

Charlotte's Web: Audition Material

Auditions will be held at the end of our first rehearsal on April 1st. This will allow the cast to read through the play together, providing opportunities to read for different characters.

Characters

Wilbur - A pig who is raised by Fern. He is the protagonist of the story and is very kind and innocent. Can be played by a female actor.

Charlotte - A spider who helps save Wilbur from being killed by writing descriptions about him in her webs. She is very motherly and clever.

Fern Arable - A young girl who adopts Wilbur when he was a piglet. Fern is the only human who can communicate with the animals.

John Arable - Fern's father. He lets Fern raise Wilbur after she convinces him to let Wilbur live.

Martha Arable - Fern's caring mother.

Avery Arable - Fern's older brother. He is an adventurous boy who doesn't share Fern's sensitivity for living beings or nature.

Homer Zuckerman - Fern's uncle, he runs the farm where Wilbur lives.

Edith Zuckerman - Fern's aunt. Homer's wife.

Templeton - A rat who lives on the farm. Templeton only helps Charlotte and Wilbur when he is promised food. He is a bit selfish and a glutton, but serves as the comedic relief.

Lurvy - A hired hand who works on Zuckerman's farm. He is the first person to find the messages in Charlotte's webs. Lurvy cares for Wilbur while he lives on the farm.

Goose - A stuttering goose who convinces Wilbur to escape during the story.

Gander - His partner is Goose. Gander also stutters.

Sheep - An old sheep. She is wise and has lived on the farm the longest.

Narrator (Member) - He or She tells the story to the audience. The Narrator must have strong storytelling skills and be able to captivate a young audience.

Audition Sides- You may audition for two characters.

MEMBERS (NARRATORS): Shhhhh! Listen to the sounds of the morning. Very, very early morning. So early in fact, the sun isn't even up yet. Listen to the crickets...the hoot owls...a frog down by the pond...a dog up at the next farm. And today there's another sound. It tells that something exciting happened during the night. Some brand-new pigs were born.

FERN: Papa please don't kill the piglet. It's unfair! The pig couldn't help being born small, could it? This is the most terrible case of injustice I've ever heard. Please let me take care of him! I can? Oh thank you papa! My very own pig. *(To Wilbur.)* Now what can I name you? Fred? That's a good name, but not for you. Clarence? No you don't look like a Clarence. Maximillion? Because you're worth a million to me! No. Wait a minute. Wilbur! Wilbur. What a beautiful name!

WILBUR: The animals seem nice.....I think. But I think they see that now, I'm big and healthy and...and ready to be made into HAM! They're coming out here right now. I just know it. What can I do? Wait! The fence that Lurvy patched up. Maybe it's loose again. I have to get out. I have no choice. It's either freedom or the frying pan. Chaarrggee

CHARLOTTE. What to do. What to do. I promised to save Wilbur's life, and I am determined to keep that promise. But how? *(Thinks.)* Wait a minute. The only way to save Wilbur is to fool them. If I can fool a bug, I can surely fool a man! People are not as smart as bugs. This will not be easy, but it must be done!

TEMPLETON *(To Wilbur):* So you're our new resident. Well, relax and enjoy yourself - while you can. Oh yes. They'll treat you very well. And fatten you up very nicely. Then suddenly, one day, you wake up and it's all over. Oh well, it's nice to have a pig around the place again. That means leftover slops for me. I'm sure you'll find it in your heart to share your food with old Templeton.

LURVY: Here you go, pig. Breakfast. Leftover pancakes, half a doughnut, stale toast. Absolutely delicious! *(He sees the word in the web)* What's that? I'm seeing things! Mr. Zuckerman! Mr. Zuckerman! A miracle has happened on this farm. I don't believe it! "Some Pig" You know, I've thought all along that pig of ours was an extra good one.

HOMER. Dirt and spider Webs. That pig oughta feel right at home in this barn. Fern seemed so desperate to find a home for it, I just couldn't say no. Anyway, it won't be long till that pig's big enough to kill and eat. Patch that fence up real good, Lurvy. We don't want the pig to get out of the barnyard.

GOOSE/GANDER: A new idea? How how how about Pig Supreme? Or terrific terrific terrific! How do you spell terrific? I think it's tee double ee double rr double eye double ff double eye double see, see, see, see, see. The goslings are hungry. I have to go find some worms, worms, worms to feed them.

