

Assassins Character Breakdown

Directed by Beth Hansen

Auditions are Monday June 14, 2011 and Tuesday June 15, 2011 at 7pm

Callbacks are Wednesday June 16, 2011 at 8pm

ASSASSINS' is the curious story of nine individuals who over time have attempted to assassinate the President of the United States. The show explores the inner motives of each assassin. Eventually, each individual must confront the fact that committing the ultimate crime failed to assuage their personal problems. With a score by Stephen Sondheim, ASSASSINS takes an unflinching, uneasy and sometimes funny look at individuals who are so disenfranchised, lost, and alone in their own country that they attempt the most unthinkable of crimes. Thought-provoking and controversial, ASSASSINS is a show that forces us to take a look at the very people in our country who often times go unnoticed.

John Wilkes Booth: Male, baritone, 25 - 37 (1838-1865) Assassinated President Abraham Lincoln during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater, Washington D.C., April 14, 1865.

Charles Guiteau: Male, tenor, 35 - 45(1841-1882) Assassinated President James Garfield in the waiting room of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Station, Washington, D.C., July 2, 1881. Dashing but mad.

Leon Czolgosz: Male, bass, 28 - 36(1873-1901) Assassinated President William McKinley during a public reception at the Temple of Music Pavilion at the Pan American Exposition, Buffalo, N.Y., September 6, 1901. Poverty-worn young radical (pronounced Chole-gosh).

Giuseppe Zangara: Male, tenor, 28 - 36(1900-1933) Attempted to assassinate President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt greeted well-wishers in Bayfront Park, Miami, February 15, 1933. Angry, heavily-accented immigrant.

Samuel Byck: Male, baritone, 35 - 50(1930-1974) Attempted to assassinate President Richard Nixon; hijacked a commercial jetliner which he intended to crash dive into the White House, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, February 22, 1974. Hysterically irate schlep in a Santa Claus suit.

John Hinckley: Male, baritone, 18 - 25(1955-) Attempted to assassinate President Ronald Reagan as he left the Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C., March 30, 1981. Depressed college student

Lee Harvey Oswald / Balladeer: Male, tenor, 20 - 35 A Woody Guthrie/Peter Seeger-style folk singer. Should be able to play guitar, folk tenor. /(1939-1963). Assassinated President John F. Kennedy from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository, Dallas, Texas, November 22, 1963. Dejected shipping clerk planning suicide.

Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme: Female,, mezzo 18 - 35(1948-) Attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford as he left the St. Francis Hotel, Sacramento, CA, September 5, 1975. Pixie hippie in love with Charles Manson.

Sara Jane Moore: Female, mezzo, 25 - 45 Attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford as he left the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, CA, September 22, 1975. Frazzled housewife.

The Proprietor: Male, baritone, 30 - 55 Of a shooting gallery at a carnival.

David Herold: Male, 20 - 30, One of John Wilkes Booth's confederates; aided Booth in his attempted escape.

Emma Goldman: Female, 35 - 65, Turn-of-the-century Anarchist agitator and feminist.

President Gerald Ford: Male, 40 - 65.

President James Garfield: Male, 40 - 60.

Billy: Male, 7 - 14.

A small vocal ensemble will be made up of **REPORTERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, TOURISTS,** and **BYSTANDERS.** All must be able to sing well and move.

Assassins Auditions, rehearsals and performances will take place at THE GEM THEATER located at 12852 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Please prepare a 16 - 32 measure cut, an accompanist will be provided. Be prepared to dance first. Doors to the theater will open at 6:30pm and sign in will begin promptly after doors are open. First come, first seen. Please bring a resume and current photo. You will not be seen if you do not have sheet music. Rehearsals will begin on June 27, 2011. Performances run July 28, 2011 thru August 21, 2011. Performances take place Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 8pm and Sunday matinees at 3pm. For more information please call the Artistic Director for One More Productions at 714.741.9550 x. 225