

# Auditions for the Curious Savage

In honor of their 40th Anniversary, the Haines City Community Theatre returns to the show that started it all, *The Curious Savage*.

With the money left to her by her late husband, Mrs. Savage is determined to establish a fund to help others realize their hopes and dreams. Her selfish stepchildren, however, have other plans for the money. To help their stepmother come to her senses, they commit her to a sanatorium. Now with the help of her new friends, Mrs. Savage must maintain her wit to overcome greed and dishonesty in this heartwarming comedy by John Patrick.

Director C. Evans Kirk will hold auditions on Sunday, September 19 and Monday, September 20, at 7:00 pm. at the Haines City Community Theatre. They will consist of cold readings from the script. Casting will be five men and six women ages 20 and up. Non-traditional casting strongly encouraged.

## Characters:

### The Residents

**Florence Williams:** (young to middle age) The elegant "mother" of *The Cloisters*, she believes she has a five-year-old son named John Thomas; in fact, John Thomas is a doll.

**Fairy May:** (younger) Fairy is a compulsive liar who is obsessed with having others love her. She is unkept throughout the play, but believes herself to be stunningly beautiful.

**Jeffrey:** (younger to middle) Once a military pilot, Jeff was shot down in the war, surviving a crash that killed all his men. He now believes that he has a scar on his face, which he constantly hides from others. (Please Note: Jeff is also concert musician. It is not necessary that you play an instrument, but would be a plus!)

**Hannibal:** (Middle Age) Hannibal, once a statistician, was fired and replaced by an electronic calculator. He has since taken up the violin, which he wrongly believes he can play beautifully.

**Mrs. Paddy:** (Middle to Older) Mrs. Paddy paints with the quality of Hannibal's violin playing. Mrs. Paddy stopped talking when her husband told her to "shut up" one day, and she hasn't spoken since other than to utter off lists of things she hates.

(Playwright John Patrick states: "It is important that the gentle inmates of *The Cloisters* be played with warmth and dignity. Any exaggeration of the roles will rob them of charm and humor.)

### The Savages

**Mrs. Ethel P. Savage:** (Older) Mrs. Savage is a witty, kindhearted, own minded, blue haired woman with a shifted viewpoint of humanity. She believes in living life to the fullest and not being bothered with what others may say about her. Though she hates her stepchildren, she normally finds the good in others. However, none of this means she's a pushover, in fact, as we discover, you don't want to be on her bad side!

**Titus: (Middle Age)** He is the eldest step-son. Titus is the least popular senator in congress. He has been sent so many threatening letters that he is listed by Western Union as a "tangible asset!"

**Lily Belle: (Middle Age)** Lily Belle is the middle stepchild and is a celebrity heiress who's been married six times. She is arrogant, chic, and self-assured.

**Samuel: (Middle age)** The youngest step child of Ethel, Samuel has the distinction of being the judge with the most overturned decisions in the U.S. He walks in the shadows of his siblings, offering a sassy, short comment every once in a while, only to be shot down.

#### **The Staff**

**Dr. Emmett: (Middle to Older).** The staff doctor for this wing of The Cloisters, Dr. Emmett is kind, warmhearted, and he works hard to help his patients.

**Miss "Willie" Wilhelmina: (Younger to Middle)** Miss Willie is an administrative assistant and nurse. She is understanding towards all the residents of The Cloisters...especially one that she holds a secret with.

The play will be performed in the look and style of the 1950s. Think of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" that captures the feel of the period without belonging in a museum!

The show will run November 6 -21 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays). For more information on Auditions please contact the director at [kirkproductions@hotmail.com](mailto:kirkproductions@hotmail.com).