



Audition Packet

AUDITIONS: October 10 & 11 @ 6:30pm

PERFORMANCES: December 9-11 & 16-18

Pit & Balcony Community Theatre

805 N Hamilton St

Saginaw, MI 48602

Directed by Jeff List

Hello!

Thanks for your interest in auditioning for Pit & Balcony's production of *The Holiday Channel Christmas Movie Wonderthon* by Don Zolidis! This is a fun and feel-good walk through some of the wackiest holiday movie tropes we're all used to seeing on a "certain" TV channel during the Most Wonderful Time of the Year. It's an original script full of familiar stories with lots of good jokes and heartwarming holiday cheer. Because it's such a fun show, auditions will be fun too! We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

- The *Wonderthon* Production Team

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AUDITION FORM: Please complete the online audition form prior to your audition:

<https://forms.gle/e91RkcuyNEp5UddV8>

AUDITION EXPECTATIONS: Auditions will consist of "warm" monologues and cold scene work from the script.

Warm monologues can be found at the end of this packet. Please familiarize yourself with the monologue that most closely represents the characters for which you will be auditioning. It is preferred that you come prepared with your chosen monologue memorized.

Cold scenes will be provided at the auditions as will your scene partners.

Have fun! Make choices and come up with a character. The more you have fun, the better the readings will be felt.

PLAY SYNOPSIS: Welcome to Hopewood Falls, Vermont, where singles in adorable sweaters converge to look for love. Can disguises help royalty and/or movie stars find the down-to-earth connections they crave? Will evil city slickers destroy charming inns and/or Christmas tree farms? Isn't it a little creepy for a meet-cute to depend on one person being in a coma? Grab a hot chocolate and your favorite wise single friend to find out in this wildly entertaining parody of holiday rom-coms.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS: *We are auditioning actors ages 16+ of all genders, races, ethnicities, and abilities.*

NARRATOR 1: (this actor will also play any or all of the following characters: PRANCER, a golden retriever, VIXEN, a golden retriever, GIRL 1, GIRL 2, TSA AGENT, MARLENA)

NARRATOR 2: (this actor will also play any or all of the following characters: PRANCER, a golden retriever, VIXEN, a golden retriever, GIRL 1, GIRL 2, TSA AGENT, MARLENA)

HOLLY: owner of the Evergreen Inn in Hopewood Falls, VT. A heart of gold.

BRETT: stranded by a snowstorm, but secretly a prince from Artemisia, a tiny country in Europe no one has ever heard of. Luckily, he's rich, y'all.

JOY: a romance novelist, visiting the inn to try and break her writer's block.

PAUL/PAULETTE: a rival romance novelist, running their own writer's retreat – a self-important jerk, but with the love of the right woman, they are probably pretty nice.

CAROL: a war reporter, home for the holidays, tired of big city life.

JACKSON: 35, a veterinarian, who own two golden retrievers.

MERRY: in town to search for the perfect Christmas tree for the big Christmas celebration in the big city. A real estate lawyer with no time for love.

BLAKE: rugged owner of a tree farm. He's heartbroken but oh-so-handsome.

KRIS: the son of the former Santa Claus in the town parade, but he has troubles. Currently working as a real estate lawyer.

NOELLE: owner of the oldest Christmas ornament boutique in town, charged with helping Kris quit his job and become a full-time Santa. Filled with the Christmas spirit.

SVEN: the secret prince of Broxtenberg, which is another tiny country in Europe that no one has ever heard of. Shocker, he's also rich as heck.

RITA: movie star filming a movie in Hopewood Falls but pretending to be an ordinary woman.

LAERTES: real estate developer guy. We do not like him. (This actor will also play JIMMY)

JIMMY: the ex-boyfriend of Holly who plays the ex-boyfriends of every other woman, 'cause why not. (This actor will also play LAERTES)

BRIDGETTE: the snappy best friend of all the women. Why not.

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COVID-19 POLICY

Pit & Balcony is committed to the health, safety, and privacy of all of its employees and volunteers. To this end we keep a close eye on all regulations and recommendations set forth by the Federal and State governments as well as local, state, and national health organizations. At the time of compiling this packet, Pit & Balcony does not *require* masking or vaccination in order to take part in its productions and safety protocols may differ from person to person based on their vaccination status. Vaccination status may or may not impact castability. All volunteers and employees are encouraged to receive the covid-19 vaccine and all booster shots as soon as they are able. All policies and protocols are subject to change without warning based on recommendations set forth by governing bodies and health agencies.

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PLEASE NOTE ANY CONFLICTS YOU MAY HAVE.						
CONFLICTS DO NOT AUTOMATICALLY ELIMINATE YOU FROM CONSIDERATION BUT ALLOW US TO PLAN REHEARSALS AS CONVENIENTLY AS POSSIBLE.						
PLEASE NOTE: NO CONFLICTS ARE ACCEPTED AFTER NOVEMBER 23, 2022						
OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9	10 AUDITIONS 6:30pm	11 AUDITIONS 6:30pm	12	13	14	15
16 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	17 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	18 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	19 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	20 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	21	22
23 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	24 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	25 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	26 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	27 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	28	29
30 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	31 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30					
NOVEMBER						
		1 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	2 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	3 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	4	5
6 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	7 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	8 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	9 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	10 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	11	12
13 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	14 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	15 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	16 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	17 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	18	19
20 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	21 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	22 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	23 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	24 THANKSGIVING No Rehearsal	25	26
27 Q2Q 4:00-9:00	28	29 TECH 6:30-10:30	30 TECH 6:30-10:30			
DECEMBER						
				1 TECH REHEARSAL 6:30-10:30	2	3 TBD REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30
4 REHEARSAL 6:30-9:30	5 DRESS 6:30 CALL	6 DRESS 6:30 CALL	7 DRESS 6:30 CALL	8 DRESS 6:30 CALL	9 SHOWTIME! CALL 6:30	10 SHOWTIME! CALL 2:00
11 SHOWTIME! CALL 2:00	12	13	14 BRUSH UP CALL 6:30	15	16 SHOWTIME! CALL 6:30	17 SHOWTIME! CALL 2:00
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WARM READINGS: Please choose the monologue which most closely represents the character(s) for which you are auditioning. It is preferred that you come to audition prepared with your monologue memorized. Create a character, make choices, and HAVE FUN!

CAROL: Well, honey, what do you think? Isn't Hopewood Falls amazing? It's so much more spiritual than Southern Sudan, which is where I spent the last three years. But you don't want to hear about boring old me. Sure my career as a war photographer seems exciting on the outside, but it can't really compete with the folksy charm of this little Vermont town. But I don't want to talk about me too much. I want to know about you. Are you in there? I'm sure you would be an amazing husband. I feel like I know so much about you already, because you've named your dongs after reindeer. That's so pure, like the snow. I know, let's have fun! How about a snowball fight?

(CAROL darts away from JACKSON)

Come on, you can do it!

(She picks up a snowball and throws it at him)

Got you! Hahahahaha oh this is joyful.

(She throws another snowball.)

My brothers and I used to get in snowball fights all the time. Oh we were so happy at Christmas and literally no other time in the year.

(She throws another snowball)

Come on, Silly!

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KRIS: *(To a Santa Claus costume)* I can't seem to quit you, can I? Every time I think I'm out, you pull me back in. Nooooooo!

(He drops the costume and turns away, crumpling to his knees. He starts talking to himself.)

But the people need you, Kris....

No! They don't need me, they need Santa!

Same Thing.

Shut up.

No it's not!

My father was Santa, and his father before him, and his father was Saint Nicholas before Santa was even a thing, but it's not me! I'm not worth of their legacy!

It is your...destiny. Take up the costume and assume your role in the parade.

(He turns back to the Santa costume, shaking, reaching for it.)

Nooooooo!

(He crumples into a heap.)

(His phone rings. He answers it.)

Hey, what's up? Nothing, I'm just hanging out. Yeah, I can come into work, no problem. All right see you in a bit. I'm leaving Hopewood Falls.
