

# **WATER BY THE SPOONFUL**

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**2012 Pulitzer Prize Winner/REGIONAL PREMIERE!**

## **AUDITION INFORMATION**

### **Audition Dates:**

4:00-6:30 PM, Tuesday, January 20, Woods Theatre, Speech Arts Building

7:00-9:00 PM, Wednesday, January 21, Woods Theatre

### **Callback Auditions**

4:00-6:30 PM, Thursday, January 22, Woods Theatre

### **WHO MAY AUDITION?**

Auditions are open to all Fresno State students, and to community members. Fresno State students may earn two units of credit.

### **WHAT SHALL I PREPARE FOR THE AUDITIONS?**

Actors will be provided with scenes from the play to read at the audition. No prepared monologue required.

### **HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM CALLED BACK?**

A callback list will be posted on the callboard by the Green Room in the Speech Arts building. Actors may request to be notified by email.

### **HOW CAN I GET A PERUSAL SCRIPT?**

Digital perusal scripts may be obtained by emailing Cathie Salanitro, Theatre Arts Administrative Assistant, [cathies@csufresno.edu](mailto:cathies@csufresno.edu). Hard copies may be checked out from the Theatre Arts Department Office, S. A. 33.

### **WHAT IS THE REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE?**

Rehearsals will be Sunday-Thursday evenings starting January 26.

(Students attending the ACTF Festival will be excused.)

First tech rehearsal: Sunday, March 8, 1:00 call for actors.

Dress Rehearsals: March 9-11, 6:00 call for actors

Invited Preview: March 12, 7:00 call for actors

Performances: March 13, 14, & 17-21 at 8:00 PM; March 15 at 2:00 PM. (Actor call 1 hour before curtain.)

## **ABOUT THE PLAY:**

A janitor. A software mogul. A college grad. An IRS paper-pusher. Although they live thousands of miles apart, these four people share a secret: They're recovering addicts who've found a safe haven in an online chat room. When an Iraq War vet's tragedy spills into their cyberhome, everything changes. Virtual and real worlds unfold onstage.

**CASTING: 4 men, 3 women. Actors of all ethnicities will be considered for all roles with the exception of the part of *Chutes and Ladders*.**

**Elliott:** MALE, 20's, Puerto Rican

Iraq War vet, now running a Subway shop in North Philly, his tough exterior masks his huge heart, haunted by what he did in war. A joker, but prone to violent rages. Past boxer, gets occasional jobs as an actor and model. Familiarity with a Puerto Rican dialect suggested.

**Odessa/Haikumom:** FEMALE, 40'S, Puerto Rican

Elliot's birth mother, impoverished, an ex-addict who runs a chat room for other ex-addicts under the handle "Haikumom," more "street" than the rest of her family, warm, irreverent, funny, a fierce temper. Familiarity with a Puerto Rican dialect suggested.

**Yazmin:** FEMALE, 20's, Puerto Rican

Elliot's cousin and close confidante, professor of music, the "cool" teacher, articulate and level-headed, but she is not without struggles of her own. At an identity crossroads.

**Chutes&Ladders\*:** MALE, 40's, African American

An ex-addict, probably out of shape, customer service guy at the IRS. A warm, steady, sardonically funny and no-nonsense member of Odessa/Haikumom's cyber-community, develops a particular rapport with fellow chat room member Orangutan. \*Chutes&Ladders is his cyber name; given name is Clayton.

**Orangutan\*:** FEMALE, 20's, Japanese American

Another ex-addict who is a part of the chat room, smart-alecky, hyper, edgy, funny, she has moved to Japan to start a new life away from her old habits. Fiercely independent, still she is searching--for her birth parents and for ways to understand her darkness. \*Orangutan is her cyber name; given name is Madeline.

**Fountainhead\*:** MALE, 30's, Caucasian

Only a few days sober, successful alpha-guy, a "soccer dad" hides his addiction. Thinks he is too smart to be a crack addict. His swagger masks the shame he feels. \*Fountainhead is his cyber-handle; real name is John.

**Professor Aman/Ghost/Policeman:** MALE, Middle Eastern

Ghost is the soul of a man who Elliott killed during his time over seas; Prof. Aman is Yazmin's professor colleague. Also plays policeman in Japan.