

AUDITIONS for our Fall 2019 Production of



Laughter on the 23rd Floor

By Neil Simon

Directed by Bob Kaplan

Auditions

Saturday, September 7 at 4:00 p.m. and

Monday, September 9 at 7:30 pm

At the Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport Area, 471 Atlantic Ave, Bellport, NY.

Performances

November 1-10, 2019 (Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, Sundays at 3 pm)

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Synopsis

Playwright Neil Simon got his first big break in the early '50s as a staff writer on Sid Caesar's fabled television series *Your Show of Shows*, and this comedy takes a fictionalized look at the backstage chaos that went into producing one of the landmarks of television's golden age. Max Prince is the star of *The Max Prince Show*, a popular comedy-variety series that is a major hit on the East Coast, but network executive insists that it's too sophisticated for the Midwest and urges Prince to dumb down his act. Between the tensions of producing an hour of top-quality comedy each week and being pestered about his ratings, Prince is beginning to unravel. His last line of defense against both the network and the ratings are his writing staff, which spends its days coming up with business for the show while hurling humorous invective at each other and anyone else within earshot. Keeping up a running commentary on the writing, fighting and wacky antics is Simon's alter-ego Lucas Brickman. (Rated PG-13 for ADULT LANGUAGE & SITUATIONS)

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Roles & Audition Sides

In addition to reading from the script, each person will be asked to be prepared to tell a joke.

MAX PRINCE: Age Range 40-60. A bigger-than-life comic actor who is the mega-star of a hugely popular television variety show “The Max Prince Show,” based on Sid Caesar and “Your Show of Shows;” --cannot help but dominate a room entirely. **Pages 30-32**

LUCAS BRICKMAN: Age Range 20-30. The freshman writer; sensible and sincere. **Pages 8-9**

MILT FIELDS: Age Range 40-55. The flamboyant “gag” man; a joke a minute wholesaler who deals in fast paced patter. **Pages 10-11**

VAL SLOTSKY: Age Range 40-55. A senior member of the staff; the most politically aware of all the writers; a Russian immigrant, he should still carry a strong accent. **Pages 12-15**

BRIAN DOYLE: Age Range 40-55. An Irish American with a biting sense of humor and acerbic outlook on life; a heavy smoker, heavy cougher and heavy drinker. **Pages 16-18**

KENNY FRANKS: Age Range 30-40. Considered the “boy genius” of the group but also the most sophisticated of the writers. **Pages 18-20**

IRA STONE: Age Range 30-45. A hypochondriac who comes in late every day with a new ailment; his humor is wrapped around despair. **Page 45; page 91**

CAROL WYMAN: Age Range 30-50. The only woman writer on the show; has a strong and quick defense system. **Page 81**

HELEN: Age Range 20-30. Max’s female secretary; attractive in a quirky way; completely out of her element in the writer’s room. **Pages 84-85; Pages 89-90**



Audition Form
“Laughter on the 23rd Floor”

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (cell and home): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please list the character(s) you wish to audition for:

Would you accept another role in the show? Yes No

Performance Dates, and Times:

Fridays and Saturdays, November 1, 2, 8, & 9, 2019; Curtain: 8 p.m.

Sundays, November 3 & 10, 2019; Curtain: 3 pm.

Rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 16, 2019. We plan to rehearse three to four times a week, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. up to the performance dates.

Mandatory attendance is required for all performances and all rehearsals during tech week, Monday, October 28, through Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Please indicate any conflict dates that would make you unavailable for rehearsals:

If interested in working backstage, please let us know what you would be interested in working on:

How did you hear about the auditions?
