

Casting:

How a Play Finds Its Actors

Plays need actors. With so many out there, it's the job of the Casting Department to find the right actors for each role. Working closely with directors, the department facilitates the casting process: finding actors, running auditions and giving suggestions to the director. While directors make the final decision on casting choices, it's up to the Casting Director to find possibilities.

SCR's Casting Department is Responsible for

- Providing the actors so that directors may assemble casts for their production
- Suggesting or bringing actors in for auditions
- Managing casting files
- Organizing and scheduling auditions
- Preparing "sides" (excerpts from scenes or monologues) for auditions
- Writing role breakdowns for each production
- Assembling casts for all SCR readings and workshops

Jobs at SCR in the Casting Department

- Casting Director
- Casting Assistant

How to Get Into this Field

SCR's Casting Director joined the company when it had a smaller staff. After working in and learning about the many areas of theatre, she decided that casting was the best fit for her. For those interested in pursuing casting, she suggests internships at small theatres or agencies.

Qualities That May Help

- Great love and respect for artists
- Patience
- Ability to assess talent
- Intuition
- Collaborative spirit