

## **Auditions – Actor/Dancer Roles**

We are seeking six highly skilled and expressive Actor/Dancers (playing age between 18-45) of any gender with professional performance experience to appear as part of an ensemble in our forthcoming world premiere production of the opera [\*The Great Wave\*](#) composed by Dai Fujikura with libretto by Harry Ross. The production will be directed by Satoshi Miyagi, with choreography by Akiko Kitamura.

*The Great Wave* tells the story of the life of the artist Katsushika Hokusai and his famous woodblock print *The Great Wave off Kanagawa*. This groundbreaking opera explores Hokusai's creative triumphs and struggles, and his bond with his daughter Ōi.

These roles are non-singing but require performers with strong stage presence and a rich physical vocabulary.

## **Requirements**

- Playing age: 18–45
- Professional stage experience as an actor and/or dancer
- Confident moving scenery and props during performance
- All applicants must have the right to work in the UK

## **Movement Background/Experience**

- Physical Theatre
- Improvisation
- Butoh
- Contemporary Dance
- Nouveau cirque
- Mime and/or clown

## **Qualities We're Looking For:**

- Strong expressive ability – physically and emotionally
- Excellent stage focus and awareness
- Exceptional physical storytelling through subtle gesture, breath and dynamic control.
- Skilled in both structured choreography and improvisation

- Reactivity to the atmosphere and presence of others on stage
- Ability to move with autonomy inside group scenes – not always in unison
- Imaginative physical response to concepts such as "chaos", "back and forth", and "non-orderliness"

Applicants must be available for all rehearsals and performances in the period 5 January 2026 – 21 February 2026 inclusive.

**Rehearsals Commence: 5 January 2026 (Glasgow)**

**Performances at Theatre Royal, Glasgow:**

Thursday 12 February 2026

Saturday 14 February 2026

**Performances at Festival Theatre, Edinburgh:**

Thursday 19 February 2026

Saturday 21 February 2026

**Total Fee:**

£3,817.58 (Three Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventeen Pounds and Fifty Eight Pence)

**To Apply:**

Please send the following with the subject header “**The Great Wave Casting Call**” to [dancers@scottishopera.org.uk](mailto:dancers@scottishopera.org.uk):

- CV & Headshot
- video recording demonstrating your suitability for the role (this can be from a past performance or an informal self-tape)
- your preference on audition location (Glasgow or London)

**Auditions**

Following a review of video submissions, applicants selected for the second round will be invited to attend a group audition in Glasgow or London.

**Audition Date and Time:**

Glasgow: Monday 13 October 2025

Scottish Opera, Rankine Hall, 39 Elmbank Crescent, Glasgow, G2 4PT

London: Thursday 16 October 2025

Pineapple Dance Studios, 7 Langley St, London WC2H 9JA

**Deadline for applications:**

Monday 29 September 10:00am