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Bridge Street Theatre

44 West Bridge Street

Catskill, NY 12414

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SHELLEY’S SHADOW (world premiere commission)

AEA Special Appearance Contract

AEA $300/wk, Non-Equity $280/wk

Seeking: AEA or non-union actor for SHELLEY’S SHADOW

Playwright: Brad Fraser

Director: John Sowle

Reh: August 23, 2022

Opens: September 8, 2022

Closes: September 18, 2022

Performances Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm, Sundays at 2:00pm

A World Premiere, commissioned by Bridge Street Theatre from one of Canada’s most renowned playwrights. Out of work, out of money, and out of ideas, David, a writer in his 60s, gives up his condo and moves into a ramshackle apartment building in downtown Toronto. There, his life becomes inexorably entangled in that of his upstairs neighbor Shelley – a gregarious lesbian in her 80s with encroaching Alzheimer’s-related dementia – and her long-time canine companion Shadow. The curious story of a reluctant care-taker who becomes the backbone of what gradually turns into a kind of family.

Casting:

SHADOW: A scruffy rescue mutt. Long-time canine companion to an elderly (but still feisty) lesbian with encroaching Alzheimer’s-related dementia. He’s elderly, too, but still fairly active. And he talks – though only when he feels it’s absolutely necessary to communicate, since it costs him time off the end of his life to make the effort. Something of a rascally sage. Shadow is male, though the actor playing him need not be male-identified. We’re taking a stylized approach to the part. This won’t be a person in a realistic dog suit. The actor will need to exhibit both doglike and human emotions and physicality and should bring lots of their own personality into the characterization.

This promises to be a very physically demanding role, and the actor cast should be extremely agile, physically expressive, and possess genuine stamina. Former gymnast, dancer, mime? On the shorter side, fit, and probably around mid-thirties, but with a slightly raggedy, been-through-it-all look, would be ideal.

If interested, please send a headshot and resume to [casting@bridgest.org](mailto:casting@bridgest.org) with SHELLEY’S SHADOW in the subject line.

Deadline for Submission: Sunday July 10, 2022