

# A Little Night Music – An introduction

Some things you need to know about Cotswold Savoyards/Caroline Young's A Little Night Music

## Character Sketches and Acting Ages

As far as the characters in this play go it is my intention to work WITH the successful actors to create believable and authentic individuals, families and relationships during the rehearsal period. To this end I will be using the auditions to explore YOUR ideas about the character you are auditioning to be, to see how we work together and to develop our ideas as a team. One person doth not a family make and so I will be looking for groupings as well as individuals.

In regard to character ages let's start with Anne who we know is 18 and then think about Fredrika who is a teenager. Whilst those two facts remain I will NOT be casting someone of 35 as Anne or as Fredrika! However, I repeat, we will be creating relationships. Thus, the ages of lovers, fathers, mothers, grandmothers, sons and daughters will be dependent upon each other and that will depend upon the auditionees. If in doubt.... AUDITION!!!

## Prepared Pieces for Dialogue Auditions

There will be NO prepared pieces for dialogue auditions. If you know a short poem or a nursery rhyme or the words of a song (to be spoken NOT sung) ... Great! If not, don't worry - much of the audition process will consist of us working together through improvisation. If you haven't auditioned for me previously please speak to someone who has! They all lived through the process and it is equally important that you feel that you can work and create with me as it is that I believe I can work and create with you. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to email me - [caroline@arleroad.com](mailto:caroline@arleroad.com). Looking forward to seeing you at auditions.

## Character Sketches

### **Madame Armfeldt**

Mother to Desiree, Grandmother to Fredrika. Confined to a wheelchair. Has taken over the care of Desiree's daughter Fredrika.

### **Desiree Armfeldt**

Daughter to Madame Armfeldt, mother to Fredrika. Previously lover to Fredrik Egerman. She was a showgirl - a prominent and glamorous actress who is now reduced to touring in small towns.

### **Fredrika Armfeldt**

Adolescent daughter of Desiree and Fredrik

### **Fredrik Egerman**

Father to Fredrika, previous lover of Desiree, father to Henrik, married to Anne

### **Anne Egerman**

Young (18ish) wife of Fredrik. A virgin!

### **Henrik Egerman**

Son of Fredrik, in love with Anne, plays the cello. Similar age to Anne

**Count Carl-Magnus Malcolm**

Soldier. Lover of Desiree, husband to...

**Countess Charlotte Malcolm**

Aware of her husband's infidelity. Her younger sister is a school friend of Anne.

**Petra**

Maid in the Egerman Household. Tries to seduce Henrik. Is attractive to Frid.

**Frid, Malla, Bertrand, Osa**

Servants in Madame Armfeldt's employ.

**Mr. Lindquist, Mrs. Nordstrom, Mrs. Anderssen, Mr. Erlanson, Mrs. Segstrom.**

They only sing and do NOT have lines! Perform like a Greek Chorus

