

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN

Comedy. Adapted by Christopher Sergel. From the book by Frank Gilbreth and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey.

Suppose you're an attractive high school girl and you're not only a member of a large and unique family but your father is, in fact, one of the great pioneers of industrial efficiency. Then suppose he decides, for no apparent reason, to apply his unorthodox methods to you and to the rest of your big family. The results are terribly embarrassing, funny and—it must be admitted—extremely effective! To Anne, however, the chief effect seems to be that of making them seem ridiculous to everyone else at school—especially to the boys! Dad pushes ahead with better organization for his large and delightful family. He puts up a chart for the young people to initial after completing each household task, uses a rung as an imaginary bathtub to demonstrate how to take a really efficient bath and appoints a utilities officer to levy fines on wasters of electricity. While the situations are often uproarious, there's a serious reason. Dad has a heart condition which he's keeping secret. The children don't understand them. Anne, the oldest, rebels. Both Dad and she are miserable at the lack of understanding between them. Then in a deft and moving scene, Dad becomes aware of how much Anne has grown up. If we had to choose from among all our publications the one show most likely to delight an audience, this play would be our choice.

Directed by Mary Ann Grile

Auditions: Mar. 4 & 5, 2014

Performances: Apr. 25-27 & May 2-4, 2014

Friday & Saturday shows at 7:30 pm

Sunday matinee is at 2 pm

We are doing the original version of CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN.

We would like to cast:

- 6 boys, ages 6 - 17
- 4 girls, 9-18
- 1 40-year old woman (mother)
- 1 50-year old woman (a teacher)
- 1 60-year old woman (the maid)
- 2 mature men (50- ish, father is one: many lines)
- 2 "babies": 1 infant, and a 2-3 year old.

All except the babies have speaking parts. If your children have stage presence, bring them, no matter their ages. If you find the original movie (not Steve Martin) at Amazon or your favorite old movie site it you get an idea of ages of characters.

The oldest child in the family is Anne, then Ernestine, Frank, Martha, Lillian, Bill, Jackie, Fred and Dan. Please do not feel as if you need to know the character's name you are trying out for when you audition.

Books are with Jennie Miller.

Please arrive early to look over the script and fill out the audition sheet. We will begin at 7:00 sharp.

I would love to have folks interested in back stage work, and costuming to attend auditions as well. Hope to see you there!!

CAST

Mother - Laura Miller
Dad - Peter Matthew
Anne - Amber Anderson
Ernestine - Eleanor Bernhardt
Martha - Rowan Klar
Frank - Russell Shutes
Bill - Drew Lough
Dan - Nick Simmons
Jackie - Jack Landon
Lillian - Kate Posey
Fred - Ethan Klar
Joe Scales - Mason Randle
Larry - Eathan Bingaman
Mrs. Fitzgerald - Lannie Hulse
Miss Brill - Rebecca Musser
Dr. Burton - Edward Landon II
Toddlers - Ben Miller, Aubrey Miller
Infant - Tiffany's Baby