

Audition Information for *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*

Date: February 15, 2025

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Strand Theatre

What to expect:

- **Vocal range will be tested. You may bring a selection of music to sing. You will be taught a song from the show as well.**
- **Scene Readings from the script.**

Call Laurie at (989)576-0863 if you have any questions. (laurieharrison678@gmail.com)

List of Characters

Montague "Monty" Navarro - Handsome, clever, charismatic, vulnerable and endearing. Vocal: Baritone, low A to high A. Discovers he is in line to become the Earl of Highhurst, and intends to kill off the family that stands in his way.

Sibella Hallward - The Girl Monty loves. Flirtatious, narcissistic, willful, calculating, and irresistible. A social climber, yes, but also truly loves Monty, and in the end would do anything to protect him. Tremendous wit and high style. Vocal: Character mezzo, low F# to high A

Phoebe D'Ysquith – Beautiful, Witty. Actress must have a sense of irony and humor, in addition to a youthful innocence behind her sophistication. Vocal: Coloratura soprano up to a high sustained C# with an optional high Eb.

Miss Shingle -Monty's unexpected visitor.

A Cockney housekeeper/governess who has served a wealthy, titled family for 30 years. She informs Monty that he is indeed a D'Ysquith. Storytelling is paramount for her role. Vocal: Mezzo Soprano

The D'Ysquith Family – Played by one person. Must be a skilled and transformational comedic actor who has a superb grasp on British farce.

- Asquith D'Ysquith, Jr., a dandy. Lord Adlabert D'Ysquith, Eighth Earl of Highhurst . Reverend Lord Ezekiel D'Ysquith, a clergyman. Lord Adlabert D'Ysquith, Sr., an elderly banker. Henry D'Ysquith, a country squire. Lady Hyacinth D'Ysquith, a benefactress. Major Lord Bartholomew D'Ysquith, a bodybuilder. Lady Salome D'Ysquith Pumphrey, an actress. Chauncey D'Ysquith, a janitor

ENSEMBLE

NOTE: The ensemble is designed to be either split between a total of 6 actors (3 Male/3 Female) or divided up into a larger cast for each character. The decision as to which option will be used will be made after auditions.

- **WOMAN #1:** Mourner; Tour Guide; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Bridesmaid; Pub Owner's Wife; Mrs. Pebworth; Phoebe's Maid; 3rd Newsboy; Tailor; Selina Chard (Servant); Flower Girl
- **WOMAN #2:** Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Bridesmaid; Mrs. Hetherington; 4th Newsboy; Tailor; Lady Eugenia D'Ysquith; Flower Girl
- **WOMAN #3:** Mourner; Sibella's Maid; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Miss Evangeline Barley; Bridesmaid; Miss Hayes; Tailor; Hilda (Servant); Flower Girl
- **MAN #1:** Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; 2nd Clerk; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Tom Copley; Dr. Brownlee; 1st Newsboy; Weight Lifter; 3rd Actor; Ancestral Bust; Walter (Servant); Dr. Pettibone (Medical Examiner); Prison Guard
- **MAN #2:** Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; 1st Clerk; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Pub Owner; Mr. Cross; 2nd Newsboy; Weight Lifter; 1st Actor; Lord Asquith's Physician; Ancestral Bust; Mr. Waters (Servant); Chief Inspector Pinckney
- **MAN #3:** Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Pub Patron; Henry's Employee; Mr. Goodsall; 2nd Actor; Alfred Gorby (Butler); Lord High Steward (voiceover); Magistrate