

Unmute Yourself Audition Information

Don't delay! Accepting Submissions now!

Auditions open to all current West Chester University students.



Unmute Yourself will explore the challenges, struggles, strategies, and peculiarities of trying to communicate and connect in an isolated, polarized world. The production's content, format, design, and delivery will be devised entirely by the student ensemble; all creating and collaborating remotely. At times funny, dark, absurd, and honest, this piece will attempt to give voice to what it feels like to be human in the Fall of 2020. "Can you hear me? I can't hear you."

Directed by Charlie DelMarcelle

Rehearsals will begin September 1st and will be remote.

The production will open the week of October 18th, remotely.

Interested students should create a short video that utilizes each of the prompts listed below. These submissions can be as serious or silly, narrative or abstract as each student chooses. Have fun with the prompts and please don't stress about any technical elements. Submissions should be under 2min in length and **MUST INCLUDE EACH OF...**

The Prompts:

- the text "I can't hear you. Can you hear me?"
- a bit of music
- a sudden interruption
- 15sec of a repetitive movement
- 10sec of silence
- an object used in an unusual way

The submission length and inclusion of ALL items on the prompt list are the only "rules." If you have a question that falls outside of those rules, the answer is either "yes" or "check the rules again!"

This video will represent the 1st audition for "Unmute Yourself." Students selected for callbacks will participate in a Zoom devising workshop. Final casting will be determined after callbacks but there is the potential to get A LOT of students involved in the process!

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Submission Deadline is Wednesday August 26th at 10pm. Please try to get it in earlier.

Callbacks (remotely) will be Friday August 28th and Saturday August 29th. Details to follow

VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR UNMUTE YOURSELF

Label the Video File: "Unmute Audition, Last Name, First Name" and send the link (copy and paste the link) to CDelMarcelle@wcupa.edu. Do not send the file, please. If you have any questions or concern with the audition process, please reach out to either Charlie or Martin (mdallago@wcupa.edu).

1. Record your audition using the information above
2. Only send your best take. Send one submission
3. Upload the finished video to your YouTube* or Drop Box** account. (See below for help)
4. Please ONLY send the LINK to the file. Do not 'share folder' or "send a folder". We only want the FILE, not a folder. **Email the link to the director Charlie DelMarcelle CDelMarcelle@wcupa.edu with the subject line: Unmute Audition, Your Last Name, Your First Name.**

*HOW TO UPLOAD A VIDEO VIA YOUTUBE

1. <https://www.wikihow.com/Upload-a-Video-to-YouTube>
(Please set it to "unlisted"; see step 10)

*HOW TO SHARE A VIDEO VIA YOUTUBE

1. Start watching a video on youtube.com. Under the video, click Share. A panel will appear, presenting different sharing options:
2. Choose Email: Choose the email icon to send an email using the default email software on your computer.
OR Copy the link: Click the Copy button to copy a link to the video that you can paste somewhere else, like in an email message.

**HOW TO SEND SELF-TAPES VIA DROPBOX

1. Go to www.dropbox.com or download the Dropbox App.
2. Sign up for a free account.
3. Edit your self-tape to how it needs to be, everything should be in ONE file, not separate. Acceptable file formats are .mov, .mp4, .avi, .mpg, .wmv. (no .mts or any others)
4. Save your file as "Unmute Audition, Last Name, First Name" Do not send files such as this "IMG_9830.mov" or "DSC_2398.mp4" "yourname_projectname_role.mp3". Once your file is in your Dropbox, you can rename the file if you need to do it that way.
5. Email the link to your taping. DO NOT 'share folder' or send files in a zip folder. Just send the link to the video file itself. ONCE AGAIN....Do not SHARE FOLDER, only JUST COPY AND PASTE THE LINK TO FILE. IMPORTANT: FILES CANNOT BE MORE THAN 500MB

Audition information for
the Fall Dance Concert and She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms
will be forthcoming.
