

Have you ever felt like you don't belong? In a school for superheroes, Powerless Charlie feels alone. Smellinator can't control her powers and forgot to do her Villain 101 homework. Golden Boy won't follow protocol and keeps charming everyone. And Toxic Sludge is, well, toxic to the touch! But even they have powers. When a supervillain attacks the school, Charlie discovers her unique talents and proves that even someone without powers can be a superhero!

This production will be filmed and presented as Video-On-Demand with pay-per-view available February 13-23, 2021.

AUDITIONS: Ages 8-Adult April

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Auditions may be completed virtually or in-person.

VIRTUAL AUDITIONS – two options:

- 1. Video yourself performing <u>all the audition material</u> and email it to info@xclaiminc.com. Auditioners who submit material should send a separate email containing photos of the audition form to make sure the video was received. These auditioners will be called by the director for a phone interview. Submit by April 26.
- 2. Email info@xclaiminc.com or call/text 270-935-3497 to schedule a video-conference call to perform your audition material online virtually with the director.

IN-PERSON OPEN AUDITIONS

- Auditioners should schedule a time slot for an audition at the Xclaim! Center – email info@xclaiminc.com or call 270-935-3497.
- 2. In-Person Audition Dates:

Friday, April 23 from 5:30p - 7:00p Saturday, April 24 from 2:00p - 3:30p Tuesday, April 27 from 5:00p - 6:30p

CASTING: The director will chose one cast for this production. With more than 20 characters, this production features a wide range of roles. Xclaim! Performance Academy students in good standing get extra consideration, but casting is based on BEHAVIOR, LACK OF CONFLICTS, and ability to best perform audition material. Race is not a factor in casting; gender may be a factor for a few roles. All casting decisions are at sole discretion of director.

REHEARSAL PERIOD: May 2-26, 2021

Cast Read Thru is Sunday, May 2 at 2:00pm-4:30p. Rehearsals will depend on the size of your role (usually 2 or 3 days per week but could be more). Rehearsals will be in-person at the **Xclaim! Center**. Masks are required. Please see the audition form for possible rehearsal days/times.

- REHEARSAL CONFLICTS: Rehearsal conflicts affect casting. We will try to work around conflicts, but you may be cast in roles you can rehearse. If cast, the director accepted conflicts on your audition form, but later conflicts will NOT be accepted and WILL result in re-casting your role. NO conflicts for TECH, Dress or Filming.
- FILMING: May 27-31, 2021. Filming will be spread out over a few days to follow COVID precautions.
- <u>VIDEO-ON-DEMAND</u>: June 1, 2021. Show will be online for viewers and our cast will enjoy a watch party a few weeks later.
- **EXPECTATIONS, FEES & EXPENSES:** All cast members must contribute the following to our production:
 - 1. Production Fee: \$100.00 (\$15 script, \$40 activity, \$40 production needs-royalties/licensing/ props/scenery, \$5 PPE).

 Payable at once or in 2 installments (March 15 and 29).
 - 2. Cost of supplies to make your own super-hero costume (purchase garments or fabrics)
 - 3. Personal undergarments/dressing, footwear and make-up
 - 4. Adhere to all COVID-19 Policies and Guidelines
 - 5. A minimum of 5 volunteers hours for costumes, props, set, fundraising, publicity or other production needs
- **BACKSTAGE & TECHNICAL POSITIONS:** We are accepting submissions for technical positions in stage management, costuming, make-up, lighting and sound ops. Interested students should submit an audition form indicating their interest. The director will call to interview you and your family.
- **CONTACT INFO:** For more information, visit the website

www.xclaiminc.com or email: info@xclaiminc.com (270) 935-3497

ATTACHMENTS:

Character List

Audition Sides - prepare at least 4

Complete the Online Audition Form at www.xclaiminc.com



CHARACTER LIST

<u>PRINCIPAL BOOM / FIREHANDS</u> – Has the challenge of controlling a school full of superheroes, takes on the role of a "supervillain" to help students practice.

<u>REFLECTOR</u> (Female) – She can reflect back any weapon used against her.

<u>SMELLINATOR</u> – Imagines things into existence using her sense of smell. Unfortunately she doesn't have much control over her power yet.

<u>TOXIC SLUDGE</u> — Big-hearted, simple and slow-moving. No one can touch him because of his nuclear skin.

GOLDEN BOY (Male) – He has both beauty and super strength, plus the ego to match. He uses his "charm" superpower to get ahead with whomever he can.

SIDEKICK (Male) – He has attached himself to Golden Boy because he believes he can never be anything more than a sidekick.

BIG WHOOP (Male) - Golden Boy's buddy, he's a super bro.

<u>SILVER TONGUE</u> (Female) – She has the power to get her way with compliments but mostly only offers them to Golden Boy.

<u>MRS. TEACHER</u> (Female) – An elderly educator who sometimes unwittingly falls victim to her students' powers.

CACOPHONY – The voice of the school, reads daily announcements with flair.

THE SHIELD – Has the power to protect those around him.

<u>WET BLANKET</u> – The pessimist of the group. Always sees the negative side but ultimately has a very useful power of protecting those she wraps around.

SNEEZY MAGEE – His sneezes could move mountains but he can't control them.

<u>GUILTY PLEASURE</u> (Female) – Uses bribery to get what she wants by convincing people to indulge in their guilty pleasures.

<u>CHIEF CHIPMUNK</u> – A person with super chipmunk powers; Lines are mimed

EMBER (Female) – She's the only superhero hot enough for Golden Boy.

HOT MESS (Female) – She's a super hot mess.

<u>THE POET</u> (Female) – Speaks in rhyme and commands lightning bolts to sizzle her enemies.

SNAGGLETOOTH – Blindth hith enemieth by thpitting all over them when he talkth.

<u>HYSTERIA</u> – Can cause mass chaos to disorient enemies but since she has no control, she causes panic among her fellow students.

<u>CHARLIE</u> – The only non-super attender of the superhero school.

THE VILLAIN – A non-super villain bent on revenge.

EVIL SIDEKICK – Adores The Villain. Her sole goal is to help The Villain take over the world. Lines are mimed.

AUDITION SIDES

Prepare at least 4 of the following characters:

PRINCIPAL BOOM: That was complete chaos! I've never seen a more disorganized rescue! I expected more from all of you. From what I've seen today none of you have earned a passing grade. ... And no, Golden Boy, don't try to use your powers on me. It's against the rules and you know it. You didn't follow protocol and your team lost.

GOLDEN BOY: Me? Not follow protocol? That's ridiculous. You know safety was my priority the entire time. (*drops the charm act*) Whatever. If Mrs. Teacher can't get Principal Boom to give me a passing grade I'm talking to my father. And then you can say goodbye to this school. Come on, Sidekick, let's get out of here. We don't want our powers weakened by being around these creeps.

REFLECTOR: Don't let Gold get to you, Smellinator. Soon you'll learn to control your powers and then you'll show him. I'll be back in a minute. I need to turn in my fight sound effects to Mr. Pow before second hour. Check this out! (dramatically punches and kicks with each sound:) Pow! Blam! Whamo! Screeeeetch! Kablooey!

CACOPHONY: Good morning, super students! This is Cacophony with your super daily announcements. Mr. Smasher would like to remind everyone in his third hour class to wear old clothing appropriate for crashing through walls. So I guess poor Golden Boy will actually have to wear an outfit for the second time.

THE POET:

You I shall smite with a flash long and bright. On the head of this clown let lightning rain down!

TOXIC SLUDGE: Sludge not villain! Sludge favorite color green. Sludge visited Chernobyl! No pictures. Camera melted. Sludge regret no hugs. *(on the verge of tears)* No hugs from mom. No hugs from dad. No hugs from friends. Sludge just want hug! *(cries)*

CHARLIE: This has been the worst first day ever! You all saw what happened with Golden Boy in Villains 101 class. The rest of the day wasn't much better. I couldn't lift anything but a small pile of bricks in Strength class. Ember scorched me during Lasers & Fire class, literally scorched me! (She shows burn mark on her arm) And I couldn't even read a tiny baby cockroach's mind in Mindreading 101.