

## *Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* Character List

South Valley Civic Theatre expects that all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual identity, culture, age, gender expression, background, ability, economic status, education, credentials and experience have the opportunity to be engaged in our programming. We encourage all actors to audition.

### **Montague "Monty" Navarro**

- Handsome, clever, charismatic, vulnerable and endearing.
- Discovers he is in line to become the Earl of Highhurst, and intends to kill off the family that stands in his way.
  - Gender: Presents as Male
  - Vocal: Baritone, low A to high A

### **Sibella Hallward**

- The Girl Monty loves.
- Flirtatious, narcissistic, willful, calculating, and irresistible.
- A social climber, yes, but also truly loves Monty, and in the end would do anything to protect him. Tremendous wit and high style.
  - Gender: Presents as Female
  - Vocal: Character mezzo, low F# to high A

### **Phoebe D'Ysquith**

- Monty's "Cousin".
- Beautiful, virtuous, forthright, romantic, comically earnest, with a backbone of steel.
- She is not your typical ingénue, though. Actress must have a sense of irony and humor, in addition to a youthful innocence behind her sophistication.
  - Gender: Presents as Female
  - Vocal: Coloratura soprano up to a high sustained C# with an optional high Eb.

### **Miss Shingle**

- Monty's unexpected visitor.
- A Cockney housekeeper/governess who has served a wealthy, titled family for 30 years. She informs Monty that he is indeed a D'Ysquith. Storytelling is paramount for her role.
  - Gender: Presents as Female
  - Vocal: Mezzo Soprano

## The D'Ysquith Family

1. Asquith D'Ysquith, Jr., a dandy
2. Lord Adlabert D'Ysquith, Eighth Earl of Highhurst
3. Reverend Lord Ezekiel D'Ysquith, a clergyman
4. Lord Adlabert D'Ysquith, Sr., an elderly banker
5. Henry D'Ysquith, a country squire
6. Lady Hyacinth D'Ysquith, a benefactress
7. Major Lord Bartholomew D'Ysquith, a bodybuilder
8. Lady Salome D'Ysquith Pumphrey, an actress
9. Chauncey D'Ysquith, a janitor
  - Must be a skilled and transformational comedic actor who has a superb grasp on British farce.
  - Physical comedy and stamina is a necessity.
  - Does not necessarily need to be a phenomenal singer, but must be able to carry a musical comedy without an ounce of hesitation.
  - Plays a full range of characters from the same family, each of them intrinsic “English types”.
  - **These roles all played by one actor**
  - Gender: Presents as Male



## ENSEMBLE

**NOTE:** The ensemble is designed to be *either* split between a total of 6 actors (3 Male / 3 Female) or divided up into a larger cast for each character. The Sugar-Salem casting will be determined after auditions.

- **WOMAN #1:** Mourner; Tour Guide; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Bridesmaid; Pub Owner's Wife; Mrs. Pebworth; Phoebe's Maid; 3rd Newsboy; Tailor; Selina Chard (Servant); Flower Girl
- **WOMAN #2:** Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Bridesmaid; Mrs. Hetherington; 4th Newsboy; Tailor; Lady Eugenia D'Qsquith; Flower Girl
- **WOMAN #3:** Mourner; Sibella's Maid; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Miss Evangeline Barley; Bridesmaid; Miss Hayes; Tailor; Hilda (Servant); Flower Girl
- **MAN #1:** Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; 2nd Clerk; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Tom Copley; Dr. Brownlee; 1st Newsboy; Weight Lifter; 3rd Actor; Ancestral Bust; Walter (Servant); Dr. Pettibone (Medical Examiner); Prison Guard
- **MAN #2:** Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; 1st Clerk; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Pub Owner; Mr. Cross; 2nd Newsboy; Weight Lifter; 1st Actor; Lord Asquith's Physician; Ancestral Bust; Mr. Waters (Servant); Chief Inspector Pinckney
- **MAN #3:** Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Pub Patron; Henry's Employee; Mr. Goodsall; 2nd Actor; Alfred Gorby (Butler); Lord High Steward (voiceover); Magistrate