



A PLAY ON WORDS...

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* Up-coming Events:

* **Drop Dead opens August 22nd.**

* **Full Monty Auditions are August 24 & 25th**

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***“Drop Dead”* opens August 22**

A cast of has-been actors plan to revive their careers in Drop Dead!, a potboiler murder mystery directed by "Wonder Child of the Broadway Stage" Victor Le Pewe (a psychotic eye twitching megalomaniac). At the dress rehearsal the set falls, props break, and the producer and an actor are murdered. During the opening night performance, the murders continue. The remaining thespians must save the show and their careers, solve the mystery and stay alive for curtain calls. This show features the talents of Brian Cheslik, Dan Stanton, Spenser Morris, Cash Kimmerle, Alicia Yates, Greg Kurtz, Ben Hackney, Tim Daugherty, Leslie Robinson, Nikki Rehmert and is directed by Tina Gleason. The show opens Friday, August 22nd and runs through Saturday, September 6th. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults. Purchase tickets on our website: www.emeraldcityplayers.com or at the door prior to performances! See you there!

Look inside for audition information!

The Full Monty

Auditions will take place on Aug 24th & Aug 25th & will be cold reading from the script. Bring 16 bars prepared music; accompanist provided.

JERRY LUKOWSKI: An unemployed mill worker, mid 30's to mid 40's, working class, attractive, and Dave's best friend. Jerry used to be married to Pam and is restless and angry over his lot in life. Jerry has a gentle side to his nature, and is a devoted father, desperate to not be separated from his son. **Vocal Range: tenor (up to a B)**

ETHAN GIRARD: An unemployed mill worker, 20's to mid 30's, attractive, somewhat simple-minded, but good-hearted. He is kooky, eccentric, happy and uncomplicated, but hugely talented. A little slower than the rest, but in a lovable and very funny way. **Vocal Range: baritone**

DAVE BUKATINSKY: An unemployed mill worker, mid 40's, working class, overweight. Dave is Jerry's best friend. He would like to be thin, but food is his second love, next to his devoted wife, Georgie. His marriage is strained because of his unemployment. **Vocal Range: tenor or high baritone (sings A's)**

MALCOLM MACGREGOR: An unemployed mill worker, 20's to 40, working as a part time security guard. A kind, shy, lonely introverted man who lives with his ailing mother. Malcolm is rescued from himself (and from his unsuccessful suicide) by Dave and Jerry. **Vocal Range: tenor**

NOAH (HORSE) T. SIMMONS: A retired mill worker, African American, age 50 to 60. A "Big Black Man" with a voice and moves that brings the house down. **Vocal Range: baritone**

MOLLY MACGREGOR: Malcolm's ailing mother, 50's to 70. **Non-singing role**

TONY GIRODANO: A Buffalo club owner; not age specific. **Vocal Range: baritone**

JEANNETTE BURMEISTER: A piano player of indeterminate years, retirement-age (60 to 80), a showbiz-savvy accompanist, brassy. An old pro, experienced with men and show-biz...always the voice of reason. Nothing can shock her and she takes everything in her stride. **Vocal Range: mezzo/alto**

HAROLD NICHOLS: An unemployed supervisor at the same mill late 40's to late 50's, upright and verging on prissy. A typical white-collar manager who is somewhat full of himself and trying to keep up appearances. Devoted to his wife, Vicki, and desperate not to lose her, he has been hiding his unemployment from his wife for 6 months. *Vocal Range: baritone*

PAM LUKOWSKI: Jerry's estranged wife, mid 30's to mid 40's, working class, attractive, intelligent and practical. Pam still has feelings for Jerry but wants a better life for her and Nathan which she thinks she has found with Teddy. *Vocal Range: mezzo/alto*

GEORGIE BUKATINSKY

Dave's wife, 30's to 40's, fun and sassy. Down to earth, confident, and enjoys life. Devoted to Dave, but struggling to keep the marriage together. *Vocal Range: mezzo/alto*

VICKI NICHOLS: Harold's adored wife, 30's to 50, middle class, but with a flair for style. A fun person who can see through the posing. She loves shoes and trips to Maui, but she loves her husband most of all. *Vocal Range: mezzo/alto*

ESTELLE GENOVESE: Jerry's sexy girlfriend and occasional lover, 20 to mid 30's. *Vocal Range: mezzo/alto*

SUSAN HERSHEY: A friend of Pam and Georgie; not age specific. *Vocal Range: mezzo/alto*:

JOANIE LISH: A friend of Pam and Georgie; not age specific. *Vocal Range: mezzo/alto*

NATHAN LUKOWSKI: Jerry's son, 12 to 14. Mature for his age. Coping well with his parent's divorce.

Non-singing role

TEDDY SLAUGHTER: Pam's live-in boyfriend, late 30's to late 40's. An all-American, good-looking, clean-cut guy. *Non-singing role*

BUDDY (KENO) WALSH: Handsome male stripper, 20's to 30, with an effeminate personality and attitude. Macho enough, and with a body to make the ladies go wild. *Non-singing role*

REG WILLOUGHBY: An unemployed mill worker, 30's to 50's. *Non-singing role*

POLICE SERGEANT: Not age specific. *Vocal Range: open (for ensemble)*

MINISTER: Not age specific. *Vocal Range: open (for ensemble)*

Our 2008 Season

RABBIT HOLE

By David Lindsay-Abaire
Director: Jeremy Sony
January 18 – February 2,
2008

Black Comedy

By Peter Shaffer
Director: Mark Sartor
March 7 – March 22, 2008

Bell, Book and Candle

By John van Druten
Director: Linda Sopp
April 18 - May 3, 2008

The Lion in Winter

By James Goldman
Director: April Olt
May 30 – June 14, 2008
2008

LADIES AT THE ALAMO

By Paul Zindel
Director: Brian Cheslick
July 11 – July 26, 2008

Drop Dead

By Billy Van Zandt &
Jane Milmore
Director: Tina Gleason
August 22 – September 6,
2008

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THE FULL MONTY

By Terrance McNally &
David Yazbek
Director: Kathy Sturm
Auditions: August 24-
August 25, 2008