



Dear Producer/Casting Director:

Members of Actors' Equity Association would love to work in your production. If your company does not operate under an AEA seasonal agreement, Equity members may participate under a **one-time contract**. Below are some options. Actors' Equity members have performed in thousands of shows under such terms – and hope you will consider this as well.

### ***How can you hire an Equity member?***

It's easy. Just call the Western Regional Office of Actors' Equity and a staff member will be happy to walk you through the steps: Philip Ring, (323) 978-8080, [PRing@ActorsEquity.org](mailto:PRing@ActorsEquity.org).

Information to have on hand: † Show † Venue seating † Rehearsal & performance schedule

### ***How much does it cost?***

Probably a lot less than you think.

**Special Appearance Agreement** (not-for-profit or commercial producer in venue up to 199 seats)

	Min. weekly salary	Weekly pension payment	Max. weekly performances
Level I (up to 99 seats)	\$247 Actor	8%	4
	\$299 Stage Manager		
Level II (100-199 seats)	\$372 Actor	Supp. Workers' Comp: \$4 per week	5
	\$448 Stage Manager		

Health contributions are optional – current Health Rate is \$162.00 per week.

**Guest Artist Agreement** (not-for-profit producer in any size venue)

	Min. weekly salary	Weekly health payment	Weekly pension payment	Max. weekly performances
Tier I	\$334 Actor	\$150	8%	3
	\$401 Stage Manager			
Tier II	\$446 Actor	\$167	8%	5
	\$535 Stage Manager			
Tier III	\$568 Actor	\$170	8%	8
	\$682 Stage Manager			

Other options may be available for limited engagements requiring minimal rehearsal hours – just contact the Equity office about your specific situation.

### **Payroll requirements and paymaster services:**

Because Actors are considered employees (*not* independent contractors), all applicable State and Federal taxes need to be deducted from each paycheck, as well as ensuring coverage under appropriate Workers' Compensation and Unemployment Insurance policies. (Required payroll costs are in addition to the salaries listed above.) If you are not set up to handle employee payroll, this service may be available through a paymaster. An Equity Representative would be glad to offer referrals to paymasters serving your area.

*Please note: rates are current as of the date of this notice and are subject to applicable minimum wage laws; contact Equity for any updates and additional terms.*

**More information can be found on Equity's website, [www.actorsequity.org](http://www.actorsequity.org).**

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