



For our upcoming production, LEF Theatre Group is looking for enthusiastic

## **ACTORS (M/F)**

(3 – 8 hours/week)

### **LEF Theatre Group**

LEF, or the *Leiden English Freshers Theatre Group* was founded in 1997 by faculty members and students of the English Department of Leiden University, in an effort to combine their love for the English language with the passion they had for the theatre. Since then, the company, run solely by dedicated volunteers, has performed a multitude of plays and even musicals in theatres throughout Leiden and Leiderdorp, ranging from the time-honoured Shakespearean dramas to the bombastic and more modern *Moulin Rouge*. Recently, the LEF Theatre Group has embraced a more modern, stylish and bigger approach to performing, in favour of the traditional "black-box" chamber piece-style plays. However, no matter what the production, one of the main goals of LEF has been for anyone, no matter how experienced, to have fun and to celebrate their shared love of theatre. Productions generally take place in December and May and both inexperienced first-year students ("*Freshers*") and more experienced members may apply. Besides acting and doing workshops, we also aim to be a student society in our own right, frequently organising events and taking our members out on drinks to bond.

### **Workload**

You're an actor, so mostly you'll be reading lines, brainstorming about your activities and rehearsing with your fellow actors, director, and stage manager.

- Workload depends on which part you get in our coming production. However, most likely you'll be coming to one or two of our rehearsals a week, and, under the expert guidance of our director & stage manager, we will help you in putting on the best part on stage as possible.
- Estimated general workload (not including possible travel time) will be anywhere between 3 – 8 hours a week (there are usually 2 rehearsals sessions of 3 – 4 hours a week), sometimes more, sometimes less, with more work being expected around important events, rehearsal weekend and performance days.
- Please understand that since we're a student organisation, you might be expected to sometimes offer your services on weekends.

### **Applicant profile**

Earlier experience in the field of acting is nice but not required; it is certainly a big plus for yourself if you have done anything like this before. However, it is *much more important* that

you embody one or more of the characters that our director has in mind. Auditions are an excellent time to convince us of this.

At LEF, we're all about being a platform for *all* theatre enthusiasts. Please be aware that while most members of the Board and the director's team speak both Dutch and English, not all actors and backstage members will. *Fluency* in English is not required, but being able to at least express yourself in English well enough, and not feeling weird while speaking English with your fellow Dutchmen (if a non-Dutchie is around), *is*.

To be considered for inclusion in our acting group, it is vital that you are available on certain key dates. These include the rehearsal weekend and performance dates, among other things. Please refer to one of our Board members during auditions for more info.

### **What LEF offers you while you are with us:**

- A chance to put your acting skills to work in one of the most fun international student societies in Leiden.
- The official LEF T-Shirt.
- A two-night production training weekend at a remote location somewhere in the Netherlands.
- Various workshops related to acting to hone your skills.
- Free food cooked by our lovely kitchen team during the production weekends and performance days.
- Drink/Pub Nights!
- The chance to meet a lot of new people all excited to create something new and fun!

Letters of application can be sent to [joinlef@gmail.com](mailto:joinlef@gmail.com). Please put in the title that you'd like to join LEF, the name of the position you're trying out for, along with your name. We'll also make sure to send you the dates for the next auditions (you'll receive your audition scripts before that time).