



Audition Brief – *The Side Show*

A Cabaret Celebrating Musical Theatre's Supporting Characters

The Side Show is a vibrant cabaret spotlighting the characters who usually live just outside the spotlight. From loyal best friends to scene-stealing comic relief, this show celebrates the unforgettable supporting roles of musical theatre.

Written and directed by Bronwyn Ireland

Musical Director: Malcom McCaffery

We are seeking **6 performers** and **1 MC** to bring this concept to life.

Age restrictions: 18+

Available Roles

- **3 Male Performers**
 - **3 Female Performers**
 - **1 MC / Host**
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Performer Audition Requirements

All performers must prepare:

- **1 Ballad** from a musical theatre repertoire
- **1 Upbeat Musical Theatre Song**

Songs should ideally be associated with **supporting or character roles**, or capture the spirit of a scene-stealing side character.

Song Guidelines

- Each selection should be **no longer than 2 minutes**
- Please bring **backing track** - we will have a speaker available
- Be prepared to **briefly introduce your songs**

We are looking for performers with strong storytelling ability, comedic timing, and big character energy.

MC / Host Audition Requirements

The MC will guide the audience through the evening, introduce acts, and keep the energy high.

Please prepare:

- **1 Musical Theatre Ballad** (maximum 2 minutes)
- **1 Short Comedic Monologue** (Max 1 minute)

The monologue should showcase personality, wit, and strong audience engagement.

What We're Looking For

- Strong vocal ability
 - Character-driven performers
 - Comedic instincts and stage presence
 - Performers comfortable in a **cabaret-style, audience-facing environment**
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Important dates

Audition dates:

Friday 1st of May 7pm - 10pm

Saturday 2nd of May 9am - 12pm

Rehearsals start Sunday the 10th of May

Sundays - 9am - 12pm - Beaconsfield Upper

Tuesdays 7:30pm - 10:30pm - Pakenham

Sitz Probe Sunday 26th of July - Time TBA

Performance dates:

Friday 31st of July - 6:00pm Call time

Saturday 1st of August - 6:00pm Call time

Show Concept

The Side Show celebrates the unsung heroes of musical theatre — the best friends, confidants, rivals, and oddballs who make every story richer. Expect big personalities, beloved songs, and plenty of theatrical mischief.

Show fees:

Please note that there is a show fee of \$110 will be taken at the start of the rehearsal period this fee will help cover production costs and includes a Side Show T-shirt for all cast members