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Children's Theatre Company (CTC) is one of a very few regional theatres in the U.S. to employ a full-time professional resident acting company. As of the beginning of the 2013-2014 Season, the acting company will increase from four actors to five with the addition of lauded Twin Cities actor Traci Allen. Allen was a CTC performing apprentice in 2008 and was featured in the title role of the CTC world premiere of *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* to much acclaim in 2012. Traci Allen will join Gerald Drake, Dean Holt, Autumn Ness, and Reed Sigmund as a member of the acting company, playing the title role in CTC's holiday show *Cinderella*.

CTC acting company members, all members of Actors Equity Association, were hand-selected for their talent and versatility and are cast in CTC productions throughout the season. "I first met Traci at an audition through our partnership with Howard University," said Artistic Director Peter Brosius, "and I knew immediately that she was an actor of intelligence, presence, and great power. As a performing apprentice Traci distinguished herself by her commitment and her extraordinary comedic talents as well as her ability to plumb the depths of a character's life and soul."

Allen is a graduate of Howard University and has several regional credits. She was in the national tour of *The Color Purple* and has been seen throughout the Twin Cities at Theatre

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Latté Da, Penumbra Theatre Company, and the Ordway. One of her more recent performances was *Stick Fly* at Park Square Theatre, in which the *Star Tribune* claimed she, "...nails the role with fiery intensity."

Allen said she is eager to begin her role as acting company member this fall as CTC's 2013-2014 Season gets underway. "I'm so incredibly ecstatic to become a company member at the Children's Theatre Company," Allen said. "I truly believe that there is no greater job than to perform for, learn from, and explore with young people! I look forward to all the learning, growing and exploring that I will experience in this magical place that we like to call 'the theatre'. So excited!"

Allen will be seen as the beloved princess *Cinderella* in CTC's holiday production of *Cinderella* directed by Brosius. "I can't wait to see the work Traci will bring to our audience over the next years. It is an honor to welcome this talented, gracious performer to our theatre and to our acting company," said Brosius.

For tickets to *Cinderella* or more information on Allen and the CTC acting company, visit [childrenstheatre.org](http://childrenstheatre.org).