

# ALBERTA THEATRE PROJECTS

## AUDITION NOTICE – STAGE DOGS

### Toto

### *The Wizard of Oz*

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

In association with Forte Musical Theatre Guild

Director/Choreographer: Tracey Power

**ATP is holding auditions in Calgary on 13 Aug 2025 for small local dogs to participate in our upcoming production of *The Wizard of Oz*.**

We have an opportunity open for one or two dogs **maximum 15 lbs.** to join the cast of *The Wizard of Oz* in the role of Toto. Owners will be asked to be onsite with the dog to act as handler when the dog is not onstage. This is a paid opportunity; Dog and Owner will be contracted under a Letter of Agreement.

We are looking for dogs who are able to do the following:

- Stay calm/subdued in a room with people
- Be responsive to basic commands (sit/stay)
- Able to stay focused in a distracting environment, including singing, dancing, stage business, and audiences
- Are comfortable being held by a performer for periods of time
- Are available for the entire rehearsal and performance period on a part-time basis
- While it is preferable that the dog be hypo-allergenic, this is not a requirement

Those selected for an audition will be asked to demonstrate the personality and behaviour of the dog through a series of commands and confirm that they are available for the duration of the process.

**The time commitment extends on a part-time basis from 31 Oct 2025 – 04 Jan 2026.**

Rehearsals begin 31 Oct 2025 through until 28 Nov 2025. Dogs and their owners may be required during the day and on weekends. The production runs 25 Nov 2025 – 04 Jan 2026 with both evening and matinee performances.

#### **CONTRACT DATES:**

1<sup>st</sup> Day of Rehearsal: 31 Oct 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Preview: 25 Nov 2025

Opening: 28 Nov 2025

Closing: 04 Jan 2026

*\*Rehearsals are Tuesday through Sunday. Monday is the day off.*

## **AUDITION INFORMATION**

- AUDITIONS:** 13 Aug 2025  
Arts Commons
- CASTING PERSONNEL:** Tracey Power, Director/Choreographer  
Haysam Kadri, Artistic Director
- SUBMISSION PROCESS:** Interested dog owners should please email a photo and a short description of the dog to [auditions@atplive.com](mailto:auditions@atplive.com) no later than **10pm on 04 Aug 2025.**

For any questions or concerns, please contact Megan Jovie at [auditions@atplive.com](mailto:auditions@atplive.com).