

# ***In the Garden of the Selfish Giant Audition & Show Information***

## **When**

- Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>
  - 4:00pm-6:00pm

## **What Do I Need to Prepare?**

- Nothing! This will be a cold reading!

## **Show Dates and Rehearsal Period**

- Rehearsals: August 22<sup>nd</sup>-October 5<sup>th</sup>
- Show Dates:
  - October 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am and 7pm
  - October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm
  - October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm and 7pm
- Strike:
  - October 9<sup>th</sup> – 2pm-6pm
- Please note you MUST also be available for the following dates due to the competitions connected to this show:
  - Friday, October 21st - 4pm-8pm
  - Friday, October 28th - 4pm-8pm
  - Thursday, November 3rd - 4pm-8pm
  - \*SCTA - November 4th-6th @ USC Aiken\*
  - Saturday, January 7th - 11am-3pm
  - Saturday, January 14th - 11am-3pm
  - Friday, January 20th - 4pm-8pm
  - Friday, January 27th - 4pm-8pm
  - Friday, February 17th - 4pm-8pm
  - Thursday, February 23rd - 4pm-9pm
  - \*PDA - February 24th-26th @ USC Upstate\*

## **Summary of Show**

Eleven-year-old Maggie Campbell and Susan, her mother, have come to Susan's childhood home to be with Maggie's dying grandmother in her final days. Maggie has never known this cantankerous grandmother, who is never seen in the play but still exerts a powerful effect on everyone in it. Maggie resents having to cancel her summer plans to accompany her mother and, as the play opens, Maggie has climbed a tree in her grandmother's long-unkept garden and settled into what she thinks will be an unyielding sulk to spite her mother for the inconvenience. But into the garden come Allison and Brianna: one, a funny, warm and insightful Hospice worker; the other, an imaginative nine-year-old neighbor who hates unhappy endings and never lets the facts stand in the way of a good story, not even her rollicking rendition of Oscar Wilde's fairy tale about "The Selfish Giant"—a frightening and forbidding character who reminds her of Maggie's grandmother. Eventually, Allison and Brianna help unravel Maggie's bad mood, and mother/daughter rifts are mended. As summer draws to a close, the expected death occurs, and, to Brianna's dismay, Maggie and Susan prepare to return home. Unhappy endings can't always be avoided, but understanding, forgiveness and friendship do eventually blossom like the roses in this garden of the "selfish giant."

## **Roles Available**

- Maggie (11 years old) – bright, attractive, moodily teetering between childhood and adolescence
- Brianna (9 years old) – precocious, energetic, sensitive, imaginative, unusual
- Susan (30s) – Maggie's mother, wrestling with unresolved anger, but good-hearted
- Allison (a few years younger than Susan) – RN and Hospice worker, warm and funny