

Auditions for a World Premiere

A Comedy of Couples

By Rick Ponzio

Auditions will be held in the University Theater on Tuesday, November 28. (6) Actors are needed. UWWC students are strongly encouraged to audition. First reading will be held in the theater Thursday, November 30. Regular rehearsals start in January.

Production Dates are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 8, 9, 10, 2018.

Three couples are celebrating while waiting for the priest to come marry them. By morning, there is still no wedding. The Dottore's boat is leaving soon to the New World. Pantalone sets out with Francischino, his servant, to find out what happened. An earthquake leaves Leandro with amnesia, thinking he is his childhood fantasy character, Capitano di Pimento and doesn't recognize Beatrice, his bride to be. Pantalone is kidnapped by Pantalucci, Pantalone's evil, twin brother whom everyone thought was dead. Pantalucci's out for revenge because the Dottore rejected him for his brother in their youth. Chaos ensues with hypnotism, slapstick, stage fights, repartee, and a showdown on Mt. Vesuvius as it is erupting.

Rated PG

Refreshments will be available before the show and during the intermission.

Earn College Credit

If you're interested in theatre as a major, an extracurricular experience or just for the fun of it, you are invited to get involved! Communications 131 (Theatre Laboratory) includes acting, technical production and theatre management (sign up for one or more sections).

Contact Information

For more information on UW-WC theatrical productions, contact Communication & Theatre Arts Professor, Rick Ponzio rick.ponzio@uwc.edu Students can earn college credit for participation on stage or in theater production or management.

STYLE:

The play will be performed in the style of the Italian Comedy or Commedia dell' Arte. We're looking for actors who are very physically and vocally expressive. The style demands agility and excellent timing. The bigger and broader the performance an actor gives, the better. Leandro and Beatrice are required to fence and sing. Francischino and Truffaldina are very physical roles. I will work with actors to develop their skill sets.

THE AUDITION PROCESS:

For the audition, candidates do not need to bring prepared material. Everyone will be given numerous opportunities to audition for a variety of roles. Direction may be given, but since you will be allowed more than one opportunity, no one need feel anxious about "getting it right the first time." The audition will involve reading selected scenes from the script, movement and vocal work and improvising. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes that will allow you to move freely. Please bring a photo. It does not have to be an 8 x 10 glossy, just a photo that I can remember you by when I am casting. If you have an acting resume, bring it. However there will be room on the audition form to list your acting experience. Scripts will be available in the

Business Office..... If you are a currently enrolled student and are cast, you may enroll in COM 131 for 1 credit depending on your credit and financial aid status.

We are also looking for people to work on crews and the lobby during performances. If you are a currently enrolled student, you may enroll in COM 131 for 1 credit depending on your credit load and financial aid status.

The majority of rehearsal will be Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Friday afternoons as schedules will allow.

CHARACTERS

DOTTORE GESSEMINA GRATIANO

Middle-aged, female lawyer in Italy, and first Italian Ambassador to the New World about to marry Pantalone.

PANTALONE DEI BISOGNOSI

Middle-aged, Venetian merchant about to marry Dottore. (Same actor playing Pantalucci)

BEATRICE GRATIANO

Dottore's daughter, about to marry Leandro.

LEANDRO

Pantalone's son, about to marry Beatrice.

TRUFALDINA

Dottore's servant, about to marry Francischino.

FRANCISCHINO

Pantalone's servant, about to marry Trufaldina.

PANTALUCCI DEI BISOGNOSI

Pantalone's evil twin brother whom everyone thought was dead. (Same actor playing Pantalone)