

# AUDITION NOTICE



## READ THROUGH AUDITIONS FIRST REHEARSAL PERFORMANCES

Tuesday 12 March 2024, 8pm in the Studio  
Sunday 24 March 2024, 2pm in the Theatre  
Approx Wednesday 8 May 2023 (to be agreed upon)  
4 – 13 July 2024, 8pm  
Matinée: Saturday 13 July at 2.30pm

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Scripts available from Lucinda

A dramatic adaptation of her best-selling novel. Ten strangers are summoned by a mysterious host U.N. Owen to a mansion on Soldier Island, just off the coast of Devon. The play is set in 1939.

All that the guests have in common is a wicked past they're unwilling to reveal and a secret that will seal their fate. For each has been marked for murder! Baffled, these strangers realise that they have no idea who their host is; and as the weather turns, the group is cut off from the mainland, they understand that they have been brought to the island by a maniac who intends to dispense their own perverted form of justice.

## CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS:

**VERA CLAYTHORNE** - Female, early 20s to early 30s

She is a strong young woman, but occasionally succumbs to her nerves and is particularly affected by the poem about the 'Ten Little Soldiers.' She is accused of causing the death of a boy she cared for as a nanny.

**Audition Pieces:** Pages 12 – 13 & Pages 37 – 38

**PHILIP LOMBARD** - Male, mid 20s to mid 30s

A mysterious, confident adventurer, Lombard is bolder and wittier than most of the other characters. He has a strong connection with Vera. He abandoned 21 men in the jungle to save his own life.

**Audition Piece:** Pages 12 – 13 & Pages 37 – 38

**WILLIAM BLORE** – Male, 45+

A former police inspector, he comes to the island undercover but is quickly discovered. He makes mistakes throughout the play and believes guilt of the wrong people. He gave misleading testimony in court causing an innocent man to die in prison.

**Audition Pieces:** Pages 20 – 21 & Pages 47 – 48

**SIR LAWRENCE WARGRAVE** – Male, 65+

An acting leader of the group, he does what he can to organise a plan of attack and get as much info about the circumstances as he can. He takes charge but struggles with his own dark past and tendencies. He gave the death penalty to a defendant whom a trial jury believed to be innocent.

**Audition Piece:** Pages 36 – 37 & Pages 103 – 104

**DR. ARMSTRONG** – Male, late 40s to late 50s

A target for suspicion right off the bat because of his extensive medical knowledge. He is a recovering alcoholic and somewhat timid. Although professionally successful, the doctor can be incredibly gullible. He operated on a patient while intoxicated, causing her death.

**Audition Pieces:** Pages 20 – 21 & Pages 36 – 37

**EMILY BRENT** – Female, 40s

One of the few characters who feels no guilt about the crimes that she was accused of. She is unapologetically religious and believes the others will have to face judgement for their sins. She turned out a serving girl after discovering she was pregnant out of wedlock, and the girl committed suicide.

**Audition Pieces:** Pages 24 – 25 & Pages 63 – 64

**ROGERS** – Male, late 30s to early 50s

As the butler, Rogers serves the rest of the group and even continues his duties as long as he can. He is very concerned about his wife revealing information about their crime.

**Audition Piece:** Pages 22 – 23

**MRS ROGERS** – Female, late 30s to early 50s

Rogers' wife. Ethel is a frightened woman, in much distress. She and her husband are accused of allowing a woman in their care to die unaided.

**Audition Piece:** Pages 22 – 23

**GENERAL MACKENZIE** – Male, 65+

An older guest, MacKenzie is one of the first guests who doesn't become distraught when the deaths are out in the open. He gives in and resigns himself to death early on and speaks of joining his dead wife, whose lover died while under his command in WW1.

**Audition Piece:** Pages 60 – 61

**ANTHONY MARSTON** – Male, early to mid 20s

A rich and spoiled young man. Marston likes to drive recklessly and seems to lack conscience. He killed two small children in a car accident caused by his speeding but shows no remorse.

**Audition Piece:** Pages 27 - 28

**FRED NARCOTT** - Male or female, any age

Island caretaker, brings food to the island and transports the guests to and from the mainland.

**Audition Piece:** Pages 10 - 11

**Please note that there is a large cast to audition and if time is short, we may only be asking you to read one piece from the above**