

THEATRE BY THE LAKE
CHRISTMAS 2022

THE BORROWERS

By Mary Norton, adapted for the stage by Theresa Heskins

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THE PROJECT

Below the floorboards of a large old house, we are plunged into the quirky, wonky, miniature world of young Arietty and her family of Borrowers. Making use of anything and everything they find 'upstairs', from cotton buds to postage stamps, the Borrowers are the original up-cyclers. But Arietty refuses to be boxed in by her family's caution about the big world beyond the floorboards. When she decides to go exploring, she comes across the dreaded Human Beans and nothing will ever be the same again.

Fizzing with acrobatic feats, magical storytelling and toe tapping tunes, follow us into the Borrowers' hidden world as the Main House at TBTL gets turned into a giant adventure playground for these small yet indomitable folk.

THE ROLES

Theatre by the Lake is looking for three teams of 6 young performers (18 people in total) to make up youth cast. The young performers will work alongside professional actors under the guidance of the Director Zoe Waterman, and Theatre by the Lake's professional creative team. The roles are primarily movement and song based, but will include lots of interaction with the central characters. We are interested in hearing from young people **aged 11 -14 years old**.

REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES

- Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 October: rehearsals/workshop sessions (October half-term): rehearsals / workshop sessions
- Monday 31 October – Saturday 20 November: rehearsal period with the professional acting company (exact dates and times TBC but likely to be 1 or 2 evenings after school and Saturday sessions)
- Monday 21 – Thursday 24 November: (technical rehearsals prior to opening)

Performances will run from **Friday 25 November 2022 – Saturday 14 January 2023** (please see the attached schedule for further details). Please note that the schedule includes performances on Sundays and several performances over the festive period.

A group of 18 young people will be selected from the auditions. This group will be split into three teams (6 people per group) for the performances. This means that they will be needed for approximately two or three performances in each week during school term (which would mean missing either a morning or afternoon of school). Please note that we finish the run on Saturday 15 January, so it affects the 10 days of the school term in the New Year. We anticipate that approximately 9 sessions (either morning, afternoon, or occasionally both) of absence from school will be required, although please be aware this is TBC and so could be subject to change.

AUDITIONS

We will be holding group auditions on Saturday 16 July. To apply please complete the application and availability form and we will contact you with an audition time.

Following the auditions we will contact all applicants to confirm whether or not they have been successful. Please note that this may take some time as we may also have to consult with schools in the interim.

Please return your completed application and availability forms to Claire Dunk either by email: claire.dunk@theatrebythelake.com or post: c/o Claire Dunk, Theatre by the Lake, Lakeside, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5DJ.

THE BORROWERS is a major project for Theatre by the Lake, with young performers working alongside professional actors. Before applying to audition, all applicants and their parents/ guardians are asked to consider the large amount of commitment required from both the child and parent/ guardian for the duration of this project.

As the commitment requires significant time off school, we recommend a conversation with schools/teacher to confirm their co-operation prior to audition. As this time off is vital for rehearsals and performances, offers to be part of the Borrowers Youth Cast are reliant on proof of school support (either by letter or email) and, regrettably, we're unable to make offers to any young people without this.

If you require any additional information please contact Claire on 017687 72282 or email claire.dunk@theatrebythelake.com

THE BORROWERS YOUTH CAST

AUDITION FORM

NAME					
ADDRESS					
		Postcode			
CONTACT TEL.	Contact name Day phone number		Contact name Evening phone number		
EMERGENCY CONTACT	Contact name Day phone number		Contact name Evening phone number		
GENDER (please tick) Identify as Male Identify as Female Identify in another way			AGE SCHOOL YEAR		
SCHOOL ADDRESS					
CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR					

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Cumbria, CA12 5DJ. If you require any additional information about this project please contact Claire on 017687 81108.

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Please answer the following:

Why did you want to get involved in this production?

Have you taken part in any previous Theatre by the Lake productions? If so, please detail

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