The Deafhood Monologues

PRODUCTION NEEDS & PREFERENCES

ENSEMBLE

- 10-12 Deaf signing actors recommended
- A mixture of experienced and not-so-experienced signers/actors
- Actors should at least be 18 years old
- At least two actors should be late 40's or older, and at least one young-looking female actor for the "Perspectives" scene
- An African-American male for the "Aunt Pat: Truest Ally" scene
- Similar number of male & female actors. At least several Deaf POCs (people of color) recommended
- Other members of the ensemble should, at least, be:
    1. director,
    2. ASL coach(es),
    3. stage manager,
    4. crew member(s),
    5. slideshow technician,
    6. video camera person (to tape one of the live productions for archives & future promotional purposes),
    7. photographer (take pictures of actors (posed for promotional purposes, at work during rehearsals, and final group picture for archival and future promotional purposes)

THEATRE/STAGE/LIGHTS

- Sloped and visually friendly – 300-400 seats ideal (if over 400 seats, live video feed to be considered)
- FM system capacity for voice-over or equivalent – at least 150 units ideal (if FM system not available) At least 3 wireless hand-held microphones for voice actors/interpreters to be set up in front row near stage, along with lighted music stands for scripts
- WiFi service available for light booth-backstage ASL communications (for example, video phone or FaceTime)
- Black or dark background on stage
- LCD projector system built in:
    - Projector: one for slides with titles of scenes, and for the "Facts" scenes
    - Large Screen (at least 10' x 10'): to hang behind and/or above actors; rear projection would be ideal

- Controlled, visually friendly lighting – Light person is usually provided through the theatre. Ideal if a person knows ASL. If not, director (or cue person) to sit with light person during production to follow signed cues (as opposed to voice cues)
- Good & convenient access to public transportation and parking
- Flexibility in ticket sales system