

# ALBERTA THEATRE PROJECTS

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### Alberta Theatre Projects launches city-wide search for Toto the Dog

**Calgary, AB, July 30, 2025** — Does your dog have star quality? Alberta Theatre Projects (ATP) is casting a local dog to play Toto in its upcoming holiday production of L. Frank Baum's *The Wizard of Oz*, in association with Forte Musical Theatre Guild. The chosen pup will appear live on stage alongside Dorothy and friends at the Martha Cohen Theatre from November 25, 2025 to January 4, 2026.

ATP is looking for one to two small dogs (maximum 15 lbs) who are calm in busy environments, responsive to basic commands, able to stay focused around music and movement, and comfortable being held by a performer. Dogs must be available part-time from October 31, 2025 through January 4, 2026 for rehearsals and performances.

Auditions will be held August 13 at Werklund Centre (formally known as Arts Commons.) This is a paid opportunity, with a professional contract provided for both the dog and their owner. The owner will also serve as the dog's handler and must remain on site during all rehearsals and performances.

Interested dog owners should submit a photo and short description of their pup to [auditions@atplive.com](mailto:auditions@atplive.com) by **10:00 PM on August 4** to be considered. Full audition information is available at [albertatheatreprojects.com/auditions](https://albertatheatreprojects.com/auditions).

"This exciting casting call invites Calgary's dog-loving community to help find the furry star of one of the most iconic musicals of all time," said Haysam Kadri, Artistic Director of Alberta Theatre Projects.

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### ABOUT ALBERTA THEATRE PROJECTS

Alberta Theatre Projects has been a cornerstone of Calgary's arts community for over five decades, showcasing the best in live theatre and fostering a vibrant cultural hub for audiences of all ages. With a commitment to artistic excellence and community engagement, ATP continues to inspire, entertain, and enrich the lives of theatregoers across the region.

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