

Anne of Green Gables

Synopsis

Anne Of Green Gables: The Musical is a musical based on the novel Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery. The book is by Don Harron, the music is by Norman Campbell and the lyrics by Don Harron, Norman Campbell, Elaine Campbell and Mavor Moore.



Set in the late 19th century, the novel recounts the adventures of Anne Shirley, a young orphan girl, who was mistakenly sent to two middle-aged siblings; Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert. The Cuthberts intended to adopt a boy to help them on their farm in the fictional town of Avonlea on Prince Edward Island. The story recounts how Anne makes her way through life with the Cuthberts, in school, and within the town.

Auditions

Auditions will be held on Wednesday 21st & Sunday 25th November, with Wednesday 28th November set aside for call-backs if required.

Auditions will include singing, acting short scenes and learning a short piece of choreography.

We will have an introductory session on Wednesday 5th December 2018, and rehearsals will officially start on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

Audition Songs

Ensemble/Matthew & Marilla	The Overture
Anne Shirley	Gee I'm Glad I'm No-One Else but Me
Diana Barry	Ice Cream
Gilbert Blythe	Wondrin'

Characters

Anne Shirley

Anne Shirley, the protagonist, is a red-headed orphan (11 years old in the book, a little older in the musical), who ends up being adopted by Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert. Anne has trouble growing accustomed to social etiquette and the expectations placed on her by the adults in her life. However, she is very intelligent and high-spirited and can be described as both stubborn and determined. While she is changed by her experiences with the Cuthberts and the town of Avonlea, they are also changed by her.

Marilla Cuthbert

Marilla Cuthbert is Anne's adoptive mother and the sister of Matthew Cuthbert. She is strict and often comes off as cold and stern, but she cares deeply for Anne. She is religious and practical, and the one who keeps Anne on her feet.

Matthew Cuthbert

Matthew Cuthbert is Anne's adoptive father and the brother of Marilla Cuthbert. He has a strange fear of women but takes a great liking to Anne shortly after her arrival. He is very shy, but Anne feels that he understands her and that she can trust him. He is quiet and a harmless old man, but steadfast in his devotion towards Anne. Marilla has a soft spot towards him, and often changes her mind, even when it is made up, if Matthew seeks to persuade her to do so.

Gilbert Blythe

Gilbert Blythe is Anne's classmate who teases her about her red hair, provoking her into hitting him with a slate. While Anne and Gilbert become rivals in school, he continues to admire her. They end up developing a friendship after Anne wins the Queens scholarship and tries to offer it to Gilbert.

Mrs Rachel Lynde

One of Anne's most outspoken neighbours, Mrs. Lynde disapproves of Anne's wild attitude and often lectures her on her morals. She lives with her husband Thomas, a mild-mannered man, and maintains a mutual respect and contentious friendship with Marilla. She makes it her business to know the goings-on of the entire town, and often gives her opinion even when it is unasked for.

Dianna Barry

Diana Barry is Anne's best friend (a kindred spirit). She is described as being kind and pretty but lacks Anne's fiery personality and wild imagination. She is fiercely loyal to Anne however, and the bond between the two becomes tighter than ever as the plot advances.

Josie Pye

The Pye family has a reputation for bad manners and vanity and Josie is no different. She is jealous of Anne's popularity and often provokes her for fun.

Miss Muriel Stacy

One of Anne's teachers, as well as her mentor figure. She is well liked by her students, however, her liberal teaching methods are often questioned by some of the more conservative members of the town. Anne admires her and looks up to her as a role model.

Mrs Barry

A stern and often forbidding woman, as well as the mother of Diana. She is harsh when it comes to the rules she expects her family to follow. She is unsure of Diana's friendship with Anne.

Mr Phillips

Anne's first teacher, disliked by his students. He often unfairly picks on Anne and even asks her to sit on the side of the classroom which was occupied by boys. He openly courts Prissy Andrews, another of Anne's schoolmates, and showers her with more attention than he gives to any of his other students, which reveals his lack of professionalism.

Prissy Andrews

Priscilla Andrews, or Prissy for short, is one of the oldest girls in Avonlea school, and one of Anne's schoolmates. She is openly courted by Anne's teacher, Mr. Phillips, and seems to enjoy the attention.

Mrs Spencer

The woman who arranges the adoption of the orphan for the Cuthberts (she is given the wrong information and brings a girl instead of a boy)

Mrs Blewett

A woman with 8 children who needs someone to help around the house. She has little patience, compassion or imagination.

Mrs MacPherson, Mrs Sloane, Mrs Pye

Townswomen of Avonlea, mothers of Anne's classmates.

The Minister

Avonlea's minister. A good man, well respected by the community.

Earl and Cecil

Farmer and Mailman

The Stationmaster

The stationmaster for Bright River Station.

Lucilla

Cashier at The General Store

Ruby Gillis and Tillie Boulter

Anne's classmates.

Charlie Sloane, Moody MacPherson and Gerry Buote

Anne's classmates.

Gertie Pye

Josie's younger sister

Tommy Sloane

Charlie Sloane's younger brother

Additional female/male townspeople and classmates will be cast if we have enough audition