

Natural Theatre Company Auditions 2021



Well, hello there! We're the Natural Theatre Company and we're looking for new members.

About the Natural Theatre Company

We have been creating charming, interactive performances for 51 years from our home city of Bath and have delighted audiences in 48 countries and counting. Our clients range from arts festivals to town councils, to private individuals and corporations. We are also experts in animating heritage sites and bringing the past to life with Historic Interpretation Performances, which blend our trademark wit and charm with in-depth research to create engaging, lively, and historically accurate characters. We perform interactive characters in the street, at festivals and at corporate events & parties.

We have worked with many of the UK's heritage organisations, including The National Trust, Bath Preservation Trust, Longleat and the Roman Baths. Since 2011 we have been working with the Roman Baths in the UNESCO World Heritage City of Bath, providing historically accurate and charismatic Roman characters 363 days of the year. We also provide workshops and theatre classes, to various age groups and abilities.



About the Role

We are looking for trained performers living within 25 miles of Bath. Performers must have an aptitude for up-close interactive performance ... and be funny! This is an exciting opportunity to join a world-leading street theatre company in our 50th birthday year (technically 51st – but who's counting 2020?!), and to develop your skills in historical interpretation and interactive comedy.



We are seeking creative, hard-working individuals who will bring energy, enthusiasm and fabulous performances to our new ideas and our existing scenarios. We need new performers from a variety of backgrounds and ages to perform as Roman characters at The Roman Baths. And then to build skills to perform in our famous street theatre pieces, lead educational workshops, and help develop new work. Successful candidates will initially perform at the Baths on a regular basis, moving on to joining our pool of performers for work in the high season. Working with The Naturals can be a fabulous addition to an actor's portfolio of freelance work.

However, it involves long days, some repetitive work, and no applause at the end of the day. But it does offer the ability to work directly with the audience and to create a stir in unusual places.



We pay Equity approved rates.

Actors must be available during weekends and holiday periods (e.g. Easter and Christmas). It is essential that you live within 25 miles of Bath, and you must have a full clean driving license.

The ideal candidates will have excellent improvisation and comedy performance skills and will be able to confidently communicate with members of the public – entertaining them with wit and charm!

Person Specification

Required:

- Strong improvisation skills
- Strong comic skills
- A playful approach to character work
- Ability to interact with, and perform in close proximity to, the audience
- Ability to learn key facts to create a historically accurate character
- A good understanding of the care, presentation and development of costume
- Basic hair and makeup skills
- Full clean driving licence



- Live within 25 miles of Bath
- Ability to work on weekends and during holiday periods, e.g. Easter and Christmas (excluding Christmas Day and Boxing Day).
- Up to date DBS check (or willing to be checked as required)

Desirable:

- Physical performance skills

- Experience of street & outdoor theatre
- Experience facilitating educational workshops



Personal Qualities:

We expect all performers to:

- Be on time: to be punctual and to work hard for all hours of the engagement, taking breaks as agreed.
- Be prepared: know the back story of your characters when performing costumed interpretation and wear your costume/hair/makeup in the authentic way, as laid out in the character book.
- Be positive: specifically, to be encouraging and constructive to other actors and staff; to find solutions to problems.
- Be professional: to work hard and to make the best of your abilities and respond to your supervisors' requests, and the requests of the client and their staff.
- Be inventive: to communicate your ideas and to celebrate the strength of the work of the Natural Theatre Company.
- Be team players: respectful and mindful of your co-workers - not entering into manipulative or bullying behaviour, and not being abusive about or towards other people in the company.
- Be clean: good personal hygiene is essential.
- Be energetic: you may be required to undertake long days.
- Be good ambassadors for The Natural Theatre Company.
- Not be under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating substances during working hours.
- Be funny and lovely!! – Your personality should embody our 'trademark blend of comedy and charm'.

To apply please send your CV, headshot, and cover letter (telling us why you'd like to work with us!) by midday on **Friday 24th September 2021** to auditions@naturaltheatre.co.uk.

Selected applicants will be asked to attend an audition at Natural Theatre HQ in Bath on **Friday 1st October** OR **Wednesday 6th October** (please tell us which date you would prefer to attend in your application). Please note that we are unable to provide feedback for candidates who are not invited to audition.

