

**Notes from a Current Cast Member:**

*(Below are the thoughts of a current cast member on what it takes to be in a production of Swamp Gravy.)*

Are you considering auditioning for a Swamp Gravy production? Maybe you're even wondering, what does it cost to be in Swamp Gravy? Well it depends... It depends on how you look at it. You see... there is not an entrance fee for new cast members, even though expectations and commitment required may prove different.

The cost may not be monetary. It could be the sacrifices made for the hours of practice — Or money spent to grab a bite to eat on the way to practice or choosing to practice at cotton hall instead of a going to ballgame, or out with a friend, or somewhere else. The cost could be even deeper than that— the cost of your time spent at home to learn your lines, extra time spent with your scene partners to perfect and get the lines between each other as cohesive and strong and effective. Even put a price on the time that spent with your family especially, if they are not doing this with you. The cost could be that you have less time at home or maybe your house is left untidy for a few weeks. The actual cost is the investment that you put in this endeavor and the investment of committing pure determination and heart and soul.

The costs in that way can be great, but... the results are greater! I can't describe the joy that you feel when acting with this large group of people who become family. Putting together one small piece with other small pieces of talent to create this huge production of a story! A story that describes the hard work and the strong determination that is required to accomplish something bigger than us. Stories of life that prove that seemingly impossible things happen, when you what you have, or use something you have to make do to make this happen.... that sometimes it takes more than money ... sometimes it takes more than what you think you got to give... sometimes it takes nothing but a will.