

The SAUNDERS & C season of



Book by Harvey Fierstein Music and Lyrics by Cyndi Lauper

Original Broadway Production Directed and Choreographed by Jerry Mitchell Based on the Miramax motion picture Kinky Boots written by Geoff Deane and Tim Firth

APRIL 12 - 27, 2024 - ISAAC THEATRE ROYAL

AUDITION PACK





Introduction to Showbiz Christchurch

Showbiz Christchurch is the largest producer of musical theatre in New Zealand. Established in 1938, the not-for-profit incorporated society has produced over 140 major productions to a combined audience of more than 2.5 million Cantabrians and their guests. The organisation is governed by a voluntary Trust and Board, and more than 35,000 volunteers have been directly involved in Showbiz productions as performers or technicians, behind-the-scenes and front-of-house - all helping 'the show go on'. Participation in Showbiz productions is voluntarily, and it is because of this community structure that large scale, world-class musical theatre can be staged here in Christchurch.





Kinky Boots is a dazzling and heartwarming musical that celebrates the power of acceptance, friendship, and the transformative magic of a fabulous pair of shoes.

Set against the backdrop of a struggling shoe factory, the story follows Charlie Price, a reluctant heir who forms an unlikely alliance with Lola, a glamorous and fierce drag queen. Together, they embark on a journey to create a line of high-heeled boots, specially designed for drag queens.

As they strive to save the family business, they discover the true meaning of compassion, self-expression, and the importance of embracing one's own identity.

With infectious music by Cyndi Lauper and a Tony Award-winning book by Harvey Fierstein, Kinky Boots is a toe-tapping, soul-stirring spectacle that will leave audiences inspired, uplifted, and dancing in the aisles. Get ready for a show that will have you strutting out of the theatre with a smile on your face and a new appreciation for the power of individuality.







Audition Information

Please read all information carefully & complete all sections of the separate audition application form.

All roles in *Kinky Boots* are limited to performers aged 16 and above. (You must be 16 by 12 April 2024).

We are seeking a cast of diverse ethnicity, builds and ages. The season of *Kinky Boots*, produced by Showbiz Christchurch, will run at the Isaac Theatre Royal from Friday 12 April – Saturday 27 April 2024.





Auditions will be held XXXX 2023

- All auditions will be held at Showbiz Studios 369 St Asaph Street.
- Please park on the street as there is limited off-street parking.
- All auditionees are expected to complete both a dance and vocal audition.
- We do not expect all ensemble singers to be strong dancers, but we do need to understand how you move and retain movement instruction.
- We do not expect all ensemble to be skilled singers and will be able to cast dancer/movers who are not strong vocally. However, to be able to place you within a full company, a vocal audition is required.





Individual Vocal Auditions

- Friday 9th June -5.00pm 8.00pm.
- Saturday 10th 1.00pm 7.00pm.
- Vocal auditions will be in 5-minute slots
- Please prepare a short(approximately 2 minutes or less) own choice audition song from a musical in the genre of Kinky Boots
- Please bring your own sheet music in the key you are performing, Showbiz will provide an audition pianist. If
 you prefer you may bring a backing track (instrumental only), on a smart device and plug it into our system.
- No a cappella (unaccompanied) auditions, please
- There will be recalls for all named Principal roles
- If you wish to be considered for a specific principal role, please familiarise yourself with their musical excerpts listed below, and on the Showbiz website audition page





Group Movement Audition

The groups called at the times listed below may be broken down to smaller numbers, based on total numbers signed up, for a short movement audition. *Kinky Boots* will involve highly energised, character-based movement. A broad range of movers and dancers from a variety of theatrical and dance backgrounds are required.

Saturday 10th June

1.00pm - 2.30pm - Male & Female group movement call. (All roles).

You may not be required for the entire movement audition, however please ensure you are available for the entire movement call.





Preparing for Your Audition

 On the day, please arrive at least 10 minutes before your audition time, allowing time for administration and your individual preparation.

Please bring with you:

- Sheet music for your own selection song, in the key and version that you are performing, with cuts clearly marked (no chord charts), or a backing track if you prefer (without vocals). We will provide a pianist and backing track playback facilities for smart devices.
 - For the movement auditions, please wear appropriate clothing for movement. This does not
 need to be specific dance-wear, but please do not wear multiple bulky layers. No jeans,
 hoodies or other clothing that will restrict your ability to move freely.





Call-backs

- Please be prepared for the possibility of a call-back. Timing will be dictated by the total number of auditionees.
- Please read the instructions in the character notes on the next page that give clear instructions as to what
 music you are expected to prepare for a call-back if required. We will provide this music to you upon
 booking your audition.
 - Call backs will take place on Sunday 11th June 9.00am 1.00pm
- Getting a call-back does not guarantee a role. Likewise, you may be cast even if you are not called back.
 Please ensure that you have entered a current contact telephone number on your audition application form where we can easily reach you during the audition dates.

Audition results notification:

You will receive notification regarding the outcome of your audition via email, no later than Sunday June 18th (if not before).





CHARACTERS

- Charlie Price Late 20s-early 30s. The protagonist. Inherits his father's struggling shoe factory. Strong singing and
 acting required. Vocal range: Baritone.
- Lola/Simon Late 20s-early 30s. A charismatic and fabulous drag queen. A powerful performer with a flair for the dramatic. Strong singing and dancing required. Vocal range: Tenor.
- Nicola Late 20s. Charlie's girlfriend at the beginning of the story. Confident, ambitious, and headstrong. Strong
 singing and acting required. Vocal range: Mezzo-soprano.
- Don Late 20s-early 30s. A factory worker and Charlie's close friend. Must have a comedic touch and good singing ability. Vocal range: Tenor.
- Lauren Early 20s. A factory worker with a vivacious personality. Confident and sassy. Strong singing and dancing required. Vocal range: Mezzo-soprano.





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- George Late 50s-60s. An elderly factory worker with a heart of gold. Must be a strong actor and singer. Vocal range:
 Baritone.
- Trish Late 20s-early 30s. A factory worker with a sharp wit and great sense of humour. Strong singer and actor.
 Vocal range: Alto.
- Harry Late 30s-40s. A wealthy investor interested in the shoe factory. Charismatic and polished. Strong singing and
 acting required. Vocal range: Baritone.
- Pat Late 20s-early 30s. A factory worker with a quirky personality. Good comedic timing and singing ability. Vocal range: Tenor.
- Ensemble Members Various factory workers, townspeople, and nightclub patrons. Strong singing and dancing abilities are a plus.





Musical Numbers - Act 1

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"Price & Son Theme" - Full Company
"The Most Beautiful Thing In The World" - Full Company
"Take What You Got" - Harry, Charlie, Ensemble
"The Land Of Lola" - Lola, Angels
"The Land Of Lola (Reprise)" - Lola, Angels
"Step One" - Charlie

"Sex Is In The Heel" - Lola, Pat, George, Angels, Ensemble
"The History Of Wrong Guys" - Lauren
"Not My Father's Son" - Lola, Charlie
"Everybody Say Yeah" - Charlie, Lola, Angels, Ensemble



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Musical Numbers - Act 2

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"Entr'acte / Price & Son (Reprise)" - Full Company
"What A Woman Wants" - Lola, Pat, Don, Ensemble
"In This Corner" - Lola, Don, Pat, Trish, Angels, Ensemble
"Soul Of A Man" - Charlie
"Hold Me In Your Heart" - Lola

"Wrong Guys (Reprise)" - Lauren
"Raise You Up / Just Be" - Full Company

