

LTCT presents

Pride & Prejudice - A sentimental Comedy in Three Acts

Dramatized by Helen Jerome from the novel by Jane Austin

Directed by Aleta Watton

Auditions: January 14th & 16th, Crooked Tree Arts Center, Ross Stoakes Theater

Production Dates: Spring 2019: April 25th – 28th & May 2nd-4th

Synopsis: Mrs. Bennett is determined to get all her daughters married. Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Katherine and Lydia are likely-looking girls in a period when a woman's one possible career is matrimony. To be a wife was success. Anything else was failure.

Jane with her Mr. Bingley, Mary with her books and music, Lydia and Kitty with their regimental officers are quite content with things as they are, but not Elizabeth! She actually refuses to marry Mr. Collins, whom she openly deploras, and Mr. Darcy, whom she secretly adores.

This play is the story of the duel between Elizabeth and her pride, and Darcy and his prejudice or could it be the other way round? Each gives in before the evening is over and pride and prejudice meet halfway.

#### Cast of Characters (in order of appearance)

Mr Bennet	An English gentleman and father of five daughters who likes quiet
Hill	His butler (Hill and Mrs. Lake run the stage crew)
Mrs .Bennet	Wife and mother, quite excitable, nervous and conniving
Lady Lucas	Friend of the Bennets - in a competitive sort of relationship
Charlotte Lucas	Her daughter - friend of Elizabeth
Jane Bennet	Eldest, prettiest, sweetest sister
Elizabeth Bennett	(Lizzy) Lead character - intelligent, clever, independent
Lydia Bennet	Youngest sister, a naughty flirt
Catherine Bennet	(Kitty)Sister number 4, follows Lydia's lead
Mary Bennet	Middle daughter, serious, studious and plays piano
Mr. Darcy	Very wealthy gentleman bachelor - proud and taciturn
Mr. Bingley	Wealthy eligible bachelor, charming and pleasant
Mr. Collins	Clergyman cousin to the Bennets - heir of their estate
Amelia	May be played by Kitty
Captain Denny	Popular friend
Mr. Wickham	An officer and NOT a gentleman
Amanda	Party guest
A Young Man	Party guest
Miss Bingley	Bingley's single sister, beautiful and haughty
Another Young Man	Party guest
Agatha	May be played by Mary
Belinda	May be doubled by the Maid
Third young man	Party guest - May be doubled

Ada (A Maid)	With Hill & Mrs. Lake - dress and undress and change the set
Maggie	Mrs. Gardiner's Housekeeper - will also be moving set/ props
Mrs. Gardiner	Mrs Bennett's sister-in-law and the girls' aunt
Lady Catherine de Bourgh	An extremely impressive Lady of wealth and prominence
Colonel Guy Fitzwilliam	Nephew of the great Lady and friend of Darcy. Class act
Mrs. Lake	Bennett's housekeeper

Audition Preparation: Scripts are available at the Petoskey Public Library for check out. They must be returned before auditions. Those auditioning are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes prior to auditions to fill out forms and calendar availability in order to determine the rehearsal schedule. You can expect warm up activities and to read from the script with movement. You are also encouraged to attend both nights of auditions but it is not required. A British accent is not required to audition but it is welcomed.

Please, contact the director with any questions or concerns. [aletajwatton@gmail.com](mailto:aletajwatton@gmail.com)