

Letter to all CMTC members

Re Auditions for Sweet Charity

The audition panel had a wonderful time on Sunday with some stunning performances. We left on a high, feeling that we had cast a really strong show, with round pegs in round holes right across the cast. Unfortunately, we learnt yesterday that Kerry Lee has withdrawn from the role of Charity.

This is by no means a disaster for the show, because there were so many strong performances. However, it does mean that we now have to re-cast Charity and this may have implications for Nicky/Helene. Although all panel members have been involved in discussions since the news of Kerry's withdrawal, it is simply not possible to reconvene the whole group for proper and fair debate within the next two weeks. The committee has therefore decided to offer the chance to re-audition for Charity to the three people who gave the strongest performances on Sunday (they have all been told), and also to offer everybody who auditioned for Nicky/Helene the chance for a re-audition. I should make it clear that Imogen and Chris are "safe" with the parts in which they have already been cast unless either of them is offered and accepts the role of Charity.

This second round of auditions will take place at Elmtree this Thursday (tomorrow) and the scheduled rehearsal is therefore cancelled.

I should like to apologise to all members for the inconvenience, disappointment and extra stress this will have caused many people. However, I do hope you understand that the circumstances were not foreseen and that you feel we are handling this undesirable situation in the fairest possible way. The only good to emerge from this is the feeling that we still have a huge depth of talent on which to draw. I am absolutely confident that we will emerge on Thursday evening with a show every bit as strong as that which we thought we had on Sunday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony O'Connell", with a horizontal line underneath it.