



### **Character Descriptions**

Grand Rapids Civic Theatre is seeking 8 volunteer actors, ages 10 - 18 for the cast of **Dragons Love Tacos**. We are looking for a company that includes: strong movement-oriented storytellers, thoughtful collaborators, joyful artists, and dependable community builders.

### **A Note on Character Descriptions**

The ages and gender identities below are the ages and gender identities of the *characters*. Actors who fall outside of these ranges, and actors whose gender identities are different from the gender identities of the characters will be considered, based on the stated preferences of the auditioning actors and in consideration for the essence/intent of the original story. Actors of all ethnicities will be considered for all roles.

### **MOM (voiceover) | Female | Any Ethnicity | Age: 25 - 50**

A supporting role. Getting the house back in order before Mom returns is a key comic driver of the plot – she represents the looming authority that raises the stakes of the taco party chaos.

### **BOY | Male | Any Ethnicity | Age: 10-14**

The central character – a young kid who gets frustrated with his math homework and turns on the TV, stumbling into the world of Dragonology. He is characterized as a quiet, somewhat anxious child who finds his voice over the course of the play, though he doesn't need words to enjoy the adventure unfolding around him. A relatable, everyday kid who anchors the story.

### **LEROY, A DOG | Any | Any Ethnicity | Age: Any**

The Boy's loyal, lovable companion. He accompanies the Boy throughout the adventure and is a purely physical, expressive role – great for a performer who excels at movement and comic physicality.

### **MAN IN SUIT (also plays MOXY CLEAN GUY and TELENOVELA CHARACTER) | Any | Any Ethnicity | Age: 14 - 18**

A somewhat offbeat, authoritative figure who appears to be a TV host or documentary presenter guiding the audience (and the Boy) through the "Dos and Don'ts" of dragon hospitality. The principal characters are noted for being somewhat non-verbal, making the Man in Suit one of the more verbally active roles in the show. Plays well as deadpan and enthusiastic simultaneously. May be divided into two tracks.

### **THE DRAGONS | Any | Any Ethnicity | Age: 12+**

Multiple dragons – color-coded (Red, Yellow, Blue, White) – are flexible ensemble roles. The dragons are exuberant, expressive, and comedic. They love tacos unconditionally, but accidentally eating spicy salsa leads to fire-breathing disaster. These are highly physical, fun ensemble parts well-suited to performers who enjoy big character work.