

New Horizon Theatre announces Auditions for

A Little Princess

Based on the books, *A Little Princess* and *Sara Crewe: or What Happened at Miss Minchin's Boarding School*
and the script, *A Little Un-fairy Princess*
by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Adapted and Directed by Amy McDow

Taken from the classic novel, *A Little Princess*, this play shares the story of Sara Crewe, one of the most endearing characters to be found in literature. At the age of six, Sara arrives at her New York boarding school, brought by her loving father, who hopes to protect her from the dangers of their home in India. Sara spends the next seven years pampered at the school, in all the ways money allows. When the unexpected death of her father leaves her a penniless orphan, her world transforms into a harsh and cruel prison, where survival takes all the strength she has. However, through the power of imagination and a turn of good fortune, Sara's pain and suffering lead to a path of freedom and a restoration of the things that truly matter in life.

Location: New Horizon Theatre in West Point, Georgia

Auditions: Monday, December 9th at 7pm EDT
Tuesday, December 10th at 7pm EDT

Call-backs (if necessary): Wednesday, December 11th at 7pm

Needed: A talented cast of 38. The play contains 6 roles for adult women, 5 roles for adult males, 3 roles for young boys, and 24 roles for girls 5 to 17 years of age in appearance. This is NOT a musical. See the character descriptions for more details.

Character Descriptions (in order of appearance)

Newspaper boy: male, 8-14
Sells newspapers in street scenes.

Captain Ralph Crewe: male, 25+
Devoted and adoring single father to his only daughter, Sara. Wealthy businessman in India, who brings Sara to New York for school. He would do anything for his child, including suffering without her, so that she can be safe and get the best education.

Young Sara Crewe: female, 5-7
Quiet, reserved, introspective young girl that acts much older than she looks. Loves her father and is worried about being without him. Overwhelmed by her new school and keeps her doll, Emily, close for comfort.

Helen: female, 9-12
Schoolgirl in first scene. Observant. Plays with other school girls and is interested in the new pupil arriving.

Isabella: female, 6-9
Schoolgirl in first scene. Youngest of the group. Plays with other school girls and is interested in the new pupil arriving.

Lenora: female, 9-16
Schoolgirl in first scene. Know-it-all personality. Plays with other school girls and is interested in the new pupil arriving.

Ruth: female, 9-16

Schoolgirl in first scene. Dreamer, hopeful. Plays with other school girls and is interested in the new pupil arriving.

Miss Amelia Minchin: female, 25+

Miss Minchin's younger sister and teacher at the school. Subservient to Miss Minchin, but shows her contrasting opinions in a subtle manner. Kinder and meeker than Miss Minchin.

Miss Maria Minchin: female, 25+

Headmistress of Miss Minchin's Seminary for Young Ladies. Very haughty demeanor, but offers the appropriate praise when necessary for her position. She is domineering, forceful, controlling, and the villain of the play.

Ermengarde: female, 11-14

Very loveable and kind, though she is not very smart. Ermengarde is used to being picked on by the other girls, Lavinia in particular. She idolizes Sara and is her friend. Even though it goes against her shy nature, Ermengarde often stands up for Sara.

Lottie: female, 4-6

She is the youngest student at the school and throws spectacular tantrums. She is spoiled, mischievous, funny, and endearing. She adores Sara.

Samantha: female, 13-17

An older student who helps with the younger children and keeps others on task. She is playful and fun, but also responsible.

Lavinia: female, 13-17

Lavinia is extremely jealous of Sara Crewe and has come to hate her. She is arrogant and the school "bully." Her friends are Jessie and Dot and she is the leader of the trio.

Allie: female, 6-10

One of the younger school girls who enjoys playing and listening to Sara's story.

Frances: female, 8-16

One of the school girls. Very expressive, daydreamer.

Mary: female, 8-16

One of the school girls. Enjoys playing and is kind to the other girls.

Cynthia: female, 13-17

An older student who serves as a "mother" for the students. Miss Minchin relies on her to manage the younger students. She also tries to monitor Lavinia and prevent her from hurting the other children.

Kate: female, 11-14

She is best friends with Hattie and they are friends to Sara and Ermengarde. She is good-natured and kind.

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Dot: female, 13-17

Dot is proud to be a part of Lavinia's group and follows Lavinia and Jessie's lead. She is mean to other girls in order to fit into the group.

Louise: female, 8-16

One of the school girls. A little adventurous, enjoys playing with classmates.

Jessie: female, 13-17

Jessie is friends with Lavinia and Dot. She follows Lavinia's lead and is one of the "mean girls" of the school. She dislikes Sara Crewe and seeks Lavinia's approval.

James: male, 8-16

A servant in the school. Non-speaking role.

Emma: female, 16+

The school's maid.

Sara Crewe: female, 12-14

Sara has a very strong-spirit. She is an extremely intelligent, kind, and insightful girl. She is reserved in her reactions, but extremely expressive when telling stories. She relies on her imagination and believes that there is good in everyone.

Becky: female, 10-14

Malnourished and reserved. A servant of the school who is punished often. She is terrified of Miss Minchin and is befriended by Sara.

Mrs. Michaels: female, 30+

Mother of four children who live near the school. She is upper class and very kind.

Donald Michaels: male, 5-8

Youngest child of the Michaels family. Energetic, rambunctious, loud and all-boy. Very endearing and likeable.

Mazie Michaels: female, 6-10

Youngest daughter of the Michaels family. Plays with Donald, but wants to be thought of as one of the older girls. Very sweet and calm.

Nora Michaels: 13-15

Middle daughter of the Michaels family. Good-natured, kind girl.

Janet Michaels: female, 13-17

Oldest daughter of the Michaels family. She attempts to keep her siblings in order when her mother is not present. She is insightful, kind and caring.

Mr. Barrow: male, 18+

Well-dressed lawyer. Little compassion and concentrated on business.

Mr. Michaels: male, 30+

Employed by Mr. Carrisford to locate Captain Crewe after he was reported dead at sea. Conspires with Ram Dass to help the servant girl at the school. He is a kind and loving father and husband, as well as a loyal and dedicated employee.

Ram Dass: male, 18+

An East Indian sailor, who has accompanied Mr. Carrisford to New York to help care for him. Mysterious, observant, moves silently and seems to know more than anyone else in a given situation.

Anne: female, 7-10

Beggar child who is desolate, alone, and starving. She is living on the streets.

Baker: female, 18+

Working class woman and kind-hearted.

Cook: female, 18+

The cook for the school. Often chastised by Miss Minchin and remains in a foul temper. Hard on the servants under her control.

Mr. Carrisford: male, 30+

A very sick and weak man. He lived in India until he contracted brain fever and moved to New York in the hopes of healing. Ram Dass lives with him and he relies on him for support. He is fixated on finding out what happened to his business partner, who thought Mr. Carrisford had betrayed him before he went missing. He is kind, generous, and loyal. He has a lot of spirit, though physically limited. He enjoys the Michaels' children and is concerned for the servant child next door.