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## Audition FAQ

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Below is a short list of frequently asked questions regarding the Ohio Shakespeare general audition submission process. This is by no mean comprehensive. Feel free to contact [tess@ohioshakespeare.com](mailto:tess@ohioshakespeare.com) with more specific questions.

- Will I hear back either way?
  - We are a small, family run business as well as a non-profit theatre. You will of course be contacted if we would like to offer you a role. We do not have the resources to guarantee that everyone will get a “no thank you” email. We *deeply* appreciate your time and talent in the audition room. You are always welcome to check in regarding your casting status. Directors of shows will be in contact via email if they need more information, to schedule a callback, or to offer you a role.
- What is an Ohio Shakespeare “company member” and why are the auditions different for them?
  - Ohio Shakespeare Festival operates with an informal resident company. This means that while we do not keep actors on retainer, we enjoy working with a large, core company of actors frequently. Ohio Shakes loosely identifies a company member as anyone with whom we’ve work before. Because we are already familiar with a company member’s work, we offer them a chance to skip the general auditions as a courtesy to their time. Company members are still welcome to attend open auditions if they choose. A company member must still submit interest to be considered for a show. Submitting interest does not guarantee casting or a callback.
- I’m wondering if my audition materials were received?
  - If you submitted through our google form *and seen the confirmation screen* you have successfully submitted your audition request and there is no need to check in. While you are welcome to check in about the current status of casting, we request that you do not email to see if your audition was received. The confirmation at the end of the google form serves this function. Please also know that we view audition videos primarily from google drive, which does not

communicate properly with YouTube and Vimeo analytics. Do not assume we've missed your video if your analytics are low.

- I am not a company member. Will I have a chance?
  - Yes. We hire new actors all the time in all types of roles. Please submit.

Some helpful info from us you may not think to ask:

- Be honest when indicating what roles you will accept. It's very helpful for us to know if you will accept only leads, a particular role, or all roles. This is not a trick—we actually want to know.
- We are truly interested in and excited to work with actors of all physical abilities. Ohio Shakes is known for its stage combat and very active performances, and we love to include folks of all physical abilities in these performances.
- You will get a chance to review a full cast and crew list before you sign your contract.
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