



Audition notice

Cinderella

Wigan Little Theatre is proud to present Cinderella. We would like to invite you to audition for an acting role or contact us if you would like to be part of the production in another area. For a description of each non-acting role, please see the later pages.

Playwright: Bill Collins
Director: Christine Armstrong
Musical Director: Rick Kershaw
Choreographer: Louise Hawkes
Audition: Sunday 11th August at 2.00 pm at Buckley's Dance School, Tower Enterprise Park, Great George Street, Wigan WN3 4DP
Production dates: 28th November to 14th December 2023

Synopsis of play

A magical Tale of rags to riches and Good overcoming Evil with lots of laughs thrown in the mix

Director's Note

Panto is hard work but very rewarding and lots of fun. It needs full dedication and lots of energy. There will also be matinee performances on the Sat 30/11, Sun 1/12, Sat 7/12 and Sun 8/12

One of the Ugly Sisters has been precast with the permission of PSCC

Rehearsals

Three times a week including Sundays and 2 evenings during the week

Characters

Cinderella

Fairy Godmother

Buttons – the page at stony Broke Hall

Baron Hardup

Lavinia – Cinderella's ugly sister, played by a male

Lucinda – Cinderella's ugly sister, played by a male

Baddie – this can be played by a male or a female

Prince Charming

Dandini –The Prince’s valet

Chorus

Audition songs

Chorus: “9 to 5” by Dolly Parton

<https://youtu.be/Lq1JD-bcGTo?si=vSEUOsiC9v7qNsMy&t=28>

Workin' nine to five, what a way to make a livin'
Barely gettin' by, it's all takin' and no givin'
They just use your mind and they never give you credit
It's enough to drive you crazy if you let it
Nine to five, for service and devotion
You would think that I would deserve a fair promotion
Want to move ahead but the boss won't seem to let me
I swear sometimes that man is out to get me

Cinderella: “I’m Not That Girl” from Wicked

<https://youtu.be/QAvtDomJqvE?si=iAGui4c1FaQ6Qo17&t=20>

Hands touch, eyes meet
Sudden silence, sudden heat
Hearts leap in a giddy whirl
He could be that boy
But I'm not that girl
Don't dream too far
Don't lose sight of who you are

Don't remember that rush of joy
He could be that boy
I'm not that girl

Prince/Dandini: "Dance With You" from Prom

https://youtu.be/SN_ms6VNgr8?si=B76vNjXPRuViLYwM&t=6

I don't want to start a riot
I don't want to blaze a trail
I don't want to be a symbol
Or cautionary tale
I don't want to be a scapegoat
For people to oppose
What I want is simple
As far as wanting goes
I just wanna dance with you
Let the whole world melt away
And dance with you
Who cares what other people say?
And when we're through
No one can convince us we were wrong
All it takes is you and me
And a song

Buttons: "Mr Blue Sky" by ELO

https://youtu.be/9axQVJF_FYs?si=XzXeoqxRYOrv9c-R&t=13

Sun is shinin' in the sky
There ain't a cloud in sight
It's stopped rainin', everybody's in the play
And don't you know
It's a beautiful new day? Hey
Runnin' down the avenue
See how the sun shines brightly in the city

On the streets where once was pity
Mr. Blue Sky is living here today, hey

Fairy Godmother: "Best Day Ever" from Trolls: The Beat Goes On
<https://youtu.be/jjMKuL40zPc?si=q7R8TLD3cN1Btq3y&t=7>

Today's the perfect day
In every single way
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh
I'm putting on air right now
And nothing can bring me down
Ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh

To request an audition piece contact secretary@wiganlittletheatre.co.uk

Advice can also be sought from any member of the Play Selection and Casting Committee:

Veronica Teesdale, Nicola Reynolds, Niall Wilkinson, Maggie Hall or Joey Wiswell.

THE COMPANY

Actors

WLT aims for a very high standard of production and maximum commitment is required to achieve this. Rehearsals can take place for 8-12 weeks prior to the performance dates, typically 3 or 4 times a week in the evenings or on Sundays. In the event of not being able to attend the audition date, you should contact the director or a member of our Play Selection and Casting Committee (PSCC). Please be aware that only one alternative audition will be held, and times will be limited due to everyone's availability.

Bar

Members of this team should be over the age of 18. They are responsible for working behind the bar, which is open from 7.00 pm until 11.00 pm during each production. Members often do one or two nights during any production.

Box Office

We need friendly and helpful people who have good interpersonal skills both face to face and over the phone. Experience of working with IT would be an advantage but training will be given on the box office computer and administrative systems. Box Office opening hours are 7-9 pm.

Coffee

Coffee is sold during the interval. Most helpers arrive prior to the opening of the show on one or two separate occasions to make and serve the coffee, and once the washing up is done they are free to go!

Front of House

The Front of House (FOH) Team welcome the public to a show, hand them their tickets where appropriate, escort them to their seats if necessary and remain on hand until the end of the show when the FOH representative will wait until the last patron has left before locking the main doors. The usual commitment is for one or two nights during the run of a show from 7-10 pm approximately.

Lighting and sound

The Technical support group is responsible for the design and operation of the lighting and sound for each production. Setting up a new show normally takes place on two or three separate evenings before the Technical Rehearsal, and then two or three members are at the Theatre each night of the production to operate the lighting and sound desks and provide any additional services required by the show. Training will be given, and you won't be left to work alone until you feel completely confident.

Programme Sales

The job is as simple as it sounds! All you need is your smile and the ability to handle cash – then all you have to do is wait for patrons to come to buy a programme! Programme sellers normally arrive at around 6.45 pm and stay on duty until the start of the show at 7.30 pm

Prompts

Members of the prompt team are never seen - and hopefully never heard – during the run of a production! Prompts work on a rota basis and attend rehearsals for approximately three weeks prior to the opening of a show and for one or two nights during a show, sitting in the wings with a copy of a script, ready to whisper a helpful reminder if required!

Properties

Attention to detail when setting the scene can certainly bring life to a production. This is the aim of the props team. New members are welcome to join us with a view to becoming a props leader. To fulfil this, we are looking for volunteers who are organised, creative and who can deal with situations in a sensible and realistic manner. Commitment to shows and their rehearsal time is necessary. Working together we can create innovative and exciting productions.

Set Building

For this any DIY or trade experience would be useful, but definitely not necessary! A lot of the work involves carrying/moving theatre flats, steps, doors etc. And holding them while they are fixed in place. We have a workshop at the side of the stage with the materials and equipment that we need. There is always someone around, so you won't be asked to do any job or use any tools that you don't feel comfortable with. Generally, we build the sets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 am until 2 pm and Thursday evenings from 7 until 9 pm. All times are approximate and, of course, you can come and go at whatever time suits you within those time periods. So, if you could spare any time at all (even just the odd hour) we would appreciate

Set Painting

Set painters bring the set to life with their paintbrushes, whether it's a Victorian Drawing room or a street of terraced houses! You don't have to be Monet – anybody who can use a paintbrush is welcome and the ability to climb a step ladder is also useful. Set painters work during the day, usually the week before a play opens, generally between 10 am and 3 pm. Guidance will be provided along with frequent coffees and a lunch break – and you can stay for as long or as short as you like.

Stage Management

The role of the Stage Manager is to ensure the smooth running of a performance. You will enjoy this role if you are interested in all things theatrical; tactful when dealing with directors, actors and other members of the theatre; able to remain calm under pressure; able to recognise a team; be a good communicator; are mature and sensible in attitude – ideally over 18 years of age.

Sweet Sales

Sweets are sold prior to the start of the show and the interval, along with ice creams, during each performance. Sweet sellers are expected to be on duty from around 6.45 until after the interval, the time for which obviously varies.

Wardrobe

The wardrobe department supplies and constructs suitable costumes for every production. In addition, the department is responsible for cleaning, repairing and maintaining the existing costumes. Some heavy lifting can be required; however, any help is a benefit to support the department. The ability to sew is a bonus.

If you are interested in volunteering in any department contact secretary@wiganlittletheatre.co.uk

Please note that you will be required to become a member of Wigan Little Theatre to take part in any production, in any capacity.