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WHYY is casting young actors for a new television series taping during August in Old City, Philadelphia. We're looking for enthusiastic kids with comedy chops and stellar memorization skills between the ages of 9-15. Non-union, day rate tbd. Kid talent must be accompanied by an adult guardian throughout production.

If interested, please submit a self-taped video telling us your name, age, and tell us a story about your favorite thing to do in your neighborhood. Let your personality shine and show us who you are!

Additionally, please memorize and perform **one** of the monologues listed below.

Video auditions can be sent to ccorkery@whyy.org along with a recent photo, name and age of the audition talent, and contact information for a parent or guardian.

AUDITION SIDES:

SIDE 1: PHEE (Phee is a smart but quiet kid. Their brain is full of fun facts and miscellaneous knowledge that comes in handy at just the right time. They may seem shy, but their brain is always busy deducing, querying, and coming up with the next big idea. Think Velma from "Scooby Doo")

Phee: A library is so much more than just books, Freddie. For me, the library is home. A place of great exploration. A place to find answers or better yet - to find even more questions. It's the start of a fantastic new journey of the mind! The beginning of a grand imagination adventure! Forget the laser tag dome, forget the bowling alley on all you can eat ice cream night - my favorite place in the world, is the library.

SIDE 2: ZIP (Zip is a goofy sidekick kid. They're quick to jump into the action and always down for a weird plan. They love a good alien conspiracy theory and knows everyone in the neighborhood - a true people person. Think Scrappy Doo from "Scooby Doo", Little Pete from "Pete & Pete" or Beans from "Even Stevens.")

Zip: Look, I'm not saying Mr. O is definitely a vampire, but he's not NOT a vampire. He mows his lawn at midnight - a very vampire thing to do! He always wears black, even when it's ninety degrees out - very vampire!! And at the bake sale, he took one bite of my extra garlic fudge brownie and SPIT IT OUT. Which honestly, a lot of people did. But still!! The dude definitely has some strong vampire vibes.

SIDE 3: Kay (Kay is a well-traveled fashionista. They love vintage, unique looks, and finding the next big thing. Very cosmopolitan. Runs their own fashion zine, "So Fab, So Fashion." Think Claudia on "The Babysitter's Club" with a dash of Edna Mode from "The Incredibles.")

Kay: Freddie, you would not BELIEVE what I saw - Mayor Gibson, in a full periwinkle skirt suit, paired with unexpected yet stylish sneakers and a tote that just screamed "I'm a woman with a full schedule and I plan to eat my granola bar on the go" talking to Uncle Mars. Are they friends? Rivals? Do they go to the same dentist? I simply MUST get the scoop. Our very own Uncle Mars talking to THE mayor. I can't even!