



The Bob Hope Theatre Actors' Company

ADVANCE NOTICE OF AUDITIONS (Updated 10/8/2017)

John Buchan and Alfred Hitchcock's
THE 39 STEPS
Adapted by Patrick Barlow
From an original concept by Simon Corble and Nobby Dimon.
By Arrangement with Edward Snape for Fiery Angel Limited
Directed by Paul Marshall

Production Dates: 7th – 10th March 2018

Auditions will be held on Tuesdays 10th and 17th October at 7:30pm at the Bob Hope Theatre.

Character descriptions;

RICHARD HANNAY – Age 30 to 50s – Upper-class Englishman, handsome, leading man, quite aware of how attractive he is.

ANNABELLA SCHMIDT / PAMELA / MARGARET – Age 20 to 45 – Versatile actress to play three roles as a young leading lady from the films of the 1930s; Annabella is a mysterious alluring German spy; Margaret is young, shy, sheltered, Scottish wife of an older country farmer; Pamela is our independent and young British heroine.

Clown 1 – Age 16 to 50s – Male or female – must be versatile, creative, and playful with excellent verbal and physical comic timing, must be adept with multiple voices and dialects.

Clown 2 – Age 16 to 50s – Male or female – must be versatile, creative, and playful with excellent verbal and physical comic timing, must be adept with multiple voices and dialects.

AUDITION PIECES

The following pages for auditions may be used:

Hannay: pages 1-2; 6 - 12; 47 - 50

Annabella/Pamela/Margaret: pages 6-12; 25 - 33; 68- 70

2 clowns: pages 2 - 6; 12 - 13; 14 - 24; 60- 62

Rehearsals will commence mid-December 2017 (possibly the 12th) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to Xmas and will recommence in January 2018.

Rehearsals in January and February are expected to be Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with perhaps a few Fridays (on 16th and 23rd February and 2nd March); with Sunday evenings 25th February and 4th March, towards a full production week 4-10 March 2018.

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have *The 39 Steps*, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This 2-time Tony® and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of 4), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance!

In *The 39 Steps*, a man with a boring life meets a woman with a thick accent who says she's a spy. When he takes her home, she is murdered. Soon, a mysterious organization called "The 39 Steps" is hot on the man's trail in a nationwide manhunt that climaxes in a death-defying finale! A riotous blend of virtuoso performances and wildly inventive stagecraft, *The 39 Steps* amounts to an unforgettable evening of pure pleasure!

For any information, please contact Simon Ward e: simon@bobhopetheatre.org.uk