



Audition Information and Sides

To Audition, please submit the Casting Form below and send a recorded video of you performing one of the monologues from the audition sides below. Videos can be uploaded to any file sharing site. It is ok if the videos are private as long as you also send the password. Those ages 14+ are eligible to audition. Actors must email the link to their audition video and submit the casting form by August 18th at midnight. Call Backs will be on August 20th over Zoom. All actors invited to Call Backs will receive advance notice of the time that they are called.

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Van Hook at Danielle.VanHook@fairfaxcounty.gov

“From the Ash Baxter Files: The Search For the Stolen Spyglass” is an interactive piece of theatre. All performers should be comfortable with improvisation. Although many of the characters are high school students, performers of any age are encouraged to apply for any role.

The Students of Dakota Riddle High School, all of whom can be played by a performer of any gender or ethnicity:

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ASH BAXTER** (Any gender/ethnicity) - A master of deductive reasoning, a junior detective who can get to the bottom of any mystery using wit, charm, and perhaps a little help from the audience.

**Due to the staging requirements of the show, 10 performers will be cast as Ash Baxter.

ROBIN “SHIFTY” MAGEE (Any gender/ethnicity) - Ash’s mysterious best friend, a whiz with recon and surveillance, though largely preferring to remain in the shadows.

CASEY PINERIDER (Any gender/ethnicity) - A self-described star athlete, apparently fresh from a heroic triumph on the diamond.

PIP BISHOP (Any gender/ethnicity) - A seemingly mild-mannered member of the Chess Club who may be hiding a fierce competitive edge!

PARKER “LOUIE” BARKER (Any gender/ethnicity) - The no-nonsense First Lieutenant (“louie”) of the JROTC corps at Riddle High, lover of order and procedure.

The Faculty of Dakota Riddle High School—

BAILEY “SUDSY” BUCKET (Male Adult, any ethnicity) - Jovial janitor who takes great pride in his work. Where Sidsy lacks knowledge, he makes it up with heart.

MISS SWEETLESSON: (Female Adult, any ethnicity) - An English teacher, very proper, and who no one could ever reasonably expect to be a thief!



MR. DIMWIZZLE (Male Adult, any ethnicity)*** - Ash's beloved, if hapless, history teacher, who also runs the Gumshoe Club, which Ash aspires to lead one day. Mr. Dimwizzle says his precious spyglass has been stolen and enlists Ash to find it!

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Side 1

DIMWIZZLE (for any faculty role): Someone has taken one of my most precious items! The legendary spyglass of Captain Blackbeard!!!...expert and scholar, Professor Dusty Oldbinder. Old Dusty Oldbinder presented it to me when we attended the celebrated "Scholarship Conference of Knowledge and Accomplishment!" You see, we have a longstanding agreement that when one of us catches the other in a deception, the expert deduction must be rewarded with a gift-- in this case, the spyglass! And that very spyglass has been a treasured keepsake ever since! But now...alas...wasn't I just sitting at my desk during the last class period, having just completed a lecture on the innovative Spartan battle techniques of the Peloponnesian War that had the class rapt with attention, when Old Oldbinder's dusty old spyglass, sitting atop a dusty old binder, caught my eye, sending me into a remembrance of my old friend.

Side 2

ASH (for any student role): Poor Mr. Dimwizzle! He does sometimes get quite carried away— but I don't mind saying, he is my favorite teacher. Not only is he reigning Teacher of the Year, quite a feat for a History teacher, but he runs my favorite club in all of Dakota Riddle High School, the Gumshoe Club, where us budding young detectives can develop our skills! And we were supposed to meet today to have officer elections. The position of Chief Pinkerton has been vacant since the beginning of the school year, and I've had my eye on it! If I can recover the missing spyglass for Mr. Dimwizzle, that would surely set me up as the odds-on favorite to be Chief. But it won't be easy. Unfortunately for Mr. Dimwizzle, he is quite easy to confound, and anyone might have wanted to do it! He's famous school-wide— whenever one of his precious treasures is missing, he becomes out of sorts, and is libel to forget due dates and assignments. D's become B's. Why, Freddy Flounder claims he once gave an A+ to blank paper when Mr. Dimwizzle misplaced Volume Six of "A Complete History of the California Voyages of Francis Drake." It's settled, then! Mr. Dimwizzle needs my help, and he shall get it.