



COURTYARD THEATRE
CHIPSTEAD PLAYERS

Audition Notice

“The Herd”

A play by Rory Kinnear

Directed by Sharon Laws and Rick Thompsett

Production dates: Monday 24th February – Saturday 2nd March 2025

Read Through: Tuesday 24th September 2024 8pm

Audition dates: Sunday 6th October 5.00pm - 7.00pm and
Tuesday 8th October 7.30-9.30pm.

Rehearsals: **PLEASE NOTE: Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Wednesdays before Xmas**
Tuesdays and Thursdays after Xmas

19th November – 17th December 2024 **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays** 7.30pm

Break for Christmas & ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’ to learn lines

Then from 7th January 2025 **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** 7.30pm

Sunday rehearsals start from Sunday 26th January 2025 2-5pm

Audition Pieces available from: Britt Adams 07941 532558

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Award winning actor Rory Kinnear’s debut play is a witty and heartfelt look at a family falling apart and pulling together, when life doesn’t turn out quite the way they imagined... It’s Andy Griffith’s 21st Birthday. Not that he’s counting. But his mother Carol is. Counting the minutes till he arrives, counting the unexpected guests and counting the amount of times this has happened before...

Characters and audition pieces

Carol (50s) – A strong woman with a feisty sense of humour, who has allowed her love for her son to consume her emotionally.
-- From Pg 68 *'Well, this is just how I dreamed it would happen.'*
-- To Pg 71 *'Would you have been?'*

PLUS SECTION WITH IAN

Claire (33) – Carol's Daughter. Shares her mother's sense of humour but feels marginalized and bitter.
-- Same as Carol. From Pg 68 *'Well, this is just how I dreamed it would happen.'*
-- To Pg 71 *'Would you have been?'*

PLUS SECTION WITH MARK

Patricia (70s) – Carol's Mother. The mischievous matriarch of the family, ready to deliver her opinion to anyone in earshot.
-- From Pg 22 *'I think we'll manage. We have met before.'*
-- To Pg 23 *'Did we get our tea?'*

Brian (70s) – Carol's Father. Amiable and always ready to add a sprinkling of warm comedy to any mounting tension.
-- Same as Patricia. From Pg 22 *'I think we'll manage. We have met before.'*
-- Pg 23 *'Did we get our tea?'*

Ian (50s) – Carol's ex-husband and Andy's father. Driven away from the family and desperate to make amends but this isn't made easy for him.
-- **(With Carol)** From Pg 49 *'If you honestly can't bear the thought of me seeing him then I'll go.'*
-- To Pg 53 *'You. And you never wanted it any other way.'*

Mark (30s) – Claire's boyfriend. A Northern poet and eager to please. An unlikely addition to the family.
-- **(With Claire)** From Pg 41 *'...and I made them time me.'*
-- To Pg 43 *'It's Walt Whitman.'*