

AUDITION NOTICE

HOLIDAY SNAP

by Michael Pertwee and John Chapman

Directed by Dave Goodall

Read through - Wednesday 13th March at 7:30pm

Audition - Monday 18th March at 7:30pm

This farce was originally published in 1989 so it is not as badly dated as many titles in this genre. Whilst there is no dropping of trousers or scantily clad ladies, this is a proper farce with lots of doors, a great many mistaken identities and oodles of confusion.

I have purposely not included playing ages for the characters, a believable overall ensemble is more important than getting specific ages right. The only real stipulation is that Celia needs to appear to be old enough to be Catherine's mother and Henry needs to be the right sort of age to be married to Catherine.

Commander Chittenden (Chitto) - He is a good-hearted but not too bright ex-naval officer, who has taken early retirement and is now the local representative for Share-a-Lux Ltd. Portugal's ever-open bars are a source of constant comfort to Chitto, who is permanently well-oiled, but manages to conceal this with extreme dignity and only the occasional slip of the tongue or foot.

Eve – More Costa Brava than Cap d'Antibes. Brash and loud, not a bimbo, but think Barbara Windsor in her Carry On days for delivery style

Leslie – A car salesman who works for Eve's rather dodgy husband Sid. Not confident and very unsure about an affair with his employer's wife, especially as his sexual encounters always seem to end in disaster.

Henry - a successful Barrister who keeps his pompous and irascible nature in check... most of the time.

Mary – Currently Henry's mistress but wants more. Upper crust snobbish woman.

Celia – A country lady who is, at times, apt to mishear what is said, but carries this off with great aplomb. She is Henry's mother in law, mother to Catherine – Henry's wife!

Colonel Sir Piers Marchbanks (Perky) – The name says it all, Henry's best friend and his 'Alibi'.

Catherine (Kit) – Henry's wife. Only on stage for the last 2 pages so could possibly be played by one of the crew?

If you are interested but cannot make the auditions or if you would like more information please contact Dave Goodall on 01460 62739 or dave@downside.uk.com