

GOD OF CARNAGE

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Possum Point Players – 2025 Season

AUDITION INFORMATION

AUDITION DATES

Friday, November 22: 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 23: 1:00 pm

CALLBACKS

Monday, November 25: 7:00 pm

If you are not available for the callback date, please let us know at your audition so that we may determine if a different callback time is needed.

LOCATION

Possum Hall Theatre, 411 Old Laurel Road, Georgetown, DE

PREPARATION INFORMATION (FOR AUDITION DATES)

All actors will prepare two sides – one monologue, and one side that will be read with an audition monitor.

Female Roles: Prepare *Annette Side (A)* and *Veronica Side (B)*

Male Roles: Prepare *Alan Side (C)* and *Michael Side (D)*

Memorization is NOT mandatory, but encouraged. Dress comfortably. Have fun!

ROLES

Female Roles Annette Raleigh Veronica Novak	Male Roles Alan Raleigh Michael Novak
The play consists of two couples – the Novaks and the Raleighs. Both couples have children. All roles are late 30's - mid 40's. Actors able to play in that range will be considered. There are no limitations in regards to race / ethnicity.	

AUDITION SIDE A – ANNETTE MONOLOGUE

ANNETTE

Well, if you ask me everyone's feeling fine. If you ask me everyone's feeling better. (*Hiatus.*) ... Everyone's much calmer, don't you think?... Men are so wedded to their gadgets ... It belittles them ... It takes away all their authority ... A man needs to keep his hands free ... If you ask me. Even an attaché case is enough to put me off. There was a man, once, I found really attractive, then I saw him with a square shoulder-bag, a man's shoulder-bag, but that was it. There's nothing worse than a shoulder-bag. Although there's also nothing worse than a cell phone. A man ought to give the impression that he's alone ... If you ask me. I mean, that he's capable of being alone... I also have a John Wayne-ish idea of virility. And what was it he had? A colt 45. A device for creating a vacuum ... A man who can't give the impression that he's a loner has no texture ... So, Michael, are you happy? It is somewhat fractured, our little ... What was it you said? ... I've forgotten the word ... but in the end...everyone's feeling more or less all right ... If you ask me.

AUDITION SIDE B – VERONICA SIDE

VERONICA

I forbid you to stand in any kind of judgment over our relationship.

ALAN

Then don't stand in judgment over my son.

VERONICA

That's got nothing to do with it! Your son injured ours!

ALAN

They're young, they're kids, kids have always given each other a good beating during recess. It's a law of life.

VERONICA

Possibly in prehistoric times. Not in our society.

ALAN

Our society? Explain our society.

VERONICA

You're exhausting me, these conversations are exhausting.

ALAN

You see, Veronica, I believe in the god of carnage. He has ruled, uninterrupted, since the dawn of time. You're interested in Africa, aren't you?...

VERONICA

Don't lecture me about Africa. I know all about Africa's martyrdom, I've been steeped in it for months...

ALAN

I don't doubt it. Anyway, the ICC has already conducted an inquiry on Darfur...

VERONICA

Shut up!

We're living in America. We're not living in Kinshasa! We're living in America according to the principles of Western society. What goes on in Cobble Hill Park reflects the values of Western society! Of which, if it's all the same to you, I am happy to be a member.

AUDITION SIDE C – ALAN MONOLOGUE

ALAN

Veronica, are we ever interested in anything but ourselves? Of course we'd all like to believe in the possibility of improvement. Of which we could be the architect and which would be in no way self-serving. Does such a thing exist? In life, some people drag their feet, it's their strategy, others refuse to acknowledge the passing of time, and drive themselves demented, what difference does it make? People struggle until they're dead. Education, the miseries of the world... You're writing a book about Darfur, fine, I can understand you saying to yourself, okay, I'm going to choose a massacre, what else does history consist of, and I'm going to write about it. You do what you can to save yourself.

(To MICHAEL.) Explain to me in what way you care, Michael. What does the word mean in the first place? You're far more authentic when you're showing yourself in a horrible light. To tell you the truth, no one in this room cares, except for Veronica, whose integrity, it has to be said, must be acknowledged.

(To VERONICA.) I saw your friend Jane Fonda on TV the other day, I was inches away from joining the KKK... You're the same breed. You're part of the same category of woman, committed, problem solving, that's not what we like about women, what we like about women is sensuality, wildness, hormones. Women who make a song and dance about their intuition, women who are custodians of the world depress us, even him, poor Michael, your husband, he's depressed ...

AUDITION SIDE D – MICHAEL SIDE

MICHAEL

They're terrible, these pharmaceutical companies. Profit, profit, profit.

ALAN

You're not supposed to be listening to my conversation.

MICHAEL

You're not obliged to have it in front of me.

ALAN

Yes, I am. I'm absolutely obliged to have it here. Not my choice, believe me.

MICHAEL

They dump any old crap on you without giving it a second thought.

ALAN

In the therapeutic field, every advance brings with it risk as well as benefit.

MICHAEL

Yes, I understand that. All the same. Funny job you have.

ALAN

Meaning?

MICHAEL

Funny job.

ALAN

And what is it you do?

MICHAEL

I have an ordinary job.

ALAN

What is an ordinary job?

MICHAEL

I told you, I sell frying pans.

ALAN

And door-knobs.

MICHAEL

And toilet fittings. Lots of other things.

ALAN

Ah, toilet fittings. Now we're talking. That's really interesting. I'm interested in toilet fittings.

MICHAEL

Why shouldn't you be?

ALAN

How many types are there?

MICHAEL

Two different systems. Gravity or pressure- assist.

ALAN

I see.

MICHAEL

Depending on the feed.

ALAN

Well, yes.

MICHAEL

Either the water comes down from above or up from below.

ALAN

Yes.

MICHAEL

I could introduce you to one of my stock managers who specializes in this kind of thing, if you like. You'd have to leg it out to Secaucus, though.