

A warm welcome from us all.

Thank you for your interest in our casting service. This information pack is intended to tell you more about our new casting service for theatre and film.

This casting agency is an offshoot of the quickly developing South Devon Players Theatre & Film Company, which is an energetic theatre and film team based in Torbay, South Devon, with a history of specialising in historical drama, over the past ten years. Founded as a team of local performers during the winter of 2005-6, who, finding that there were few opportunities for performance outside of amateur dramatics, in the area, decided to make our own. Ten years later, we have a dedicated, core team of performers across the Southwest, who are now experienced in stage and film, and have appeared not only in in-house productions ranging from small charity shows through to large scale productions such as Mordred, Les Miserables, and William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, but also have been cast in external castings for companies such as Disney, the BBC, ITV, Thames Television and others.

As part of our expansion, we have opened our own casting agency to represent southwest talent for external productions.

All performers represented by us, are vetted, experienced performers –we do not represent any performer whose reliability or skills we cannot personally vouch for.

This information pack is intended to give you an overview of what we do, and we hope, how we can support your production in the future.



Whatever your requirements, we offer access to friendly, reliable, skilled local performers, with a variety of skills, to compliment your production, at competitive rates, while not compromising on the quality of performance. If you feel that we can help you in any way, please contact us to discuss your requirements, and if we have any performers whom you would like to audition for your production.

We have the facility to arrange for you to come and audition any of our actors in person, in Brixham, Devon; or to record high-definition video auditions, as required.

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What we can offer your production

We have a small, dedicated base of male and female performers on our books, who, while primarily actors, have a wide range of supplementary skills. These include:

- Modelling (catwalk and photographic)
- neo-burlesque, and boylesque
- singing
- combat/ stunt work
- horse riding
- pro-wrestling
- swimming
- stand-up comedy
- various accents
- variety of dance forms
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All of our actors have performed on stage and screen, with us, to a very high standard (clips available), are excellent time-keepers, and friendly to work with. They are more than delighted to audition for your production.



Les Misérables: The Memoirs of Jean Valjean, image by Mike Alsford

In cases of period/ historical productions, we may be able to supply performers with costumes, which are high-quality, from our own wardrobe collection (please discuss requirements to check if we have suitable costuming for the actor in your project).

We do not represent all of the actors in our team, but only those who have chosen to be represented through our in-house “agency.” Others may also be looking for work in other projects, so we also circulate “general” casting calls to our team members.



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Booking actors from us, and the costs

Our actors are happy to consider flexible pay scales, therefore we do not have a set fee structure, so that we can work around production budgets.

We do not charge a production any kind of fee, outside of the payment offered to the actors. The actor may be paid directly, or you may provide the payment to our team to be passed to the actor. The total fee that you pay, goes to the actor; the actor may, if happy, choose to donate to our running costs, as we also do not take percentages from our actors.

When contacting us with a casting call, whether a general enquiry, or a specific request for an actor, the payment, and approximate date that the actor can expect to be paid, should be submitted.

A note on unpaid work.

As many of our actors who are developing their portfolios, have requested, we also represent them for student/ no-budget projects where the only payment is expenses (travel/ food/ accommodation).

However, such projects must provide good quality portfolio material (photographs, video clips), and will only be accepted from obvious students or independent productions where budget is tight –if we feel that a production company has the facility to pay actors, but is electing to not do so, out of choice, rather than being limited by force of circumstance, then we may refuse the casting, or require more information.

Actors who agree to a role which is “expenses only” are expected to behave with the same reliability and professionalism as on a paid production.

We cannot consider unpaid castings where relevant travel, food and accommodation costs are not covered, and/or where high quality photographs and/or video are not provided for their portfolio use.

In order to send us a casting breakdown, please include the following information:

Name of production and approximate production dates/ location

Salary or expenses details.

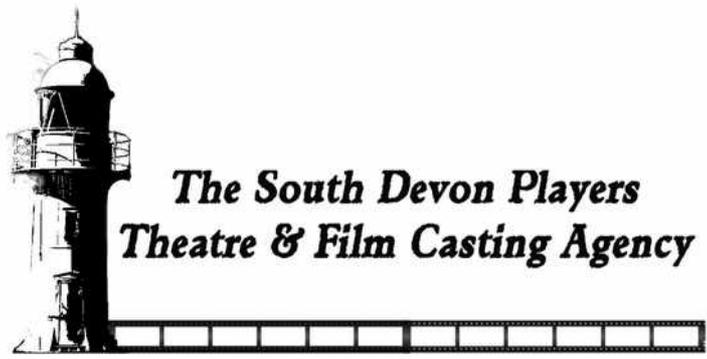
Name and website of production company

(if a student production please give the name of the educational institution, and your tutor, for verification.)

The name of the actor you are enquiring about (or mark it as a general call)

Audition/ casting information required

Within 24 hours we will confirm receipt of the casting call, and forward it to relevant agency members who will respond with interest & availability, within a further 24 hours, to be forwarded to you. We understand that your sending audition details to us, is not a guarantee that the actor will be cast in the role.



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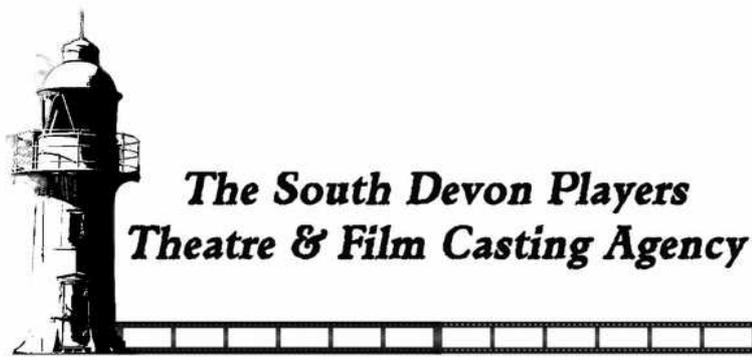
Photogallery of some of our actors



*Images by
Oxyte* Photo,
Denis Smart (Tamar Valley Studios)
Laura Jay Photography & Video*

On-set images of some of our actors in the indie feature film "Mordred"





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How our actors are trained and vetted

Our actors come from a variety of performance backgrounds, and we love variety. However, in these days of “fast fame”, we recognise the need to be certain that the actors who are sent out, have the abilities in, and outside, performance, to deliver what is required.

Our actors learn “on the job”, in productions, with the additional support of Sunday morning workshops and training. These workshops to date have included characterisation and acting techniques, historical combat, working with greenscreens, dance, and body language.

We only represent actors who have proven themselves in one or more of our productions, so that we can be certain of their skills, and reliability.

All of these actors are seeking serious speaking roles (large or small), and we do not represent for uncredited “extra” work.

As a result, we not only gauge performance skills in our productions, but also the following additional qualities, which we consider critical to a serious production.



- Good timekeeping and reliable attendance
- Taking direction and making every effort to achieve the directors vision.
- Pleasant, sincere, interaction with others
- The desire and ability to learn new skills for performance
- Adhering to production no-disclosure contracts
- A clear understanding of how film and theatre productions run, and what to expect/ how to behave on set and in performances.

If you would like more information, then please get in touch with us. We recognise that we are new in the casting agency world, but give us a look, you may find exactly the fresh faces that you are looking for!

Laura

