

AUDITION INFORMATION

F. Scott Fitzgerald's

THE GREAT GATSBY

Adapted by Simon Levy

Directed by Tom Amen

Audition Dates: December 3 and 4, 2013

Audition Time: 7:00 PM

**Audition Location: Mainstage Theater
Golden West College
15744 Goldenwest Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92647**

Roles Available: 5-8 Men, 4-7 Woman

Roles Open: ALL

Pay: None

Suggested Audition Preparation: Read the novel, and also peruse the script, which is available from Samuel French, Inc.

NOTE: Rehearsals begin January 20, 2014

NOTE: All actors who are cast will be required to enroll in a 2 unit Theater Production course

About the Play:

The Jazz Age comes alive once more in Simon Levy's delicate and haunting stage adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novella. When a young man, Nick Carraway, arrives at a guest cottage on Long Island, he is quickly drawn into the glamorous world of self-made millionaire, Jay Gatsby, who's dangerous obsession with the beautiful Daisy Buchanan threatens to cast a dark cloud over one brief, decadent summer. Caught up in a whirlwind of lavish parties, extravagant wealth, and smoldering passion, Nick bears witness to an era when bathtub gin was the national drink and illicit sex was the national pastime. Fueled by money, ambition, and a belief in what Fitzgerald called "The orgiastic future that year by year recedes before us", Gatsby's meteoric rise and precipitous fall remains a cautionary meditation on the ever-elusive nature of the American Dream.

Character Breakdown:

Unless otherwise indicated, all characters are in their late 20's to early 30's.

Jay Gatsby (Male) - A romantic idealist with a disarming smile. Rich, charming, yet sincere under the extreme wealth. Money is only a tool to him; Daisy is all he truly wants.

Daisy Buchanan (Female) - A flighty southern beauty with a voice like money. She is delicate, indecisive, and disillusioned. She longs for a different life, yet is trapped within the safety of wealth.

Nick Carraway (Male) - Midwestern, with a kind and gentle manner. Out of his depth in this company; a simple, honest, sincere man.

Tom Buchanan (Male) - Arrogant, opinionated, and powerfully built; a rich, bigoted bully of a man.

Jordan Baker (Female) - Confident, and attractive with an athletic body; graceful, yet strong, with a masculine energy. She does what she wants.

Myrtle Wilson (Female) - Poor, but ambitious. Sexy, sensual, passionate. She believes she is destined for better things.

George Wilson (Male) - Poor, spiritless, and thoroughly beaten down by life. He has no idea how the world works. A victim of circumstance.

Meyer Wolshiem/Mr. McKee/Cop (Male) - Multi-Character Role 30's - 50s

Mrs. McKee/Mrs. Michaelis - (Female) - Multi-Character Role 30's - 40s

NOTE: Depending on audition turnout, the last two Multi-Character roles may be broken up into individual roles. In addition, some non-speaking extras may be cast.

Further questions regarding this audition should be directed to Tom Amen at tamen@gwc.cccd.edu or 714-892-7711, Ext. 55237