



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CAST

## Legally Blonde - the Musical

### THE SHOW

**Legally Blonde** will be staged at Beccles Public Hall from Thursday 17th to Saturday 19th March 2022. Rehearsals are on Friday evenings (7pm to 10pm) and Sunday afternoons (2pm to 5pm).

Rehearsals are held in the Blyburgate Hall (formerly known as the St. John Ambulance Hall) in Beccles until closer to the show when we move into the Beccles Public Hall (please ask for directions if needed).

Not everyone will be needed at every rehearsal. A rehearsal schedule will be published after the auditions detailing who is needed, at what time and the venue. You are expected to attend all rehearsals for which you are called. You are also expected to practise the songs, words and any dance moves outside of rehearsal.

### AUDITIONING TO BE A CAST MEMBER FOR LEGALLY BLONDE

Anyone wishing to be considered for the cast of **Legally Blonde** must audition for the production team to satisfy them of their singing ability and to help them cast the show with the right balance of ages, sexes, acting and dancing ability & vocal ranges. The cast size is limited to approx. 35 members so some auditionees may be disappointed.

Because Legally Blonde is strongly geared towards older teenagers and is quite a complex and difficult show with a PG13 rating, auditions are only open to children in school year 7 or above. The maximum age for Rising Stars performing members is 19. There is no fee to audition.

An audition rehearsal will be held on **Friday 12th November** where you can learn the necessary songs for the company audition plus any principal role(s) you would like to be considered for.

### PRINCIPAL AUDITIONS & COMPANY AUDITIONS

**Sunday 14th November - 10am onwards**

**Everyone wanting to appear in Legally Blonde *must* attend the Company Auditions.**

The Company Auditions will involve singing, identification of your voice part and characterisation. Everyone in the cast will be expected to sing a small piece from the show (which will be practiced beforehand) on their own or in a small group.

Candidates wishing to be considered for a principal role may also audition for up to two named characters to showcase both their vocal range and performing ability.

Everyone will be allocated a timeslot for their audition(s) so they do not have to wait around all day.

To book a place at the Auditions, please complete and return an 'Application to Audition' form by **Friday 12th November**.

**We ask that you understand the commitment this show requires before you audition. Given the amount of script work plus music and movement, you will have to give 110% during rehearsals and it is essential that you work on your material outside of rehearsal.**

Further information about the characters, the audition pieces and vocal and backing tracks can be downloaded from the following link after the Information Evening.

**Website - <https://bit.ly/LBAud2021>**

***If you wish to audition, we strongly recommend you visit the website as soon as possible, read the information and have some idea of what you would like to audition for so that you can print off the appropriate pieces to bring with you to rehearsals.***

## **AFTER THE AUDITIONS**

All auditionees will be informed of the result of their audition as soon as possible, usually by email. Please note that this may not be for several days but everyone *will* be contacted directly by the production team.

Successful auditionees must complete and return a Cast Contract form and a Parental Permission form and pay their Show Performance Fee as soon as possible after they have accepted their place in the cast. These forms will be distributed at the first full cast rehearsal on **Friday 19th November**.

## **SHOW PERFORMANCE FEE**

WLOG Rising Stars is not a business out to make a profit, but a registered charity run by dedicated volunteers wishing to nurture youth talent in Beccles. However, it costs a lot of money to put on a full-scale production so we have to charge each performer a show performance fee, in order to contribute towards costs such as room hire, licence fees, costumes, scenery, admin etc.,

For 'Legally Blonde' the show performance fee will be £50 which actually works out at around £1.50 per rehearsal, which we think it is good value. Payment can be made in full or in instalments.

Cast members who are not already members of Rising Stars will also need to pay a nominal Membership fee of 50p to ensure they are covered by WLOG's insurance policy.

## **SCRIPTS AND MUSICAL SCORES**

Once the cast is finalised, scripts and musical sheet music will be made available to the cast in PDF format.

Cast members with a principal role will need a full copy of the script and / or musical score. Cast members with smaller or chorus roles will need to download and print out the pages they need, although having a full script is strongly recommended.

If you do not have the facilities to print the necessary pages at home then please speak to the production team who can arrange for these printed for you at a small charge to cover costs. Please note that scripts on electronic devices (e.g. mobile phones) are not permitted at rehearsals.

## **WHAT'S NEXT?**

**FUTURE REHEARSALS. All to be held at Blyburgate Hall, Beccles.**

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHO</b>
Friday 12th November 7pm - 9.30pm <b><i>Audition Application Forms must be returned by this date.</i></b>	Company & principal audition practice / guidance <i>(anyone auditioning for Company only may leave at 8.30pm if they wish)</i>	ALL potential cast members.
Sunday 14th November 10am onwards	<b>PRINCIPAL &amp; COMPANY AUDITIONS</b> (Everyone will be advised in advance what time to attend)	ALL potential cast members
Friday 19th November 7pm - 9pm	Full company rehearsal	All successful cast members