



Audition Announcement (Calgary)- Sept 27-29, 6:30-9pm

Open call for actors, for a one act play, called “Aleppo Cookies”, by Adam Schnell. This play will premiere at a special event hosted by Mennonite Central Committee- Alberta (MCC Alberta), on Saturday, Oct. 26. Actor honorarium will be paid.

SYNOPSIS: Scott's day is turned upside down when his pastor asks him and his family to host a couple of Syrian refugees for the afternoon and an evening meal. Stumbling from one awkward moment to the next, the unwitting hosts and their unexpected guests are confronted with how different they are in every possible way. Language and cultural barriers seem insurmountable, and the tension continues to build until they gather around the table. But as they sit and share a meal, they discover that the agony of tragedy and the bonds of love are experienced by every culture, and they can bridge the gulf between them.

DIRECTOR: Rebecca Schnell

STAGE MANAGER: Tanessa Andres

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

- Scott (male, age 40-50)
A Caucasian, fourth-generation Canadian.
- Aleena (female, age 25-35)
A newly arrived refugee from Aleppo, Syria. *Actor must be fluent in Arabic and conversant in English.*
- Wajiha (female, age 45-55)
A newly arrived refugee from Aleppo, Syria. Mother to Aleena. *Actor must be fluent in Arabic and conversant in English.*
- Candace (Female, age 40-50)
A Caucasian, fourth-generation Canadian. Scott's wife.
- Giselle (female, age 60-70)
A woman in her mid-60s. Mother to Scott.
- Tiffany (female, age 7-10)
Scott and Candace's daughter. She's a friendly, precocious, innocent child.

REQUEST AN AUDITION: If you would like to audition, more information is available here:

https://bit.ly/audition_aleppocookies

REHEARSALS: Rehearsals will start the first week of September through to the third week of October. September rehearsals will take place on Monday and Tuesday evenings, and Saturday mornings. Thursday evenings will be added in October. No rehearsals will be scheduled on Friday, Oct 12th or Monday, Oct 14th (Thanksgiving weekend). Rehearsals will be held at MCC Alberta (#210-2946, 32 St NE, Calgary.)

AUDITIONS: No prepared piece is required. Sides will be provided for the audition. Sides do not need to be memorized, but actors should be familiar with the dialogue.