

AUDITION

Golden West College

Agatha Christie's MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Directed by Martie Ramm

Performance Dates: November 10 - 19, 2023 @ Golden West College

Evenings @ 7:30pm on November 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 / Matinees @ 2:00 pm on November 12 and 19

CASTING

Hercule Poirot – male, age 35 +. Starring role. A retired Belgian police officer. Poirot is Agatha Christie's most famous detective and is known for his unique stature and curled moustache. Poirot is very intelligent, extremely aware, instinctual and a brilliant detective. Belgian accent. Pages 12-13, 65, 82, 85, 87, 91.

Monsieur Bouc – male, age 33-48. Featured role. Bouc is the director of the Compagnie Wagon Lit and formerly worked for the Belgian police force with Poirot. Belgian accent. Pages 18, 45.

Mary Debenham – female, age 23 – 33. Featured role. Calm, cool, and unruffled lady. British accent. Pages 61-62.

Hector MacQueen – male, age 23 – 33. Featured role. Hector is Ratchett's personal secretary. American accent.

Michel – male, age 33- 50. French. Featured role. The conductor of the Orient Express. French accent. Page 34.

Princess Natalya Dragomiroff – female, age 35 – 55. Featured role. A sometimes unfriendly Russian princess. Russian accent. Pages 51-52.

Greta Ohlsson – female, age 23 – 33. Swedish. Featured role. Princess Dragomiroff's traveling companion. A simple Swedish lady who is extremely devout. Swedish accent. Pages 26-27.

Countess Elena Andrenyi – female, age 28 – 38. Featured role. A Countess through marriage, Elena Andrenyi's youthful beauty matches only her sharp intellect and knowledge of medicine. Hungarian accent. Pages 75-76.

Helen Hubbard – female, age 40 – 55. Featured role. Claiming to be a housewife from Minnesota, Mrs. Hubbard provides constant interruption and diversion on the train. American Midwest accent. Pages 70-71, 89.

Colonel Arbuthnot – male, age 35+. Featured role. A decorated soldier from the war on the Northern Frontier in India. Scottish accent. Page 80.

Samuel Ratchett – minor role, age 45+. Supporting role. A brusque, mysterious businessman with a past. American accent.

Ensemble – male and female minor roles and understudies

Auditions:

Wednesday September 13 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Thursday September 14 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

As audition preparation, sides are attached to this audition notice at www.gwctheater.com. Please note page numbers above.

Sides will be provided at the audition. Memorization not required.

Auditions will be held in Stage West at Golden West College, 15751 Gothard Street at Center Avenue, Huntington Beach. Enter the campus from the Gothard Street side near the Mainstage Theater. Stage West is in front of the Mainstage Theater.

Parking is free.

Rehearsals begin on Monday October 2 and are scheduled for Monday thru Thursday evenings from 7 pm until 10:00 pm.

Cast members are called to rehearsals only when needed.

IF CAST IN THIS PRODUCTION, ALL ADULT ACTORS MUST ENROLL IN A 2-UNIT COLLEGE COURSE.

SOME GUEST ARTISTS EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

Additional information: <http://www.gwctheater.com> or mrammingle@gwc.cccd.edu