



GENERAL AUDITIONS: April 13 & 16, 2009

Merlyn Productions Theatre Company will hold General Auditions for actors and actresses age 14 through 60, primarily on the evenings of Monday, April 13th and Thursday, April 16th, 2009.



Scope Of Auditions

All those that audition will be added to the company's general performer files, and will also be considered for roles in the final three shows of *Merlyn Productions 2009 Season*.

At this time, there are **five** roles available in May, **three** roles available in the Fringe Festival (July), and an undetermined number of roles available in October (show TBA).

There are an additional **seven** roles available in the *Chase & Hamill Fringe Festival* production (July), for which we are scouting performers.

Upcoming productions and roles are detailed on the following page.

Audition Requirements

Merlyn Productions General Auditions are open to actors and actresses age 14 through 60, and will be held by individual appointment.

It is recommended that those auditioning have a **prepared monologue of one to two minutes in length** from a stage-play. However, performers may request to audition purely by cold reading parts from one or more of the upcoming scripts, as will be selected by the directors.

General Auditions are intended for those that have not previously performed with *Merlyn Productions*, or wish to specifically audition for any of the available roles listed.

To schedule an audition appointment, please contact Artistic Director John Chase by phone at (204) 415-2714, or e-mail info@merlyn.biz. Résumé and headshot, if available, may be e-mailed to the same.

About The Company

Merlyn Productions is a live theatre production company in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. It is the successor to *C.G. Productions*, which staged plays locally from 1997 until 1999.

Founded by Artistic Director John Chase, the company is committed to the mission of staging **"quality theatrical entertainment at an affordable ticket price"**.

Performers from the greater community are welcomed into our cast and staff, who dedicate time for the love of their chosen art form, and are committed to fostering live theatre in Winnipeg.

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SUMMARY OF ROLES AVAILABLE

N.B.- Ages stated are characters' ages. Performers do not need to strictly fall within these ranges.

SACRED BLOOD: May 29 & 30, 2009

Zinaida Gippius' adult one-act drama of a RUSALKA – “mermaid” of Russian lore – who forsakes her own kind to have a human soul, and sacrifices everything to learn the meaning of love. Three performances to be presented in tandem with Anton Chekhov's “THE BOOR”, as a comedy & tragedy double-feature.

- **“ANNUSHKA” (THE YOUNG MERMAID)** – Female, 16-25 years
- **“AUNTIE” (AN OLDER MERMAID)** – Female, 35+ years
- **THE WITCH** – Female of old and indeterminate age
- **NIKODIM (A YOUNG MONK)** – Male, 18-25 years
- **FR. PAFNUTY (OLDER MONK)** – Male, 35-60 years

THE VALIANT: Winnipeg Fringe (July 15 – 26, 2009)

The powerful one-act drama by Holworthy Hall and Robert Middlemass, that has moved audiences since being penned in 1921. James Dyke, an enigmatic murderer, is intent on taking his true identity to the grave... On the eve of his execution, a young girl arrives, holding out hope of finding her long-missing brother. But could she even still recognise him?

- **WARDEN HOLT** – Male, 40-60 years. Chief administrator of the Connecticut prison. A hard but fair man, who has taken a liking to James in spite of the duty of overseeing his imprisonment and execution.
- **DAN (A JAILER)** – Male, 20-30 years.
- **AN ATTENDANT** – Male, 20-39 years.

CINDERELLA! CINDERELLA!: Winnipeg Fringe (July 15 – 26, 2009)

Edith Weiss' adaptation of the classic fairy tale, with new twists. Cinderella must compete with her evil (but beautiful!) stepsisters for the affection of the prince. To be presented in the KidsFringe by our affiliated company, Chase & Hamill.

- **CINDERELLA** – Female, 15-25 years
- **CRUDELLA & PRUNELLA** – Females, 15-25 years
- **LADY LOTTA BONBON** – Female, 25-45 years
- **FAIRY GODMOTHER** – Female, 14+ years
- **PRINCE** – Male, 18-28 years
- **TOM CAT** – Male, 14+ years

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