

Rotten in the State of Denmark

Audition Call



Show Title: *Rotten in the State of Denmark*

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Rotten in the State of Denmark is a modernized take on Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Tumultuous times enveloped the European continent. Economic upheaval, social unrest, and armed rebellion have broken out. Once stalwart democratic institutions struggle to keep the plague of war from crossing their borders.

The King of Denmark has died unexpectedly and his brother Claude has married his wife and assumed the crown.

The royal princess, Hanna, mired in a battle with her own personal demons, sets out on a revenge quest at the behest of her ghostly father. She swears an oath to punish her father's killer whom she believes is her uncle. She enlists the aid of her best friend and drug dealer, Horatio, and employs a troupe of travelling actors in a twisted scheme to catch Claude in a guilty moment proving his role in the old king's death..

The path to revenge is messy, complicated, and dips into madness. The body count begins with the murder of her uncle's aide, Paul De Lance, which leads to her exile. Still, before the end of Act 4, the list of collateral damage includes her two university companions, Rosenwald and Guildford as well as Philip De Lance, her sometime lover.

After escaping a hit squad while in exile, Hanna secretly makes her way back to Denmark. Her return to Elsinore castle spurs a dramatic confrontation between King Claude, and Linus De Lance at a charity fencing tournament. Poisoned rapiers and toxic toasts take the lives of all involved leaving a scandal too fantastical for even the tabloids to imagine.

Audition Dates:

Open Auditions: Sunday, September 8, and Monday, September 9 (10-minute time slots)

Callbacks: Sunday, Sept 14th 11am-4pm: (Appointment times to be determined)

Audition Location: The Firehouse Cafe 2900 272nd street Aldergrove

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

e-mail auditions@bardinthevalley.com to book your audition time slot. Please include a resume and headshot in one document.

Deadline to submit: Friday, September 6 at 5:00pm

This is a non-equity production.

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

Casting: 11-12 actors (some in double roles, below are the description of the cast of characters, with role doubling to be determined at a later date)

Horatio - If you have a need, he can get you a fix. He is Hanna's closest confidant, though wishes he was something more.

Claude - The new King and Hanna's Uncle. A skillful ruler, but murdered his way to the crown.

Gertrude - The Queen and Hanna's mother. The other half of Denmark's power couple, she too has broken eggs to make her royal omelette, but the guilt is starting to sour its taste.

Hanna- The crown Princess of Denmark. She is as clever as she is spoiled. She is on a revenge quest, but addiction and madness warp her plans to avenge her father.

Paul de Lance- The chief advisor to both kings and a man in love with the sound of his own voice. His meddling antics get him killed.

Linus de Lance -Eldest son of Paul. The golden boy who serves as an ambassador for the Danish royal family. He feels suffocated by his father and loathes the spoiled Princess.

Philip de Lance- Youngest son of Paul. A gentle, thoughtful soul, unlike his brother and father. He carries on a secret affair with Hanna as they both find safe haven in each other's company

Danielle Rosenwald - Hanna's university companion who specializing in public relations

Fenton Guildford - Hanna's other university companion who is a social media guru

Barney - Head of Security at Elsinore castle. Takes his job seriously.

Markita- Security guard at Elsinore. Doesn't take her job as seriously

Ghost of the King - A tortured soul who haunts the castle and won't rest until his murder is avenged.

Wiggle, Pike, Liam - A troupe of traveling actors. They are the first call when you need to entertain foreign diplomats

Shady Moon - A grave digger getting wealthy because of the strife in Denmark

Agent Dolphe - King Claude's hired gun

Cutler- The fencing director or referee

Fortin and Brassavio- The "Good Cop" and "Bad Cop" trying to unravel the massacre at Elsinore Castle

Production Information:

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals all take place at Firehouse Cafe in Aldergrove, BC

Readthrough: TBD

Rehearsals: Sundays 11:00am-3:00pm, Mondays 6:30pm-9:30pm, Tuesdays 6:30pm-9:30pm,

Tech/Dress rehearsals: Sunday Jan 19 11am-4pm, Monday January 20 5-10pm, Wednesday January 22 5pm 10pm

Production Dates:

Performances:

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

Fort Langley Community Hall

January 23,24,25,26, 30, 31

February 1,2

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