

AUDITION INFORMATION FOR *HARVEY*

Note: This production will be a concert style reading

Cast of Characters:

Male roles:

Elwood P. Dowd - A charming eccentric who's best friend is Harvey, an invisible six-foot-tall rabbit. Elwood is well mannered, very friendly, and has "old-school gentleman charm". Elwood is Veta's older brother.

Dr. William B. Chumley - A well respected, experienced, confident psychiatrist who will go to great lengths to protect the reputation of his sanitarium, Chumley's Rest.

Dr. Lyman Sanderson - A young and highly qualified psychiatrist. Talented but vain. He is infatuated with Nurse Kelly but tries to hide it.

Duane Wilson - The sanitarium 'strongarm' responsible for handling the patients who will not cooperate voluntarily. He sets his sights on Myrtle Mae Simmons soon after meeting her.

Judge Omar Gaffney - An old family friend of the Dowds and the family's lawyer. He is fiercely protective of the family and surprisingly understanding of Elwood's belief in Harvey.

E. J. Lofgren - A cab driver whose comments about sanitarium passengers is crucial to the climax of the play. This role has a single scene near the very end. (May double as Sanderson or could also be played by a female.)

Female Roles:

Veta Louise Simmons - Elwood's Social climbing sister, very concerned with appearances and wanting to find a suitable husband for her daughter. She loves her older brother Elwood, but finds his eccentric behavior frustrating.

Myrtle Mae Simmons - Veta's daughter, self-centered, frustrated and worried she'll never find a husband because of Elwood's behavior.

Mrs Ethel Chauvenet - Wealthy society woman. She is an elite member of the town's social circle to which Veta desperately wants Myrtle to belong. (Act 1 only) - may double as Betty Chumley.

Betty Chumley - Dr. Chumley's kind and talkative wife. (Act 2 only) - may double as Mrs Chauvenet.

Nurse Ruth Kelly - A pretty young woman who has a love/hate relationship with Dr. Sanderson. She is kind, straight forward and looks for the best in people.

For more information or if you have questions, Please feel free to contact Marianne Lyon at mlyoncats@aol.com.