

**William Shakespeare's
HENRY IV
Audition Call**



Show Title: *Henry IV*

By William Shakespeare

Company: Bard in the Valley www.bardinthevalley.com

Director: Misha Kobiliansky

Producer: Brad Hendy

The year is 1400 and England is in turmoil.

King Henry IV has a guilty conscience, a kingdom torn by rebellion, and a son who would rather hang out with the legendary troublemaker Falstaff than act like royalty.

With the kingdom and family ties falling apart, Prince Hal needs to decide: will he step up and become the king history remembers, or remain carefree? Will the rebels, led by the mighty Hotspur, prevail and overthrow King Henry?

It's a wild journey to find the answers, with laughter and tears in equal measure!

Note: This adaptation combines Shakespeare's "Henry IV, Part 1" and "Henry IV, Part 2".

Audition Dates:

Open Auditions: Sun.Feb.22 11am-3, Mon.Feb.23 6:30pm-9:30, Wed.Feb.25 6:30pm-9:30. (10-minute time slots)

Call Backs: Sunday March 1st 11am-3pm (Appointment times to be determined)

Audition Location: HD Stafford Middle School - 20441 Grade Crescent, Langley BC

No preparation of text is required, auditions will be cold-reads with partners.

To book your audition time slot, please fill the [audition form](#) and e-mail your resume and headshot to auditions@bardinthevalley.com.

Deadline to submit: Friday, February 20th at 5:00pm

This is a non-equity production.

A \$500.00 honorarium will be offered to the actors involved.

Casting: 10-12 actors (most in double roles) will play the following characters (as well as a few additional minor parts).

Royalists

KING HENRY IV, Henry Bolingbroke. Weary with guilt, troubled by unrest, anxious for his kingdom and for Prince Hal, his son and heir.

PRINCE HAL, Harry Monmouth, Prince of Wales and heir to the throne. Leading a life not entirely fitting to his stature and seriously considering his future.

EARL OF WESTMORELAND. King Henry's cousin and his right hand man in all affairs.

EARL OF WARWICK. A seasoned and impressive courtier.

SIR WALTER BLUNT. An honorable and fearless knight, serving as the king's envoy to the rebel camp.

Rebels

HOTSPUR, Henry (Harry) Percy. A passionate young warrior, admired by all, unmatched in battle. Risk, adventure, and honor are all he lives for.

EARL OF WORCESTER, Thomas Percy. Hotspur's uncle, mastermind of the rebel uprising. His cunning words are crucial in persuading Hotspur to join the revolt.

EARL OF NORTHUMBERLAND, Henry Percy Senior. Hotspur's proud father. An ally of the king in the past, disillusioned at present.

LADY PERCY, Kate. Hotspur's loving wife, reluctant to see him go make war yet again.

SIR RICHARD VERNON, a noble knight. A calm and clear-sighted ally of the rebels.

Ruffians

SIR JOHN FALSTAFF. A boisterous, self-indulgent, and sly knight, famously overweight, living life to the fullest. Part-time robber, full-time drunkard.

NED POINS. A witty and mischievous prankster, Prince Hal's close confidant.

PETO. A loyal and stoic servant to Falstaff.

PISTOL. A lofty-speaking master of robberies, and Falstaff's swaggering follower.

TAVERN HOSTESS, Mistress Quickly. A bawdy, quick-tongued woman.

Production Information

Rehearsals

All rehearsals take place at HD Stafford Middle School 20441 Grade Crescent, Langley, BC.

Readthrough: Sunday March 15th 11:00am

Regular rehearsals: Sundays 11:00-3:30, Mondays 6:30-9:30 & Wednesdays 6:30-9:30

Tech/dress rehearsals: Monday June 22nd & Tuesday June 23rd 5-10pm

Preview performance: Thursday, June 25th

Production dates

All performances begin at 7:00pm with a call time of 5:30pm.

Township 7 winery

June 26, 27, 28, July 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12

Douglas Park Spirit Square Stage

July 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26

Thank you for your interest in our production, we look forward to seeing you at the auditions!