

# Outdoor Performer/Puppeteer Call (Kent-Based) - Smoking Apples Outdoor Season 2022

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## The Roles:

Smoking Apples Theatre (Flux, In Our Hands, CELL) are seeking two Kent-based Puppeteer/Performers, to perform with us across our outdoor season of work in 2022. This spans two outdoors shows; *Arbor the Tree* and our newest outdoor family show, *Buzz*. The outdoor season will run from June - October 2022 and spans festivals and outdoors events up and down the country. We are working with Applause Touring, so a number of our dates are Kent based.

Both shows are outdoor family pieces, with *Arbor the Tree* telling the story of a giant tree pushed from his home and *Buzz* seeing Billy being shrunk down to bee-size to explore the plight of the bees. Both are bold and bright and require a combination of highly physical performance and puppetry.

Read more about the shows and watch the trailers here:

*Arbor the Tree*: <https://smokingapplestheatre.com/show/arbor/>

*Buzz*: <https://smokingapplestheatre.com/show/buzz/>

## Role 1: Performer/Puppeteer for Arbor, in *Arbor the Tree*

### Key Traits:

- Puppetry Experience
- Physical Performer, confident in engaging audiences
- Comfortable working with a large scale puppet and taking weight (*Arbor* is 4 x meters tall and involves being strapped into a large harness - See here for image: <https://smokingapplestheatre.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Arbs-1.jpg>)
- Identify as male or non-binary
- Comfortable working collaboratively and in an ensemble environment
- Confident driving a van
- Happy to engage with get ins/out, as part of the team
- Must be based in Kent

- Fully vaccinated from Covid-19, unless medically exempt. (Due to the changes and restrictions caused by the pandemic, it is in the company's best interest that the cast are all fully vaccinated. This will enable the least likelihood of cancellation.)

**Role 2: Performer/Puppeteer for Billy/Billie, in *Buzz***

**Key Traits:**

- Puppetry Experience
- Physical Performer, confident in engaging audiences
- Identifies as any gender
- Comfortable working collaboratively and in an ensemble environment
- Confident driving a van
- Happy to engage with get ins/out, as part of the team
- Must be based in Kent
- Fully vaccinated from Covid-19, unless medically exempt. (Due to the changes and restrictions caused by the pandemic, it is in the company's best interest that the cast are all fully vaccinated. This will enable the least likelihood of cancellation.)

We actively encourage applicants from underrepresented individuals and promote and implement a diversity, inclusivity and equal opportunities policy. Please see the link below to view it:

<https://smokingapplestheatre.com/about-us/>

**Dates:**

**Rehearsals:**

16th & 17th June 2022

**Shows:**

For both shows, we operate a rolling cast, which means there are a number of people who know a number of roles within the shows. This is to give us ultimate flexibility and to allow for people to work on other projects at the same time, as the dates are not in a fixed block.

We have a number of dates pencilled between June and October 2022 and for a baseline of this contract, we can offer a guarantee of 5 dates, although it is highly likely there will be more, depending on the successful applicants' availability.

Please note that most dates are on weekends and/or in the school holidays.

**FEE: £110 per day for rehearsals // £120 - £150 per day for show days (based on 2 x shows per day) // NB - if driving the van, there is an additional driver's fee of £30.**

**Travel and accommodation outside of Kent will be provided.**

**Covid Safety:**

The safety of our cast and creatives is a priority and with all rehearsals, we will ensure that we adhere to a strict Covid-safe practice, adhering to the government guidelines as a minimum.

**To Apply:**

Please either email a CV and covering letter, max. 500 words or a 3 min video, to Molly Freeman at [mail@smokingapplestheatre.com](mailto:mail@smokingapplestheatre.com) Please also make sure that you specify which role you are applying for. We can consider you for both roles but again, please make this clear on application.

If you'd like to send a video file, please use WeTransfer: <https://wetransfer.com>  
WeTransfer is a free file sharing site that you can upload to, directly from your phone or computer.

DEADLINE for applications: **Monday 28th March 2022, 5pm**

We regret that we cannot invite everyone to audition but all applicants will be informed either way, no later than **Friday 1st April 2022.**

If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact [mail@smokingapplestheatre.com](mailto:mail@smokingapplestheatre.com)

**Auditions:**

Auditions will take place in person. The venue will be in Kent but the exact location will be confirmed nearer the time.

Auditions will take place on **Thursday 28th April 2022.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

**About Smoking Apples:**

Smoking Apples are an award winning puppetry and visual theatre company that work with complex subject matter. Our work includes indoor touring shows, outdoor and large scale work and outreach/educational projects, previous indoor work has included CELL, a story about one man's final adventure when he finds out he has Motor Neurone Disease, In Our Hands, a show about a trawler fisherman fighting to save his career and most recently, Flux, which toured the UK in Spring 2019 and undertook a digital tour in 2021. In 2022, we are previewing and premiering our brand new show for teenagers, *Kinder*, which follows one small Czech girl's mighty story as she escapes persecution on a Kindertransport train . Our outdoor work and education/outreach strands have also seen us travel the UK and abroad, working with some fantastic partners. These include Applause Rural Touring (Arbor the Tree) and the Little Angel Theatre, where we run Spectrum Youth Theatre.