

Thank you for auditioning for The Arlington Players' *The Secret Garden*

Performance Dates: **May 9th, 2026 - May 24th, 2026**

5/09 at 7:30 PM,

5/10 at 3:00 PM,

5/15, and 5/16, at 7:30 PM

5/17 at 3:00 PM

5/22, and 5/23, at 7:30 PM

5/24 at 3:00 PM + STRIKE

(A total of **8 performances** over 3 weekends)

Performance Venue: Thomas Jefferson (TJ) Theater, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22204

Audition Dates: **February 24 - February 26, 2026** from 7:00PM -10:00PM

Audition Venue: Theatre on the Run (TOTR): 3700 S Four Mile Run Dr, Arlington, VA 22206

Rehearsal Venues: TOTR

Sundays Only: C4 Performing Arts Dance Studio: 10378 Willard Way, Fairfax, VA 22030

COMPLETING YOUR AUDITION PAPERWORK:

- Please read through this information before filling out your audition form and keep this information sheet for reference.
- All roles are unpaid, and we are only seeking performers who are 10 or older.
- Fill out the audition form completely, make sure to answer the question about the part(s) of interest to you.
- Include your **resume and/or headshot** with this form if you have them available.
- Review the list of characters to see if you are interested in a specific role; the descriptions offer insight as to what the director is seeking, and the vocal range for each character.
- Review the rehearsal schedule and list **all potential conflicts** that you have during the anticipated rehearsal period on the **blank calendar on the back of the audition** form by placing an "X" on the date of the conflict.
- If you have no conflicts **at all** during the rehearsal period, please check the box next to the statement "I have no conflicts."
- **Please be frank about your conflicts** – they are crucial in finalizing a realistic rehearsal schedule that respects both your time and ours. All conflicts will be noted on a master schedule, and additional conflicts cannot be added after the first rehearsal (outside of emergencies).
- Turn in your completed paperwork to the audition staff when you arrive at your audition. Forms will be available onsite, but **please arrive 10 minutes early** if you need to complete your form in person.
- Rehearsals will begin on **Tuesday, March 3rd**. If cast, you will be notified of the time & schedule for the first rehearsal no later than Monday, March 2nd. The read-through will occur at the first rehearsal, along with headshots & collecting each cast members' costume measurements.
- **Rehearsals will take place Tuesdays through Fridays from 7:00 to 10:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**

COVID PROTOCOLS:

We're in a new age of theater in this time of COVID. We're delighted to be back at TJ with our audiences and we're aware that everyone's comfort level may vary. At this time, we are proceeding without any specific COVID protocols beyond CDC guidance. Cast and crew may choose to mask at their discretion, and we ask that those with potential exposures make **every effort** to limit spread to others involved in the production, up to and including excusing themselves from rehearsal. Due to the shifting nature of the pandemic, our protocols and guidelines may change before opening night.

We will have hand sanitizer available at auditions, callbacks, and all rehearsals & performances.

If you have any questions or concerns about these protocols, please contact The Arlington Players at: execprod@thearlingtonplayers.org (preferred), or call us at (703) 549-1063 and leave us a message!



NOW YOU'RE READY TO AUDITION!

THE AUDITION PROCESS:

- Auditions will take place February 24th - 26th, from 7:00PM to 10:00PM each evening.
- **Audition piece: Please prepare a 32-bar (approx. 1 minute) cut of a song that you feel best showcases your voice and your ability to act through song.** Please also bring **sheet music** to your audition, as an accompanist will be provided. Given that the style of *The Secret Garden*'s score ranges from classical/light opera to folk to contemporary MT, we recommend selecting a cut that you feel most comfortable singing in any of these styles. We would prefer that you not sing any music from *The Secret Garden*, specifically.
- Please sign up here for a 30-minute audition block. We will be seeing 8 people individually each half hour. Given our tight schedule, please plan to arrive early for your scheduled audition time (5-10 mins), and please do not expect to be released before the end of your audition time.
- **If you cannot attend callbacks**, please note this on your audition form, as our Music Director may ask for adjustments to your audition piece, and the Director may choose to have you read a few sides. **We will not be able to accommodate video callback submissions for principal roles.**

CALLBACKS:

- Callbacks will be held on **Saturday, February 28th, 2026** from approximately 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM. All those invited to callbacks will be notified of all relevant details on or before **Friday, February 27th, 2026**. As our time for callbacks is limited, **please make every effort to be on time, if not early!**
- If you are unable to attend in-person auditions, please email The Secret Garden Production Team at thesecretgarden@thearlingtonplayers.org to request instructions to submit a video audition. **You must be able to attend callbacks in person if you submit a video audition!**
- Please note that you will be expected to dance, sing a vocal cut, and/or read sides from *The Secret Garden* at callbacks. Callback materials will be emailed in advance. The creative team will be mixing and matching actors throughout the day, so please be patient with us, and please remain flexible throughout your callback!
- Please make sure we can reach you about callbacks at the e-mail address & phone number(s) you provide on your audition form, and please confirm your acceptance of the callback invitation upon receipt.
- If you are NOT called back, this does not mean that you are not being considered for the cast! Certain callbacks may only occur where a choice must be made, necessitating those actors to be seen again. Casting may occur based solely on your initial audition!

AFTER CALLBACKS ARE COMPLETED:

All who come out for auditions will be notified as to whether they have been cast no later than **Monday, March 2nd, 2026**. As a reminder, **please be certain that we can contact you at the phone number(s) and/or email address you provide on the audition form;** it is important to cast the show in a timely manner for both you and us! Please note that all those cast must become members of The Arlington Players **within two weeks of the first rehearsal, by March 17th, 2026.**

THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO SUPPLY/PURCHASE IF CAST:

- **Footwear:** Those cast may need to provide their own shoes and will be guided by the costume designer as to type/style.
- **Makeup:** For hygienic reasons, all cast members will need to supply their own basic makeup as guided by the makeup designer. TAP will supply any necessary specialty makeup.
- **TAP Membership:** All cast members are required to become a member of the organization. Information about joining TAP will be provided by the TAP Board at the first read-through.
- If you have any financial concerns about supplying these items, please reach out!

FIRST REHEARSAL:

The first rehearsal for *The Secret Garden* is scheduled for the night of Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026. At this rehearsal, we will conduct the first readthrough, introduce the production team, distribute relevant materials, complete costume measurements & headshots for the program (additional details will be provided if you are cast), along with several administrative items that will need to be addressed at that time.

(Questions? Contact TAP at execprod@thearlingtonplayers.org (preferred), or (703) 549-1063, and leave us a message!)

**That's it! Take a deep breath, trust yourself, and most of all—have fun.
We're so excited to see you shine!**



AUDITION # _____

[PHOTO]

The Arlington Players Audition Form – *The Secret Garden (Spring 2026)*

Name: _____

Parents' Names (if minor): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Parent Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Favorite Snack: _____

Song you will be performing for your audition: _____

Role(s) that you are interested in: _____

(Please list ALL ROLES you are interested in, regardless of whether you think you fit the age range/type.)

Please let us know the types of roles you are willing to accept. Check all that apply!

☐ Principal Role ☐ Dreamer (Ensemble) ☐ I will accept ANY role!

EXPERIENCE: Please list any acting/theater experience you have, or attach your theater resume (little to none is fine!).

OTHER QUESTIONS:

Do you have any special skills? (Think musical instruments, silly human tricks, etc.) _____

Do you have any dance experience? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, what kind? _____

How many years? _____

Are you willing to alter your hair? (Check those that apply.) ☐ CUT ☐ DYE ☐ GROW OUT

Are you comfortable with physical intimacy onstage (rehearsed under supervision of our Intimacy Choreographer)? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Where did you hear about auditions? _____

If not cast, would you be interested in supporting this show, or on any future TAP production? (check all that apply)

☐ Set Construction ☐ Costumes ☐ Lighting ☐ Sound ☐ Hair/Makeup ☐ Set Dressing ☐ Props ☐ Stage Crew
☐ Set Painting ☐ Box Office ☐ Usher ☐ Set/Scenic Design ☐ Musician/Orchestra ☐ Choreography ☐ Music Directing
☐ Directing ☐ Producing ☐ Stage Management ☐ Graphics/Marketing/PR ☐ Development (grants, community outreach, etc.)

Are you available for callbacks on Saturday, Feb. 28th? ☐ YES ☐ NO List any partial conflicts _____

*In consideration of the rights granted The Arlington Players (TAP) allowing the undersigned to participate in any TAP activity, the undersigned releases and discharges TAP and its officers and agents from any and all liability of any nature rising from damage and/or injury which may be sustained by the undersigned in consequence of or in any relating participation in any and all rehearsals or productions and all other TAP activities at any time during the undersigned affiliation with TAP. I agree to wear the costumes, makeup, and hair designed for me. **I will participate in Strike the evening of May 24th, 2026.***

Signed (parent signature if minor): _____ **Date:** _____

The Secret Garden Rehearsal Conflicts

CONFLICTS: On the calendar below, place an “X” on those days that you will be unable to attend rehearsals, or check the box below if you don’t have/anticipate any conflicts. Please include all potential conflicts you may have dating from callbacks through strike.

Rehearsals will take place Tuesdays through Fridays from 7:00 to 10:00 PM, and on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Times have been added to the first week of rehearsal as a reference - these times are accurate for what to expect throughout the process. Rehearsals will not be scheduled on greyed-out dates.

☐ I have no conflicts.

February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						21
22	23	24 Auditions 7:00 - 10:00	25 Auditions 7:00 - 10:00	26 Auditions 7:00 - 10:00	27	28 Callbacks 10:30a-4:30p

March 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 First Readthrough/ Rehearsal 7:00 - 10:00	4 Rehearsal 7:00 - 10:00	5 Rehearsal 7:00 - 10:00	6 Rehearsal 7:00 - 10:00	7 Rehearsal 10:00a - 4:00p
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Poster Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 TECH AT TJ 10 AM - 6 PM
26 TECH AT TJ 1 - 6 PM	27 TECH AT TJ 5:30 - 10:30 PM	28 TECH AT TJ 5:30 - 10:30 PM	29 TECH AT TJ 5:30 - 10:30 PM	30 TECH AT TJ 5:30 - 10:30 PM		

May 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 NO ACCESS TO TJ	2 NO ACCESS TO TJ
3 NO ACCESS TO TJ	4 NO ACCESS TO TJ	5 NO ACCESS TO TJ	6 Brush Up #1 (TORT) 7:00-10:00PM	7 Brush Up #2 (TORT) 7:00-10:00PM	8 FINAL DRESS 5:30 - 10:30 PM	9 OPENING NIGHT 5:30 - 10:30 PM
10 Perf. 2 1:00 - 6:30PM	11	12	13	14 Understudy Rehearsal 7:00-10:00PM	15 Perf. 3 5:30 - 10:30PM	16 Perf. 4 5:30 - 10:30PM
17 Perf. 5 1:00 - 6:30PM	18	19	20	21 Understudy Rehearsal (TORT) 7:00-10:00PM	22 Perf. 6 5:30 - 10:30PM	23 Perf. 7 5:30 - 10:30PM
24 Perf. 8/ Strike 1:00 - 10:30PM	25	26	27	28	29	30
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