

Casting for Our Town

The Costa Mesa Playhouse is holding auditions for Thornton Wilder's "Our Town"

Director: Chris Mertan

Open auditions:

Saturday, April 1st from 12pm – 4pm

Invited callbacks will occur during the audition.

Virtual auditions:

Interested actors can submit auditions starting immediately by sending your resume, headshot and video of a 1 minute monologue or reel to: auditions@costamesaplayhouse.com
Submissions must be received by Friday, March 31st.

Location: Costa Mesa Playhouse, 661 Hamilton St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627 Phone: 949-650-5269

Performances run May 12-June 4, 2023, Fridays-Sundays with one Thursday performance
May 25

Read-thru: Wednesday, April 5

Rehearsals: Beginning mid-April; mostly weekday evenings, some Saturdays.

Actors will not be called to every rehearsal.

A landmark in American drama, Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Our Town" tells the story of life in the mythical small town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, in order to tell us the story of life in every town, the world over. First produced in 1938, it has become an American classic and is Wilder's most renowned and most frequently performed play. An exploration of the universal human experience, "Our Town" asks timeless questions about the meaning of love, life and death. Described by playwright Edward Albee as "the greatest American play ever written."

Auditions:

Sides provided at auditions.

All ages, races, colors, and gender identities invited to audition.

The roles of the Stage Manager and Howie/Willard have already been cast.

Casting the following roles:

Emily Webb (18-25) - The heart of Grover's Corners. Idealistic, sensitive, the best of the town.

George Webb (18-25) - Your All-American son. Popular, ambitious, a bit mischievous, but fundamentally kind.

Dr. Gibbs (35+) - The patriarch of the Gibbs clan. Romantic, traditional, nostalgic.

Mrs. Gibbs (35+) - George's mother and the real head of the Gibbs household. Earnest, adventurous, shares her husband's romanticism.

Mrs. Webb (35+) - Emily's mother. Seemingly tough and no-nonsense, she masks an inherent innocent and caring nature.

Mr. Webb (35+) - Patriarch of the Webb family. Plainspoken and occasionally blunt, but maintains a folksy warmth.

Mrs. Soames (35+) - Grover's Corners citizen and local gossip. Flighty, friendly, tied to petty matters of the here-and-now.

Simon Stimson (30+) - Grover's Corners' saddest resident; its choirmaster and drunk. Perhaps it's because he's haunted or depressed, or maybe he sees things too clearly?

Warren/Sam (25+) - Femme-presenting to play multiple townspeople, namely its upright constable and a prodigal adult returned home.

Rebecca/Joe/Wally/Si (10-13) - Young girl or non-binary youth to play the various children of Grover's Corners. Able to be rebellious, innocent, precocious.