

USF 2026 SEASON AEA AUDITION GUIDELINES

This will be a LORT B or D contract, depending on casting.

Audition Dates:

September 8, 2025	AEA EPA – Los Angeles, CA	Sign up via Equity portal
September 11, 2025	AEA EPA – Cedar City, UT	Sign up using this link
September 15, 2025	Virtual submission window opens*	Submit using this link

Los Angeles EPA auditions will be held at the Actors' Equity Association Audition Center in North Hollywood (9:00a – 5:00p PT)

Cedar City EPA auditions will be held in the Frehner Rehearsal Hall at the USF offices at 116 Shakespeare Lane, Cedar City, UT (9:00a – 5:00p MDT).

***The window for virtual submissions will open at 9:00am MDT on 9/15/25 and will close once we have received 600 total submissions (see below for details).**

If you attend either of our in-person AEA EPA auditions, you do not need to also submit virtually.

Individuals will be contacted directly via email regarding callbacks, which will be held via video submission.

The Utah Shakespeare Festival is committed to diverse casting. We encourage all performers to participate regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender-identity, sexual orientation, or disability. For productions where race or ethnicity is central to the show's plot or themes, casting will reflect those requirements.

Contract dates are either:

May 4 - September 5, 2026 OR

May 4 - October 3, 2026 OR

June 8 - October 3, 2026

Contract dates are dependent on casting.

WE CAST FOR REPERTORY, AND THEREFORE ALL PERFORMERS WILL BE IN MORE THAN ONE SHOW.

PLEASE PREPARE/SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS AS REQUESTED.

Follow [this link](#) to see a breakdown of the roles available for the 2026 season.

AUDITION GUIDELINES

FOR IN-PERSON EPA AUDITIONS: Please bring a copy of your current headshot and resumé to the audition.

Non-singers: Please prepare either a 1 ½ -minute-long Shakespeare monologue (no sonnets please), **OR** a 1 ½ -minute-long contemporary monologue of your choice.

Singers: Please prepare a 1 ½-minute long contemporary monologue, and 16 bars of a Broadway-style song that demonstrates your range and vocal prowess.

PER AEA REQUIREMENTS, FOR THE LOS ANGELES EPA AUDITIONS, YOU WILL HAVE ONLY 3 MINUTES IN TOTAL IN THE ROOM (TO TALK TO THE ACCOMPANIST, SAY HELLO, AND DO YOUR PIECES). PLEASE PREPARE ACCORDINGLY.

FOR VIRTUAL SUBMISSIONS:

In order to give video submissions fair and timely consideration, we are limiting the number of total video submissions we will accept to 600. This includes AEA and non-AEA performers. Prepare to submit early in the window to ensure your video will be accepted.

Virtual submissions are being accepted via Airtable. Use [this link](#) to complete the application form and to upload your video link (YouTube or Vimeo are preferred), your headshot, and your resumé.

- A. Make sure that your union or non-union status is clearly on your resumé.
- B. Dancers can upload a separate dance reel if they have one.

Non-singers: Please prepare a Shakespeare monologue (no sonnets please), and either a second contrasting Shakespeare monologue (no sonnets, please) **OR** a contrasting contemporary monologue of your choice. The total submission, including the slate, should be no longer than 4 minutes.

Singers: Please prepare a contemporary monologue and 16 bars of a Broadway-style song that demonstrates your range and vocal prowess. The total submission, including the slate, should be no longer than 4 minutes. If you would like to submit an additional, contrasting monologue (Shakespeare or contemporary), you may do so, and your submission may then be a total of 5 minutes.

SELF-TAPE GUIDELINES:

1. Please SLATE at the beginning of your tape. State your full name, and representation if you have it.
2. The top of your frame should be the top of your head. The bottom of your frame can be anywhere from your shoulders to your waist.
3. We are not looking for perfection in the production of these videos. We know self-tapes can be challenging to create, and we are much more interested in the quality of your performance than in perfect lighting, clothing, or background. We don't mind if we can hear background noise, as long as we can hear you clearly.
4. Please watch your video before uploading it to make sure that the video and sound are working properly. You should also make sure that the link is working.
5. Our Airtable form will permit you to upload two (2) separate links, however we prefer to have all your submissions in one link.

**We will not be accepting submissions via email.
Sign up for an in-person EPA or use the link provided above to
submit virtually.**

Questions? Contact us at casting@bard.org