

EMU Theatre Audition Information

Pride and Prejudice, Fall 2019

The Play:

Written in 2018, this new play by Kate Hamill takes a very irreverent, playful, and modern approach to the characters inhabiting Jane Austen's famous 1813 novel. The original production used a small energetic cast (8 actors with lots of multiple roles), and took full advantage of the audience's imagination and engagement with clever word play, visual games, and theatrical tricks for all to enjoy. Our production (including casting numbers) will depend on who shows up for auditions and what talents they bring with them.

Guest Director:

While Justin Poole is on semester-abroad, the fall play will be directed by Stanley Swartz, winner of numerous local, state, and Southeastern Theatre Conference awards.

Production Dates:

Eight performances from November 15 through 23.

Rehearsals:

Expect five (evening) rehearsals per week as a general rule, however, you will only be required on the days/times your scenes are scheduled for rehearsal. Some days you may only be needed for part of a rehearsal. The rehearsal schedule will adjust somewhat according to cast conflicts, hence the slight vagueness now.

Auditions:

Auditions Part One 7:00 - 9:30pm **September 3**, in the Mainstage.

If you are expecting a lead role, then bring a memorized and prepared 1 minute monologue that reveals you being a character, not just a face/voice reciting lines. (Monologues can be found in libraries, bookstores, online, or in plays. Note: Finding a good one takes effort.) An audition is an acting job interview. Like any employer, the director is looking for the best possible candidate who shows skill, will be responsible, will be pleasant to work with, and who will work well with others.

FYI, the audition form will include a space for you to indicate if you have a preference for a small role. Finally, if you do not have a monologue prepared, you are still welcome to come join the fun and enjoy the experience. Wear clothing that allows you to move freely.

Auditions Part Two 7:00 - 9:30pm **September 4**, in the Mainstage

Part Two will be a modified callback - we will complete the audition exercises, allow the director to try various combinations of actors in specific roles, and also allow students to audition who were legitimately not available on Sept. 3. Again, all EMU affiliated folks are welcome.

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