

TCAE 2011
Audition Information
Territorial Creative Arts Ensemble

You've seen them at Congress, and Commissionings... and now it's your chance to be part of this wonderful ministry as well!

The Territorial Creative Arts Ensemble consists of 8 individuals from all over the Southern Territory, which model and display a high standard of the Creative Arts as a ministry. TCAE is looking for individuals who can sing, dance, and do drama! January 2011 mark the first rehearsals and performances for the new season, as they will once again meet simultaneously with the Territorial Band and Songsters. It's exciting to know that the Creative Arts have now earned a spot on a territorial level, equal to that of the band and songsters.

AUDITION INFORMATION

WHO CAN AUDITION

Divisional Creative Arts Directors, Assistant Divisional Creative Arts Directors, Officers, Local Officers, Senior Soldiers. Must be 18 years of age as of December 2011.

AUDITION MATERIAL

Details will also be available in a PDF audition packet provided by THQ (Available in August '10)

1. Monologue (Attached)
2. Song (personal choice)
3. 32 counts of Movement (personal choice)

VIDEO AUDITION ONLY

Please videotape the above selections and send using one of the following two options:

1. Mail DVD or CD (at personal expense) will not be returned:
The Salvation Army Southern Territorial Headquarters
Attention: Roberta Simmons-Smith
1424 Northeast Expressway Atlanta, GA
30329

2. Upload the video file to <https://dropbox.yousendit.com/musicandarts>

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

November 1, 2010

You will be notified once the committee has made their selection and has gained approval from the Divisional Commanders for participation in the 2011 season.

If you have any questions, please call Roberta Simmons-Smith Territorial Creative Arts Director
404-728-6700 ext. 608

Forgotten Friend

by John Cosper

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Keeping PRAYER as friendly and personable as possible in his interaction with the audience will help "sell" the ending when he explains that all the waiting was worth it. In other words, avoid "preachiness" and keep the prayer on the side of the audience throughout the monologue.

*The actor/actress playing PRAYER walks out on stage casually.
PRAYER begins pointing at people and greeting them.*

PRAYER: Hey! How's it going? Hey, how've you been? You don't remember me, do you? Not a clue. You're looking at me, staring, thinking, who in the world is that?

PRAYER sighs, throws his hands up.

How do you like that? It never fails! All those long hours you and I spent together, and you've forgotten me so quickly? You remember now?

I'm your unanswered prayer!

Does that ring a bell now? I can't believe you don't remember. How could you forget all those sleepless nights that I kept you up? And all the tears you shed over me. The pleas you made to God over and over. And what about the three days you spent fasting for me? Wow, that was three days with nothing but water...Well, water, and the Snickers bar you snuck in the break room on day two. That's right, I saw that.

Not to worry, though. God never held it against you that you took a candy break. Nor did he get mad that you took a thirty-minute break to watch *Everybody Loves Raymond* every day. Fact is, God's mind was made up. He was just waiting for your mind to open up.

See, I was all set to come to you. I felt so bad, hearing you beg every day that God would let me come to pass. And who could blame you? For all you knew, I was the answer you needed! I even asked the Lord, "Please, let me do this!"

"No," he said. "I have something better."

And you know what that something was, don't you? You must know. I mean that answer was the whole reason you forgot me! It's okay. I'm glad you're happy. Glad it all worked out for the better. For the best, right? Because that's how God works. Sometimes you think he's withholding the one thing we need most...when he's really just waiting to show you something so much better, you can't even conceive of it.

Well, I just was in the neighborhood and wanted to say hi...and to remind you about the time we shared. I won't be the last "unanswered prayer" you'll meet in life. There will be others. Maybe you're dealing with one now. And if you are, I just want to say, go easy on the guy. And don't get mad at God. He may not do everything you ask, but he will do what is best for you.

PRAYER exits. Lights down.