

AUDITION NOTICE – VAGABOND PLAYERS



The Last Romance

Playwright: Joe DiPietro

Director: Denise Brookson

Producers: Alice Woodbury / Suzanne Biehl

Synopsis: A bitter-sweet tale of Ralph Bellini, a widower who once auditioned for the Metropolitan Opera and who has harboured both a passion for the art form and a sense of regret over what was not to be. A chance at romance in the person of Carol comes to him suddenly, in a dog park of all places, and in that heightened state of new life possibilities, memories of the young tenor he once was. Ralph's housemate and caregiving sister, Rose, already once abandoned by her husband, fears the consequences of this blooming romance. The past, its secrets and entanglements emerge and offer conflict to the joys of a second and last chance romance.

Characters:

THE YOUNG MAN - Baby-faced with a beautiful singing voice. (age 18 – 35)

RALPH BELLINI – Vigorous, full of life and humour. Opera lover. Italian American (age 65 - 75)

CAROL REYNOLDS - Attractive, proper and very well-dressed. Love interest for Ralph. Dog lover. (age 60 - 70)

ROSE TAGLIATELLE – Bitter, domineering caregiver sister to Ralph. Italian American (age 60 - 70)

Audition Dates:

****For Young Man singing role ONLY****

November 12 at 4 – 6 pm at The Bernie Legge Theatre, Queen's Park, New Westminster

- Character will sing segments of 9 operatic arias in Italian during the production
- Please email director (deeneecer@gmail.com) with headshot and resume. Director will send 2 musical excerpts for the audition.
- Musical accompanist will be present

For the 3 Speaking Roles

November 14 & 16 at 7pm

Callbacks Nov 19 at 2pm

- Cold reads will be done from the script
- Please bring headshots and resume in person

Production Dates

February 8 - 25, 2024; Th/Fr/Sat 8pm, Sun 2pm

Venue: The Bernie Legge Theatre, Queen's Park, New Westminster

Rehearsal Dates:

Dec 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, 18, 20, 27, 29 at 7pm

Jan / Feb schedule TBD in collaboration with actors

Tech week: Feb 3,4,5,6 - ALL ACTORS REQUIRED

Venue: The Bernie Legge Theatre, Queen's Park, New Westminster

Vagabond Players is a volunteer community theatre and this is a non professional production. Actors' union members will not be considered. Anyone cast must become a member of Vagabond Players,

COVID Protocols: as per BC Centre for Disease Control

The Bernie Legge Theatre is located in Queen's Park, New Westminster

Enter the park from McBride Blvd or from 3rd Avenue, V3L 1L7

Detailed location instructions: <https://www.vagabondplayers.ca/contact>

Contact: Denise Brookson (Director): deeneecer@gmail.com