

FOOLS – AUDITION INFORMATION

Audition Dates: August 26 & 27 from 6pm to 8pm in O’Neil Auditorium at JALC.

Show Dates:

- Friday, November 6th at 10am
- Friday, November 6th at 7pm
- Saturday, November 7th at 7pm
- Sunday November 8th at 2pm

You do **not** need to prepare a monologue. We will ask everyone to read cold sections of the script.

Auditioners are encouraged, but not required, to be at both nights of auditions.

Rehearsals will likely start on 9/8. We typically rehearse Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. However, the full schedule will be finalized after auditions in case of conflicts.

Our goal is to make the best use of everyone’s time. Only actors needed for scheduled scenes will be required at rehearsals, and we’ll release actors as early as possible. As we get farther into rehearsals, we’ll need everybody there so we can run the whole show.

There are roles for all ages, but auditioners must be at least 16 years old.

SHOW SYNOPSIS

FOOLS is a light, fast-paced comedy set in a small Ukrainian village that’s been plagued by a mysterious curse causing everyone who lives there to behave... well, foolishly.

When a young, idealistic schoolteacher named Leon arrives to take a teaching job, he quickly realizes something is very wrong. The townspeople speak in mixed-up logic, misunderstand the simplest ideas, and seem completely unaware of their own condition.

Determined to bring reason and education to the village, Leon takes on the challenge of breaking the curse... despite being warned that doing so may come with consequences. Along the way, he meets a kind but equally “afflicted” young woman and begins to question whether logic alone is enough to solve everything.

The play blends absurd humor, wordplay, and a touch of romance, all while poking fun at the idea of intelligence and what it really means to be “smart.”

NOTE: While the show is set in Ukraine, we will not be doing Ukrainian accents for this production.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

- **Leon Tolchinsky** - A schoolteacher who is brought to Kulyenchikov to educate Sophia. He falls in love with Sophia and vows to break the curse so that she will not have to marry Count Gregor. Leon is very intelligent but also stubborn and short-sighted, making it hard for him to adjust to the wacky Kulyenchikov.
- **Sophia Zubritsky** - The beautiful and kind daughter of the town's doctor. The village curse can only be broken if she is educated or if she marries a Yousekevitch. Sophia is a simple soul but is also much smarter than everyone gives her credit for. She craves knowledge and love and is often just as stubborn as Leon.
- **Count Gregor Yousekevitch** - The descendant of the family that put the curse of stupidity on Kulyenchikov. He attempts to break the curse by marrying Sophia. He believes himself to be much smarter than the others. The Count strikes fear in the hearts of the other villagers, making them tremble, tremble, tremble.
- **Dr. Nikolai Zubritsky** - The town doctor, husband of Lenya and father of Sophia. A true fool through and through who acts as an unofficial leader of the town. He has a tendency to belittle his wife and daughter.
- **Lenya Zubritsky** - Nikolai's wife and Sophia's mother. Much like her husband, she tends to belittle others, but like her daughter, Lenya is smarter than the others give her credit for.
- **Magistrate** - The very old town official. They perform the important town duties like ringing the bell and officiating the occasional wedding.
- **Something-Something Snetsky** - The local shepherd who can't remember their own name. They are known as the "Sheep Loser."
- **Mishkin** - The postman who knows facts about the curse.
- **Slovitch** - The butcher who, even by Kulyenchikov's standards, is very, very stupid.
- **Yenchna** - The local vendor who is often made fun of for their age and appearance.
- **Unnamed Cow** - A cow without a name.

If you have any questions about auditions or performances, please email the director at RyanPatrickWOA@gmail.com