

Robin Hood 2017

Information for Auditionees

England in the 12th Century. King Richard is away on the crusades leaving Prince John in charge. The evil Sheriff of Nottingham has carte blanche to rule Nottingham and demand ever increasing taxes. Robin Hood and his band of merry men regularly rob the Sheriff's convoys and distribute the money back to the poor.

Furious that Robin always manages to outwit him, the Sheriff is desperate to catch him, but has no idea of his identity. The Sheriff decides to hold an archery contest to lure him in but when Robin escapes again he locks up Maid Marian.

Can Robin save the day? Of course he can – it's Panto!!!

There are 12 principal roles this year plus 2 small cameo roles.

The Dame and Maid Marian are the largest roles, followed by Robin Hood and his Merry Men, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Snivel and Grovel and the Nuns.

Male Roles

Emma Dale - (our Dame) - Maid Marian's Lady-in-waiting. Helps Robin by passing on information. Always caught up in the action.

The Sheriff of Nottingham – Money obsessed baddie who is Marian's legal guardian whilst King Richard is away. Has a sarcastic wit.

Friar Tuck – Our chubby monk can't think straight unless he's eaten

Little John – The dopiast of the Merry Men

Alan A'Dale - Emma Dale's son, who has joined the Merry Men. Fancies himself as a popstar. Sings a few ditties

Female Roles

Maid Marian – Our heroine. Marian is the King's niece. A feisty girl who is not afraid to stand up to the Sheriff. Falls for Robin (obviously!)

Nun 1 – as yet unnamed. Preferably an Irish accent but not essential

Nun 2 – as yet unnamed. Both nuns get involved with Marian and the Merry Men and help along the way

Unisex Roles

Robin Hood – Our Hero. Robs the rich (namely the Sheriff) to give to the poor. A master archer who has his work cut out trying to keep his hapless bunch of Merry Men in check. Falls for Marian.

Will Scarlett – A reluctant Merry man. Will is more concerned about ruining his outfits and his nails. This role can be played either as an overtly camp character or a ditsy woman.

Snivel – Part of a double act with Grovel. Works as the Sheriff's lackey. A bit whiny and cowardly.

Grovel – As above. Always sucking up to the Sheriff.

Cameo Roles (both male) appearing in one scene only

King Richard – Returns from the crusades at the end of the show, just in the nick of time

Sherbert O'Dreary – hosts the archery contest in the style of Dermot O'Leary