release some actors beginning at 6:30pm, but please hold until 7:00 in your schedule for our callback day. If we are going to adjust the schedule the week of auditions based on the number of auditionees we will let you know!

A note on casting:

The Creative Team is diligent in our efforts to cast students in roles that will both help them experience growth, as well as ensure the success of each production as a whole.

Please send any questions to amillerson@theatreaspen.org. We look forward to seeing you at auditions!

More Information on Devised Theatre / A Note from the Author HERE!