



The Odd Couple Audition Packet

Name: _____

Email: _____

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Roles I would be interested in:

_____ Oscar

_____ Felix

_____ Murray

_____ Speed

_____ Vinnie

_____ Roy

_____ Gwendolyn

_____ Cecily

_____ I will accept any role

_____ I am interested in helping backstage

General Information

Production Title: The Odd Couple

Playwright: Neil Simon

Production Dates:

- Evening Performances January 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31
- Matinee Performances January 18 & 15

Audition Dates:

- Saturday, August 23rd Reading 1pm-3pm
- Sunday, August 24th Reading 1pm-3pm

Rehearsals:

Begin October 13th Monday-Thursday at 6:30pm with one readthrough in September (date TBD) It is expected that all cast members be off book by October 13th.

Location: Marathon Community Theater

Producer: Karen Witte

Director: Linda Schaefer SchaeferKeys@gmail.com

Assistant Manager & Stage Manager: Karen Shotwell



About the Play

The Odd Couple is a classic comedy that follows two mismatched roommates: the neat-freak Felix Ungar and the slovenly Oscar Madison. Their clashing personalities lead to hilarious situations as they try to live together after their respective divorces.

The play centers on Oscar Madison, a carefree and slovenly sportswriter, and Felix Ungar, a neurotic and obsessively tidy news writer. After Felix is kicked out by his wife, Oscar invites him to move into his New York apartment. What begins as a gesture of friendship quickly turns into a comedic clash of personalities.

Oscar's laid-back lifestyle and messy habits drive Felix crazy, while Felix's compulsive cleaning and emotional outbursts irritate Oscar. Their differences create tension, especially during poker nights with their friends and a double date with the quirky British Pigeon sisters.

As the situation escalates, the two men realize they may not be compatible as roommates. Ultimately, their friendship endures, but they learn that even the closest friends need boundaries.



Character Descriptions

Oscar Madison

Gender: Male

Age Range: 40s–50s

Occupation: Sportswriter

Personality: Easygoing, messy, sarcastic, fun-loving

Traits: Sloppy, generous, humorous, impulsive

Motivation: Enjoys his bachelor lifestyle but is challenged by Felix's presence

Relationships: Best friend of Felix; poker buddy to Murray, Speed, Roy, and Vinnie

Notes: Oscar's comedic timing is key. He's the classic "lovable slob" with a big heart.

Felix Ungar

Gender: Male

Age Range: 40s–50s

Occupation: News writer

Personality: Neurotic, sensitive, meticulous

Traits: Clean freak, emotional, dramatic, intelligent

Motivation: Struggles with his recent separation and seeks order and companionship

Relationships: Best friend of Oscar; interacts awkwardly with the Pigeon sisters

Notes: Felix's physical comedy and emotional swings are central to the role.

Murray

Gender: Male

Age Range: 30s–50s

Occupation: NYPD officer

Personality: Friendly, grounded, observant

Traits: Loyal, practical, humorous

Motivation: Enjoys the camaraderie of the poker group

Relationships: Poker buddy; often the voice of reason

Notes: Murray brings balance to the chaos. A calm presence with subtle humor.

Speed

Gender: Male

Age Range: 30s–50s

Occupation: Unknown

Personality: Sarcastic, impatient, blunt

Traits: Quick-witted, skeptical, dry humor

Motivation: Enjoys poker nights but easily annoyed

Relationships: Poker buddy; often clashes with Felix

Notes: Speed's humor is sharp and deadpan. Great role for someone with timing.

Vinnie

Gender: Male

Age Range: 30s–50s

Occupation: Unknown

Personality: Mild-mannered, agreeable, quiet

Traits: Nervous, polite, soft-spoken

Motivation: Wants to keep the peace

Relationships: Poker buddy; often caught in the middle

Notes: Vinnie is subtle but funny. His reactions add depth to group scenes.

Roy

Gender: Male

Age Range: 30s–50s

Occupation: Accountant

Personality: Dry, logical, sarcastic

Traits: Analytical, reserved, witty

Motivation: Enjoys poker and observing the group's antics

Relationships: Poker buddy; often comments on the absurdity

Notes: Roy's humor is understated. Great for someone with a dry delivery.

Gwendolyn Pigeon

Gender: Female

Age Range: 30s–40s

Occupation: Secretary

Personality: Flirtatious, bubbly, caring

Traits: British accent, charming, empathetic

Motivation: Interested in Felix romantically

Relationships: Sister to Cecily; interacts with Felix and Oscar

Notes: Gwendolyn is sweet and playful. Accent and chemistry with Felix are key.

Cecily Pigeon

Gender: Female

Age Range: 30s–40s

Occupation: Secretary

Personality: Giggly, warm, cheerful

Traits: British accent, nurturing, humorous

Motivation: Enjoys the company of the men, especially Oscar

Relationships: Sister to Gwendolyn

Notes: Cecily is lighthearted and fun. Accent and comedic timing are important.

Auditions

- Some warm-up games and paired readings
- Passages from the script will be provided
- Accents: British accent preferred for Pigeon sisters

Additional Notes

- All roles are open to actors of any background.
- Please be prompt. Multiple shows are casting and some elements of the audition will be as a group.