

## **Theatre Bay Area General Auditions Auditors Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Where are the auditions?**

The auditions will be held at the Marine's Memorial Theatre at Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.

### **Is there parking?**

Please see <http://hotel.marineclub.org/location> for directions and parking information. The closest BART Station is Powell Street, about a ten-minute walk.

### **What time is check in?**

You may check in as early as 9:00 a.m., but as the auditions begin promptly at 10:00 a.m., our recommended sign-in time is 9:30 a.m.

### **Will there be snacks?**

There will be light snacks and coffee/drinks available for you in the lobby throughout the day.

### **How many headshots do we get?**

We ask each registered company to only take ONE set of headshots. Headshots will be distributed to you. Please be aware that we may not be able to supply headshots to you for any groups that you miss.

### **How should I dress?**

Be sure to dress comfortably and in layers. The temperature of the theatre may not always be to everyone's liking.

### **What is the schedule?**

- Lunch is scheduled each day from 1-2:30 p.m.
- The first group of auditioners is at 10 a.m. each day. The last group is scheduled to begin at 4:45.
- Actors under 18 will be seen on Sunday Morning.

### **How many auditors can we have at a time?**

You may only have up to two auditors at any given time, unless you have paid the additional auditor fee. You can, however switch auditors out throughout the day. Each auditor should sign in when they arrive for each day and when they leave for the day.

### **Do auditors give feedback at the auditions?**

Again, this year, we will be asking you to complete audition feedback forms for ATLAS participants. Please do plan on being sure that at least one person from your company completes these forms. Instructions and forms will be provided.

### **What is the ATLAS program?**

A number of years ago, casting directors asked Theatre Bay Area to find a way to 1) Help keep talented actors in the Bay Area AND 2) give casting directors a venue through which they could give feedback to actors (as auditions aren't traditionally a place for casting folks to tell actors what they think they should work on in order to meet the CDs' needs). ATLAS is, in part, a reflection of those requests. It is a program to encourage actors to develop their careers by providing 17 hours of training in understanding the Bay Area theatre scene, articulating their own role in this scene and identifying specific, personal goals for success. At the culmination of the training, each participant should emerge with a personalized career map (read: business plan) to meet these goals. The actors who are accepted into ATLAS get automatic slots in the 2019 General Auditions as well as feedback on their auditions that will help inform their map. This is why it is vital for auditors in attendance to complete these feedback forms. More information about ATLAS can be found here ([link](#)).

### **How are the actors selected?**

As in the past, applicants for the General Auditions will be carefully screened by a panel of casting directors, artistic directors and Equity actors using a standardized list of criteria recommended by our Theatre Services Committee. We are continuing outreach to underrepresented communities in order to include more actors of color, physically challenged actors, and actors who are new to town. This reflects our ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of the auditors and sponsoring a professionally-run annual audition showcasing premium Bay Area talent (union and nonunion).

### **What happens after the auditions?**

We provide actors with a list of auditors present during their audition time, including the name(s) of the auditor(s), the theatre name and address, but **not** phone numbers or **e-mails**.

### **How many applications does Theatre Bay Area receive?**

Last year there were almost 500 applications for approximately 340 slots.

### **What if I must cancel?**

#### **REFUND POLICY**

Cancellations with refunds can be requested up to the 5:00pm on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. No refund requests will be accepted after that date.