

# Audition Notice – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

10:00am- 5:00pm

Garrick Theatre, 16 Meadow Street, Guildford

Bookings essential – [janesherwood61@gmail.com](mailto:janesherwood61@gmail.com) or text to 0421 974 286

My Brilliant Career – adapted by Christine Davey

Directed by Jane Sherwood

Productions dates: 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 (2 shows), 14, 18, 19, 20 May 2023

*This adaptation of the Australian Classic novel, My Brilliant Career is narrated by the author, Stella Miles Franklin. It is the story of Sybylla Melvyn, a headstrong tomboy, growing up in rural Australia in the 1890s. With a drunken father who sends the family into debt, Sybylla is first sent to her grandmothers and then to work for an illiterate family. Along the way she meets the wealthy young Harold Beecham who falls in love with her.*

Rehearsals to be confirmed – they will be 2 week nights and one weekend daytime - probably Saturday.

**Please prepare a short monologue (about 1 minute) of your choice. Pick something that showcases your strengths. Then there will be cold readings from the script as well. Auditions will be held in small groups to see people working together.**

All actors are on stage for most of the show. This is a stylised reimagining of the Australian classic novel. Staging will be minimal. It can be performed with a minimum of at least six, however will cast as many as a suitable. There may be double ups. This is a Tag production but auditions are open to everyone. There are no age ranges, casting will be most suitable for the role.

Characters:

Musician – a cellist, violin or possibly sax- open to other instruments. Single player who will open the show and play during some other sections of the show. Ideally a portable instrument (drums would not work 😊)

Sybylla - late teens, high spirited

Stella – a fierce and passionate writer and adventurer

Henry Lawson – the poet – drunk, sad, had his time

Banjo Patterson – the poet – friendly, charming

Vida Goldstein – the suffragette and friend to Stella – confident, fantastic

Mrs Melvyn – once an aristocrat, brought down by poverty, hardwork and 8 children in quick succession.

Dick Melvyn – once a respectable farmer, now a drunk

Gertie – Sybylla's little sister

Horace – Sybylla's little brother

Granny Bossier – rich, traditional

Aunt Helen – sad, taut

Harry Beecham – rich, handsome, the love interest of Sybylla

Frank Hawden – pompous, annoying

Aunt Augusta – rich, loud, amusing

Mrs M'Swat – poor dirty, uneducated

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The M'Swat children – poor and dirty

Townspeople

Woman at Church

People on the trains

Framers

Bailiff

Priest

Doctor at Possum Gully

Doctor at Barney's Gap

9 narrators (will probably be allocated from the above)