

**City of Alpharetta Holiday Events
Tree Lighting December 1st.
Magical Winter Village December 8th**

**Strolling Holiday Characters
Madrigal Singers**

Auditions: Adults 18 & Over Only October 6th, 10 AM – 1 PM

To sign up for an Audition Time, use this URL: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0845A4A82FA4FE3-alpharetta>

What is ACT1?

ACT1 is an all-volunteer, non-Equity, no fee community theater with a focus on wholesome entertainment. Now in our 23rd year, we're proud to bring you top-quality theatrical productions. You'll find us in performance in several major mainstage productions each year. Among our many full-length shows have been *A Christmas Story*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Annie*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Seussical the Musical*, and many others. Our most recent summer musical was *Guys and Dolls*. ACT1 is the proud recipient of several Metropolitan Atlanta Theater Awards. We are an outreach of Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, and provide entertainment to the community without religious bias.

In addition to using many experienced theater folks, one of the objectives of our work is to provide a venue for those who have never been involved with theater before. We enjoy seeing new folks discover a love of theater – whether that's performing on the stage; building sets; making costumes; or working as a stage hand, lighting technician or sound technician. As new cast and crew members "learn the ropes" and become seasoned pros, they may decide to try their hand at stage managing or directing. All of our cast, crew, and management are volunteers. But, no matter what role you choose, this will be the most fun that you have had in a long time! The actors and crew always form bonds that make this more than a hobby – it's family.

ACT1 Theater is a proud partner with the City of Alpharetta. We facilitate City acting classes, perform at Brooke Street Park at City Hall, present Shakespeare in the Park at Wills Park, and other activities supporting the arts in Alpharetta. The City has requested our participation at two holiday events in December.

What will you be looking for?

We are looking for participants in two groups; one will be well-loved and recognized Christmas characters who will stroll downtown for photo opportunities with event attendees. There will be no lines to memorize, only a set of physical and verbal characteristics to channel.

The second opportunity will be to audition for a Christmas Caroling/Madrigal a capella group. We will be looking for 8 – 10 singers representing all vocal ranges. Singers will be dressed in period costumes and may be stationary and/or strolling, depending on the City's desires.

What will auditions be like?

Upon your arrival we'll have you sign in, get an audition number, and fill out an audition form. You should save time by downloading the forms on our website and bringing them in completed. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your appointment time if you need to fill out forms. Don't worry if you've never auditioned before – experience is not required. If you have a headshot, bring it along. If not, we'll take a picture during your sign in.

Once you have your forms completed, you will let the host or hostess know you are ready. You will be brought in for a cold reading in the form of a monologue. It's known as "cold reading", because you're not expected to memorize anything in advance. However, you are encouraged to review the monologues in advance and be mentally prepared. You may be asked to perform more than one reading. In addition, you will be asked to perform a few exercises to help us evaluate your physical ability to portray certain characters.

You will then, if you are choosing to also be considered for a madrigal singer role, go into another room to be evaluated on vocal quality and facial expression. The indicated carols are to be performed a capella with only the melody line. You may be asked to perform more than one carol; review should be easy, they are all commonly known carols.

Among the things we'll be looking for are:

- Energy – can we hear the interest and excitement in your voice?
- Facial Expression – Does it match the words you're reading?
- Character – Can you "be" the person you're reading?
- Improvisation – ability to interact with the public in a relaxed way and be creative?

Casting calls will be made October 8th. If we were not able to use you this time, you will receive an email. If you are not cast, please do come out to audition for other shows!

What am I committing to?

By coming to auditions you're not committing to anything. Come try us out and see what you think. If we offer you a part, and you accept, then you are making a commitment to attend every rehearsal and each performance date. That means you can't miss a rehearsal unless it's absolutely necessary and you've told the City Liaison at least 1 week in advance. No absences are allowed during the last two weeks of rehearsals.

What are the roles available?

1. Strolling Characters – greet attendees, accept photo ops 4 to 6 PM Dec. 1st and 8th.

- The Grinch, Cindy Lou Who
- Frosty the Snowman
- Ralphie from *A Christmas Story*
- Scrooge and Ghost of Christmas Present
- Three Wise Men with gifts
- Buddy the Elf
- Charlie Brown characters
- Elsa, Anna & Olaf from *Frozen*

2. Singers – 6 to 10, strolling and stationary groups, 4 – 5 vocal ranges, Perform 4 to 6 PM Dec. 1st and 8th.

What about rehearsals?

Rehearsals are scheduled presently on 10/15, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19 and 11/26 from 7 – 8:30 PM. Fewer or additional rehearsals may be scheduled dependent on the availability of cast members and whether cast members are singers or characters.

Staff

Character Manager & ACT1 City Liaison: Melody Cookson

Music Manager: Marshall Lee Smith, Jr.

City Event Reps: Emily Dillard and Amanda Musilli

What about....?

For any other questions, please email Melody Cookson, Managing Director, at melody.l.cookson@gmail.com

Monologues: You do not need to have any memorized, but it is recommended you review at least one. You may be required to read other monologues.



Songs: Melody line only, first verse only. You may be asked to perform more than one. Please know your vocal range, or at least vocal type.

- Joy to the World
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- Silent Night
- Jingle Bells

Audition Form:

