

Auditions for “Arsenic & Old Lace”

Arsenic & Old Lace is the farcical black comedy about play critic Mortimer Brewster and his cast of wacky relations. Auditions for this wonderful comedy will take place at the Opera House Basement, Main Street, Springfield, KY, November 28, 6-8pm. For more information contact Scott Fattizzi at 859-336-5412 ext 4.

SYNOPSIS

Aunt Abby Brewster and her sister Martha are two nice, sweet old ladies whose favourite charity act includes murdering lonely old men by offering them elderberry wine spiked with arsenic. The sisters’ crazy but harmless brother Teddy believes he is Teddy Roosevelt and digs graves in the Brewster cellar, burying the sisters’ victims whom he believes are yellow fever casualties working on the Panama Canal. Complications set in when Mortimer learns of the sisters’ activities; and matters get more farcical when another Brewster nephew, the criminal Jonathan on the lam, and a strange Dr. Einstein arrive with the body of their latest victim.

Character Descriptions (11males and 3 females):

Abby Brewster – 50+ A darling lady in her sixties who poisons elderly men, Abby is the sister of Martha and an aunt to Teddy, Jonathan, and Mortimer.

Martha Brewster – 50+ A sweet elderly woman with Victorian charm who poisons elderly men, Martha is the sister of Abby and an aunt to Teddy, Jonathan, and Mortimer.

Mortimer Brewster – 20s/30s Nephew of Abby and Martha, Mortimer is a drama critic who is engaged to Elaine. He is a nice man who cares for his aunts.

Elaine Harper – 20s/30s Mortimer’s fiancée, Elaine is the daughter of the

Rev. Dr. Harper. She is surprisingly wise in the ways of the world for a minister’s daughter.

Teddy Brewster – 20s/30s Nephew of Abby and Martha Brewster, Teddy thinks that he is Theodore Roosevelt.

Jonathan Brewster – 30+ Nephew of Abby and Martha Brewster, Jonathan is a psychopath who has had plastic surgery and now looks like Boris Karloff.

Dr. Einstein – 40+ A plastic surgeon and an alcoholic, Dr. Einstein has changed Jonathan’s face three times.

The Rev. Dr. Harper – 40+ Minister and father of Elaine.

Officer Brophy – 20s+ A police officer

Officer Klein – 20s+ A police officer

Officer O’Hara – 20s A police officer, O’Hara is a would-be playwright who pesters Mortimer to read his play.