

AUDITION
Golden West College
The Secret Garden

Book and Lyrics by Marsha Norman Music by Lucy Simon Based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Directed and staged by Martie Ramm
Musical Direction by Rick Heckman

Performance Dates: April 25 – May 4 @ Golden West College
Evenings @ 7:30pm April 25 - 26, May 1 - 3/ Matinees @ 2:00 pm on April 27 and May 4

CASTING

LILY – Lead role. Female, 28-38 (Range: Soprano, Bb3-D6) Mary's aunt and Archibald Craven's wife. Died of a tragic accident within her garden and metaphorically haunts the walls of Misselthwaite Manor.

MARY LENNOX – Lead role. Female, any age to play age 10-12 (Range: Young Voice, Ab3-D5) A young girl sent to live with her uncle, Archibald, when her parents die from cholera in India. Quite the curious explorer, and often finding herself in trouble. Stubborn and always fighting for what she believes in. This role will be double cast with each performer receiving an equal number of rehearsals and performances. When not playing the lead role at performances, actress will be part of the ensemble.

ARCHIBALD CRAVEN – Lead role. Male, 35-45 (Range: Baritone, C3-A4) Mary's uncle and lord of Misselthwaite Manor. He has a hunchback. Haunted by the past and afraid of the future, he locks himself away both physically and mentally. Mary painfully reminds him too much of his wife, Lily, who died ten years ago.

DR. NEVILLE CRAVEN – This role is already cast.

MARTHA – Female, 18-30 (Range: Mezzo-Soprano Belt, G3-D5) A faithful housemaid. Grew up near Yorkshire and has the accent to prove it. Although she is from a lower-class family, her wisdom is often far beyond her age.

DICKON – Male, 18-25 (Range: Tenor, D3-G4) Martha's younger brother. Looks after the sick plants and animals within the Misselthwaite grounds—including Mary. He is a young man who is between the world of child imagination and adult reasoning. Befriends Mary and convinces her to take care of the Garden.

BEN WEATHERSTAFF – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible, E3-D#4) Head gardener. Secretly entrusted to take care of the garden after Lily's death. Knows a great deal about the history of the garden and the grounds it sits on. He has worked for the family for many years. He calls himself "an old man."

COLIN CRAVEN – Lead role. Male, any age to play age 10-12 (Range: Young Voice, A3-E5) Archibald's young son. Spent his life in bed due to a heart condition. He is very stubborn and throws temper tantrums to get what he wants. He believes his father hates him for causing his mother's death. This role will be double cast with each performer receiving an equal number of rehearsals and performances. When not playing the lead role at performances, actor will be part of the ensemble.

MRS. MEDLOCK – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Archibald's housekeeper. As cold and heartless as Misselthwaite Manor.

MRS. WINTHROP – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Headmistress of a private school. Prides herself on nurturing girls with tempers. Mary seems to be more than she can handle.

The following characters, referred to collectively as the Dreamers, are people from Mary's life in India, who haunt her until she finds her new life in the course of the story. They are free to sing directly to the audience, appearing and disappearing at will.

ROSE LENNOX – Female, 28-38 (Range: Soprano, A3-D6) Mary's mother. A "dreamer" from the past who doesn't understand how her sister Lily could truly love Archibald. Very loyal to her husband and refuses to leave India during the cholera outbreak that takes her life.

CAPTAIN ALBERT LENNOX – Male, 30-40 (Range: Tenor, D3-A5) Mary's father. Tries to send Rose out of India during the cholera outbreak.

ALICE – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Rose's friend.

LIEUTENANT WRIGHT – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Officer in Mary's father's unit.

LIEUTENANT SHAW – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Fellow officer.

MAJOR SHELLEY – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Officer.

MRS. SHELLEY – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Major Shelley's wife.

MAJOR HOLMES – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Officer.

CLAIRE HOLMES – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Major Holmes' wife.

FAKIR – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Tenor, C3-B4) Itinerant Hindu ascetic.

AYAH – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Mary's Indian nanny.

CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE – Boys and girls singers of all appropriate vocal ranges of any age to look 10 – 13 to be part of the ensemble and to understudy the roles of Mary and Colin.

AUDITIONS:

All adult roles: Wednesday February 12 and Thursday February 13, 2025 – 6:30pm until 9:30pm

The roles of Mary and Colin will be seen by appointment only. Wednesday February 12 and Thursday February 13, 2025, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm by appointment only.

Email requested day and time to mrammingle@gwc.cccd.edu.

Please bring an audition song from any Broadway musical or from the score of this musical. You must have the sheet music for your audition song. You might also be taught a selection from the musical. Accompanist will be provided. Bring a picture/resume (if you have one).

Auditions will be held in the Stage West Theater at Golden West College, 15751 Gothard Street at Center Avenue, Huntington Beach. Parking is free.

Rehearsals begin on Monday February 24 and are scheduled for Monday - Thursday evenings from 6:30pm until 10:30 pm. There is one Saturday daytime rehearsal on Saturday April 19. Cast members are called to rehearsals only when needed.

IF CAST IN THIS PRODUCTION, ALL STUDENT ACTORS MUST ENROLL IN A 2-UNIT COLLEGE COURSE.
SOME GUEST ARTISTS NON-CREDIT (no tuition) COURSE EXEMPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

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