



THE FARMINGTON PLAYERS

AUDITION NOTICE

Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley by Laura Gunderson and Margot Melcon

Sunday, September 15th

Registration: 12:30pm

Auditions: 1:00pm

Farmington Players Barn Theater

32332 West 12 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Director: Stacey Nellis

Assistant Director: Maureen Mansfield

Producers: Bob Hotchkiss & Donna Pelon

Stage Manager: Dave Reinke

Performance Dates: December 6,7,8,13,14,15,19,20,21

Mandatory Dates: November 23,24,25,26,27

December 2,3,4,5

Rehearsals: 3-4 days per week

Casting Notes: Speaking with a proper British accent in line with the time period is required. Looking for a racially diverse cast. Altering your hair and/or facial hair may be required. We are auditioning actors age 18+ only. Request script or ask questions at missbennet@farmingtonplayers.org or download the cuts on farmingtonplayers.org.

Synopsis: A sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* set two years after the novel ends, MISS BENNET continues the story, only this time with bookish middle-sister Mary as its unlikely heroine. Mary is growing tired of her role as dutiful middle sister in the face of her siblings' romantic escapades. When the family gathers for Christmas at Pemberley, an unexpected guest sparks Mary's hope for independence, an intellectual match, and possibly even love.

Characters: (Age/Speeches) Must be able to PORTRAY the age listed by each character.

MARY BENNET: 20/213 – Finally coming in to her own, she is no longer the plain, boring girl she once was. She has a fire in her now. She is intelligent, curious, and lively, but her family only sees her as a future spinster. She does not suffer fools. She wants to live.

ARTHUR DE BOURGH: 25/205 – A studious, unsociable only child who has never been around women or large families. He is a loner who prefers books to people. He has recently inherited a large estate and has no idea what to do next.

ELIZABETH DARCY (LIZZY): 22/129 – Married to Mr. Darcy. Confident, charming, and witty. She makes a fun and surprising lady of the house. She is best friends with her sister Jane.

FITZWILLIAM DARCY (DARCY): 30/112 – A loving, generous, and smart (if slightly stiff) husband. He is quiet and vigilant and thus sees what others often miss. He knows what being lovelorn is like.

LYDIA WICKHAM: 17/105 – Flirtatious, youthful, self-centered. Her marriage to Mr. Wickham is a sham, but she will not admit this. She is the person you want to have at your party: energetic, engaging, unstoppable.

JANE BINGLEY: 24/97 – Married to Mr. Bingley. She is seven months pregnant with her first child and is sweet and optimistic as ever. The kindest heart in the house.

CHARLES BINGLEY (BINGLEY): 25/70 – Gracious, happy, and ever focused on the love of his life, Jane. A good friend and always ready with a smile.

ANNE DE BOURGH: 20s/60 – Only daughter of the late Lady Catherine de Bourgh. Lived in her mother's very large shadow, never having to ask for anything or speak for herself her entire life. Judgmental and impatient, just like her mother.