

THE POLAR EXPRESS™

Train Ride



CASTING CALL

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride is a 70-minute live theatrical production that happens several times per night on a moving train!

Performance Description and Requirements:

THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride features scripted scenes, voiceovers, live singing, and a lot of passenger interaction. Most actors perform in a simple dance number then serve cookies and hot chocolate to the passengers on a moving train. Most roles include maintenance of the train cars such as trash pick-up and organization of performance materials. Theater experience is helpful, but not required.

Seeking Performers for the Following Roles:

ELF: m/f, age range 9-13, energetic, playful, ability to interact w/others, comfortable dancing in front of a crowd.

HERO BOY: Caucasian, m, age range: 9-13, sincere, ability to interact w/ others, no taller than 5'4".

HERO GIRL: African American, f, age range: 9-13, sincere, ability to interact w/ others, no taller than 5'4".

CONDUCTOR: Caucasian, m, 18+, charming, outgoing, personable, big presence, non-singing

CHEF: m/f, 14 & up, interactive performance role, must be personable, outgoing, joy-filled, and a team player!

STEWARD: m/f, 16+, non-singing/dancing role, ability to answer questions and give directions to guests

EMCEE: m/f, age range: 18+, energetic, ability to interact w/ others, witty, ability to improvise and boost the spirit of the waiting crowd

HOBO/STEEMER/SMOKEY: m, 20-35, high-energy, assertive, gruff and imposing, but masks a joyful heart. Light singalong carol singing required.

SANTA CLAUS: m, 40+, warm, sincere, full of real joy, non-singing

Cast Amenities:

All cast members receive payment for their performances. **We offer bonuses for cast members who meet attendance goals!** Cast members receive 4 tickets to our preview night on November 11.

Cast Interviews:

Tuesday/Wednesday, September 13-14, 2022: 4-7pm

Saturday, September 17, 2022: 10am-1pm

Saturday, October 8, 2022: 10am-1pm

Tuesday/Wednesday, October 11-12, 2022: 4-7pm

Interview and Performance Location: North Carolina Transportation Museum, 411 S. Salisbury Avenue, Spencer NC, 28159.

To sign up for an interview date and time go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/PolarExpress2022>. If you cannot make any of these dates, please contact Danielle Hough at Danielle.hough@nctransportationmuseum.org or call 704-510-5674 to schedule an interview time.

Rehearsal Schedule:

November 3-4 and November 7-10 at North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. (Approximately 6-9:30 pm each evening)

Performance Schedule:

November 11-12, 18-20, 25-27

December 2-4, 8-11, 13-23

Depending on the night, performances begin at either 4:00PM or 4:45PM. A full schedule is available at the interview.

