



**AUDITION PACK**

# *Blithe Spirit*



## **Audition Sessions**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**from 10:00am – 12:00pm**

**Ron Hurley Theatre, 28 Tallowood Street, Seven Hills**

## **About the Play**

An iconic comedy from one of the greatest British wits, Noël Coward, often considered his best.

Written in 1941, it is the story of novelist Charles Condomine, who, upon inviting a medium named Madame Arcati to a dinner party, accidentally brings the spirit of his deceased wife into the natural world. Charles can see the ghost of his late wife (Elvira), but she is invisible to everyone else, including his current wife, Ruth. Elvira's arrival causes chaos for Charles, as both women fight for his love and attention.

“This really is a sparkling comedy about love, loss, and the unexpected ties that bind us. The script is full of Coward’s signature wit and razor-sharp dialogue, and he crafts a world where the past refuses to stay buried, and the afterlife proves to be just as complicated as the one left behind.” he timeless tale, in which young Dorothy Gale travels from Kansas, over the rainbow to the magical Land of Oz. We will be working with the RSC version, which is most faithful to the movie, although adapted for stage. As such, the characters of Glinda, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Wizard and Emerald City Guard have counterparts in Kansas. There are also many more speaking/singing parts for the chorus in this version.

## About Villanova Players

Villanova Players are a community theatre group in Morningside. Established in 1948, we perform four Main House shows a year, two shows from our youth ensemble “Start Ups” and one Intermezzo production. We produce plays of all varieties from classics to contemporary and musicals. We rehearse at “the hut” on Jean Howie Drive, Morningside and perform at the Ron Hurley Theatre at Seven Hills.

## About the Director

**Roslyn Johnson** has been performing, directing, and working in theatre for over thirty years. Her past projects are as diverse as world premieres of original musicals and touring educational shows. The recipient of multiple directing awards in drama festivals across Queensland, Roslyn is a well-respected community and independent artist.

## About the Auditions

Auditions will be held on May 10 at The Ron Hurley Theatre for the following sessions:

10:00am – 11:00am

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Please go to [Book your audition time](#) to book for a session.

and fill out an expression of interest form:- [Expression of Interest Form](#)

There are 10 places available at each session.

At the audition, you will be asked to do a cold read

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You can still fill out our EOI Form even if you are unable to attend our audition times.

If you’re unable to make it to in-person auditions, please submit a video audition to [info@villanovaplayers.com](mailto:info@villanovaplayers.com) by May 10 and please email with any questions.

## About the Performances

8 Performances:	July 17 7.30pm	July 24 7.30pm
	July 18 2.00pm	July 25 2.00pm
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	July 19 2.00pm	July 26 2.00pm

## About the Rehearsals

Rehearsals commence: Sunday, May 24 9:00am – 2:00pm  
Rehearsal days: Tuesday evenings 7:00pm - 9.30pm  
Thursday evenings 7:00pm - 9.30pm  
Sundays 11:00am - 4:30pm

## About the Roles

Ages are the suggested playing ages, and genders are the playing genders.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Playing ages</b>
<b>Edith</b>	The housemaid, nervy, eager to please	Female	18+
<b>Charles Condomine</b>	Novelist, widower, researching the occult for his next novel	Male	35+
<b>Ruth</b>	His fiancée, smart and business-like, stepping into the role of hostess in his home	Female	28+
<b>Dr Bradman</b>	Middle-aged dinner guest	Male	40+
<b>Mrs Bradman</b>	His wife, middle-aged	Female	40+
<b>Madame Arcati</b>	an over-the top spiritualist/medium	Female	40+
<b>Elvira</b>	Ghost of Condomine's first wife, somewhat vain and petulant	Female	30+