

BEN HUR INFO FOR WEBSITE/KATH

AUDITION NOTICE

'Ben Hur' By Patrick Barlow

Directed by Alan Goss

Audition Date: Thursday 21st April 2022

Show Dates: 1st - 9th July 2022

PLOT

They said it was unachievable! They said it couldn't be done!

Based on one of the best-selling books of the 19th century and the Academy Award-winning film of grand proportion, comes the stage adaptation with four actors – turning Dunstable Rep Theatre into one of the most authentic versions of Ancient Rome ever seen.

The story follows an amateur theatre troupe as they produce the massive tale of the fictional Jewish prince and merchant Judah Ben-Hur. He falls to galley slave and rises to champion charioteer within Jerusalem during the life of Jesus Christ, while the actors struggle along through the piece as rivalries form and offstage romances interfere.

Complete with chariot race, sea battle, and stage combat, A fast paced frenetic farce, full of energy and hilarity – this production promises to be both an exciting challenge and great fun.

Please be aware that the roles may call for the wearing of helmets, sandals and loincloths.....

Characters:

DANIEL VEIL - Male (25-40) - Melchior, Ben-Hur, Nubian dancer

Daniel is the leader of this eponymous troupe of thespians and is dedicated to portraying his 'leading role' with as much authenticity and professionalism as he can muster. Daniel is the straight man – self confident and vane with likeable arrogance.

OMAR LORD - Male (20-40) - Caspar, Archangel Gabriel, Messala, Jesus, Galley Captain, Roman Captain, Galley Slave 2, Nubian dancer, Valentinyo

Dashing, handsome, charming – Omar has had minor success on regional television and his performance should reflect this. Daniel's rival for Crystal's affections.

CRYSTAL SINGER - Female (20-40) - Mary, Tirzah, Esther, Ancient Slave, Nubian dancer, Catalina, Naboth, Mrs Pilate –

The romantic lead – fun, flirty. Crystal is more than aware of Daniel's intentions yet she only has eyes for Omar.

EDGAR T CHESTERFIELD – Male – (50+) - Balthasar, Sara, Centurion, Slave-driver, Quintus Arrius, Pontius Pilate

Older chap, has come out of retirement to join the production & is now wishing he hadn't bothered. He is frantically trying to hold this production together always with a slightly bemused expression.

Audition Notes:

If you are interested in auditioning or would like more information – just get in touch with Alan Goss by phone on 07952 813122 or gossalan24@gmail.com