

AUDITION INFORMATION FOR "A SHOT IN THE DARK"

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AUDITION DATES & TIMES

DATES: November 8th & 9th, 2009
LOCATION: Oyster Mill Playhouse

TIME: 7:00 PM
DIRECTOR: Larry G. Wineland

SHOW DESCRIPTION

A ditzzy French parlor maid stands accused of murdering her fiery Latin lover. It's an open and shut case in the eyes of everyone except Sévigné, a new young magistrate who believes that justice should be blind to money, power and politics. But will he succeed in teasing the truth from the air-headed maid, her pompous aristocratic boss and his icy society wife? "A bubbling, saucy comedy...A light, tasty soufflé." - *N.Y. Times*

ACTORS NEEDED

The cast for A SHOT IN THE DARK includes 5 men and 3 women. The action takes place in a magistrate's office in the Palais de Justice in Paris. A French accent is not required; however French words must be pronounced à la française. Except for Josefa and the Guard, everyone should use an "upper-crust" accent. All of the ages listed in the descriptions are "playing ages".

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Paul Sévigné: Examining magistrate. Attractive and well dressed, he wears horn-rimmed glasses when reading to make him more scholarly that tend to recede when he takes them off. Married to Antoinette. (Age: 35)

Morestan: Clerk to Sévigné. Hardened and cynical by his years in the judicial service. (Age: 35)

Lablache: Paul's superior in the Court system. He wants Josefa convicted without hesitation. (Age: 40-60)

Antoinette Sévigné: Paul's wife. Quite attractive and a fashionista of the time period - really into Christian Dior and Coco Chanel, etc. (Age: 30-35)

Josefa Lantenay: Parlor maid accused of the murder of her lover, the Beaufrevers' chauffeur. Pretty, delicate looking as one would not expect in one whom until recently was a farm-girl. Her manner and speech are candid, never common or vulgar, though her voice is not educated or affected. (Age: 20-30)

Dominique Beaufrevers: Aristocratic, beautiful, chic, and carries the situation with an air of great gaiety. (Age: 40-50)

Benjamin Beaufrevers: Banker, aristocratic, supremely elegant, quite handsome, and very sure of himself. He makes no effort to conform to surroundings that are foreign to him. (Age: 40-50)

Guard: (Age: 20+)

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Public Performances: January 22, 23, 29, 30 and February 4, 5 and 6 @ 8 PM

Public Performances: January 31 and February 7th @ 2 PM

Benefit Dates: Possible benefit dates are January 24, 26, 28 and February 2 (Times TBD).

SCRIPT INFORMATION

- ✉ **Click here** to send an email if you have any questions about auditions.
- ✉ Scripts may be available before the auditions.
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