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Clarence Brown Theatre Announces Canine Casting Call for “Of Mice and Men”

Do you have a pooch that is a natural performer? The Clarence Brown Theatre is currently casting for “Candy’s dog” to appear in the upcoming production of “Of Mice and Men” which runs September 30 - October 18, 2015.

In the world “Of Mice and Men,” Candy’s dog represents the fate awaiting anyone who has outlived his or her purpose. Once a fine sheepdog, useful on the ranch, Candy’s mutt is now debilitated by age.

“We are looking for an old, lovable, scruffy-looking dog who can follow basic commands and is not intimidated by people, especially in a group setting,” said Calvin MacLean, CBT Artistic Director.

In addition to a photo and bio in the playbill, the winning canine’s human(s) will be provided with a modest stipend to help defray travel expenses along with a parking pass. Its owner should be available to attend a handful of rehearsals followed by more lengthy technical rehearsals and also will need to be on hand during the run of the production, ideally arriving after the performance has started and until the dog’s part in the play is over, about 1 to 1 ½ hours each performance.

Interested owners should submit their pooch’s picture, disposition and training accomplishments to Shelly Payne at spayne15@utk.edu by August 31, 2015. A selection will be made the first week of September.

With a dual mission to train the next generation of theatre artists and to provide top quality professional theatre, the Clarence Brown Theatre at the University of Tennessee Knoxville is one of only 13 academic LORT (League of Resident Theatre) institutions in the nation. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Calvin MacLean and Managing Director David B. Byrd, the CBT season runs from August through May and features eight productions ranging from musicals to drama.

The CBT provides a cultural resource for both the university and the larger East Tennessee community that affirms diversity and inclusivity in all their forms.

The 2015-2016 season includes: *The 39 Steps*; *Of Mice and Men*; *Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play*; *A Christmas Carol*; *Santaland Diaries*; *Titus Andronicus*; *A Lesson Before Dying*; *The Open Hand* and *South Pacific*. For more information or tickets, call the CBT Box Office at 865-974-5161 or visit us online at <http://clarencbrowntheatre.com/>. Stay connected to the Clarence Brown Theatre on Facebook (Clarence Brown Theatre), follow us on Twitter (@ClarenceBrown) and view Clarence Brown videos on YouTube (Clarence Bro).

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