

The Secret Garden

Audition Notice

Auditions for The Little Theatre of Fall River, Inc.'s upcoming production of Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon's ***The Secret Garden*** will be held on Monday, October 26th and Wednesday, October 28th beginning at 630PM in the evening. A possible callback will be held on Thursday, October 29th, 2026 at 7PM if needed.

Video submissions can be sent to secretgarden@littletheatre.net by October 28th. Make sure appropriate permissions are set so the video can be accessed easily.

The production will be directed and designed by Dr. Aaron Gendreau-Visco, with stage management by Kerie Gendreau, musical direction by Bobby Perry, and set design by David Allen Jeffrey.

PRODUCTION DATES: February 4-14th, 2027

TENTATIVE REHEARSAL DAYS*: Sunday, Monday, & Wednesday (*will depend on cast availability).

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS/NOTES:

Seeking strong singers and actors for the following roles. ***Please note appropriate accent that will be expected during audition readings within character description below.***

Standard British Accent Link :

<https://youtu.be/JaTYM1XQChs?is=Wh-KvD4hVpjjqcre>

Yorkshire Accent Link: <https://youtu.be/THsSizqiSKs?is=F8vd4jr6iHZslQxo>

Individuals are asked to prepare a song from the show indicated in each character description below. If multiple songs are suggested, you will only be asked to sing multiple songs at the discretion of the production team.

LILY – Female, 28-30s appearing (Range: Soprano, Bb3-D6) Mary's aunt and Archibald Craven's wife. Died of a tragic accident within her garden and metaphorically haunts the walls of Misselthwaite Manor. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Come to My Garden, How Could I Know?

MARY LENNOX – Female, age 10 (Range: Young Voice, Ab3-D5) A ten-year-old girl sent to live with her uncle, Archibald, when her parents die from cholera in India. Quite

the curious explorer, and often finding herself in trouble. Stubborn and always fighting for what she believes in. **Proper English accent.**

Prepare: The Girl I Mean To Be, Wick

MRS. MEDLOCK – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Archibald's housekeeper. As cold as the Misselthwaite Manor. **Proper English accent/Non-singing role.**

DR. NEVILLE CRAVEN – Male, 35-40s appearing (Range: Baritone, C3-F#4) Archibald's brother. Trapped by the idea that he is responsible for the caretaking of Colin. Though Lily never loved him in return, he remains in love with her, and is unwilling to move on and leave Misselthwaite. **Proper English accent.**

Prepare: Lily's Eyes, Quartet

MARTHA – Female, 18-30 (Range: Mezzo-Soprano Belt, G3-D5) A faithful housemaid. Grew up near Yorkshire and has the accent to prove it. Although she is from a lower-class family, her wisdom is often far beyond her age. **Yorkshire accent.**

Prepare: Hold On, A Fine White Horse

ARCHIBALD CRAVEN – Male, 35-50s (Range: Baritone, C3-A4) Mary's uncle and lord of Misselthwaite Manor. He has a hunchback. Haunted by the past and afraid of the future, he locks himself away both physically and mentally. Mary painfully reminds him too much of his wife, Lily, who died ten years ago. **Proper English accent.**

Prepare: Lily's Eyes, A Bit of Earth

BEN WEATHERSTAFF – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible, E3-D#4) Head gardener. Secretly entrusted to take care of the garden after Lily's death. Knows a great deal about the history of the garden and the grounds it sits on. He has worked for the family for many years. He calls himself "an old man." **Yorkshire accent.**

Prepare: It's a Maze

DICKON – Male, 16-25 (Range: Tenor, D3-G4) Martha's younger brother. Looks after the sick plants and animals within the Misselthwaite grounds—including Mary. He is a young man who is between the world of child imagination and adult reasoning. Befriends Mary and convinces her to take care of the Garden. **Yorkshire accent.**

Prepare: Winter's on the Wing, Wick

COLIN CRAVEN – Male, age 10 (Range: Young Voice, A3-E5) Archibald's ten year-old son. Spent his life in bed due to a heart condition. He is very stubborn and throws temper tantrums to get what he wants. He believes his father hates him for causing Lily's death.

MRS. WINTHROP – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Headmistress of a private school. Prides herself on nurturing girls with tempers. Mary seems to be more than she can handle. **Proper English accent.**

Prepare: Round-Shouldered Man, Come to My Garden

ROSE LENNOX – Female, 28-40 (Range: Soprano, A3-D6) Mary's mother. A "dreamer" from the past who doesn't understand how her sister Lily could truly love Archibald. Very loyal to her husband and refuses to leave India during the cholera outbreak that takes her life. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Come to My Garden, House Upon the Hill

CAPTAIN ALBERT LENNOX – Male, 30-50s (Range: Tenor, D3-A5) Mary's father. Tries to send Rose out of India during the cholera outbreak. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill

ALICE – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Rose's friend. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill

LIEUTENANT WRIGHT – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Officer in Mary's father's unit. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill

LIEUTENANT SHAW – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Fellow officer. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill

MAJOR SHELLEY – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Officer. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill

MRS. SHELLEY – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Major Shelley's wife. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill

MAJOR HOLMES – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Officer. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill

CLAIRE HOLMES – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Major Holmes' wife. **Proper English accent**

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill

FAKIR – Male, Age Flexible (Range: Tenor, C3-B4) Itinerant Hindu ascetic.

Prepare: Opening Dream

AYAH – Female, Age Flexible (Range: Ensemble/Part Flexible) Mary's Indian nanny.

Prepare: Finale, House Upon the Hill