

# **The Wedding Singer - Open Audition Information**



Date: Sunday 15th December 2019 @ The Lancaster Hall in Send

- 6.30-7.30pm Principal auditions
- 7.30-8.30pm Ensemble auditions
- 8.30-9.30pm Dance auditions (all)

Performance Dates: 9-11<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Rehearsals: weekly on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2020, 7-9pm @ The YPod, Woking

The year is 1985. The place is New Jersey. A wannabe rock star (aka a professional wedding singer) is left at the altar and finally changes his tune. Robbie Hart, is New Jersey's favourite wedding singer. He's the life of the party until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own. Enter Julia, a winsome waitress who wins his affection. As luck would have it, Julia is about to be married to a Wall Street shark, and, unless Robbie can pull off the performance of a decade, the girl of his dreams will be gone forever.

## All audition participants will be required to sing and dance.

If you would like to audition for a **Principal/Cameo role**, please read the following information carefully:

- prepare to sing <u>both</u> song segments
- prepare the lines for one chosen scene
- you will audition on your own, with the panel reading in any other parts
- you will also participate in the group dance audition.

Ensemble auditions will require participants to sing with a small group and participate in the group dance audition.

### **Principal/Cameo Roles:**

# Male character songs:

It's Your Wedding Day (Opening Number) - Beginning to bar 55

Grow Old With You - Beginning to bar 32

### Female character songs:

Come out of the Dumpster - Beginning to 23

Let Me Come Home - Beginning to bar 42

## **Ensemble:**

### Mixed Small Groups (between 3-6 max) songs - Choose one (gender irrelevant):

Either beginning to bar 55 - It's Your Wedding Day (Opening Number)

Or beginning to 23 - Come out of the Dumpster

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#### THE WEDDING SINGER CHARACTER LIST

#### **Principals:**

**Robbie Hart** The lead singer of a band. Handsome and charismatic. A truly 'nice' guy that has the classic lead singer aura and personality. Also a bit of a dreamer. In love with love until Linda leaves him at the altar and breaks his heart. Gender: Male. Vocal range top: C6 bottom: B3

**Sammy** The bass player in the wedding band and one of Robbie's best friends. A total guy's guy, but beneath his pretending to love being a bachelor he is actually in love with Holly. Gender: Male. Vocal range top: A5 bottom: C4

**George** The wedding band's keyboardist and one of Robbie's best friends. Sensitive and somewhat flamboyant. The foil to Sammy's super guy attitude. Gender: Male. Vocal range top: A5 bottom C4

**Julia Sullivan** The pretty "girl next door" in looks and personality. Engaged to Glen but falls in love with Robbie and is conflicted as to who to choose. Empathetic, caring, and brave. Gender: Female. Vocal range top: F5 bottom: G3

**Holly** Julia's cousin, very uninhibited and forward with comedic timing. Flirtatious and always up for a good time, but wants to be loved and is looking for romantic fulfilment in all the wrong places. She is in love with Sammy. Based on Madonna of the 80's. Gender: Female. Vocal range top: E5 bottom A3

**Glen Guglia - Julia's fiancé.** A Wall Street broker. He is rich, shallow, and materialistic. Constantly tries to buy Julia's love with money. He is a bit of a womanizer. Slimy. Gender: Male. Vocal range top: B5 bottom: D4

**Rosie** Robbie's grandmother who raised him. Motherly but adventurous and always trying to remain "hip" despite her age. Comedic Timing. Can Rap. Gender: Female. Vocal range top: C5 bottom: C4

**Linda** Robbie's fiancé who leaves him at the altar. Keeps Robbie around as a back-up plan. Is more in love with the idea of Robbie being a rock star than she actually is with Robbie. Trashy, selfish. Pat Benatar type. Gender: Female. Vocal range top: D5 bottom: A3

#### **Cameos:**

Harold and Debbie Fonda- the first bride and groom in the show.

David Fonda- drunk brother of the groom at the first wedding; gives the worst speech ever.

Priest- Priest at Robbie and Linda's wedding

Angie- Julia's mom. Divorced and still bitter about it. Good singer.

**Crystal and Mookie**- a stereotypical Jersey guy and girl. Mookie is very macho and Crystal loud and pushy. Crystal should be a good singer

Tiffany and Donnie- another couple who gets engaged at the restaurant. Tiffany should sound like Janice from "Friends".

1st and 2nd Waiters - Waiters at restaurant where Glenn proposes to Julia.

**Donatella and Shane McDonnough-** bride and groom at the second (disastrous) wedding. Donatella speaks in an obnoxious baby-talk voice.

Donatella's Mother- A very assertive woman.

Bad Haircut Guy, Sideburns Lady, Loser Guy, Large Lady- solo singing lines in "Casualty of Love"

Sales Clerk- works at the mall. Good singer.

Glen's Secretary, Junior Secretary, Second Suit- work at Glen's Wall Street office. Obsessed with making money.

Ricky- the bartender. Good singer.

Bum- hangs out at the bar. Good singer.

**Agent-** works at the airline counter

Impersonators • Billy Idol • Cyndi Lauper..good singer • Mr. T • Ronald Reagan • Tina Turner (possibly change to Cher)....good singer • Nancy Reagan • Imelda Marcos - sings in Spanish

## **Rosie/Robbie Audition Scene**

### ROBBIE

(Offstage.)

Hey, Grandma, can I come down yet?

ROSIE

Just a second!

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### ROBBIE

We better get moving. I don't want to be late for my own wedding...

#### ROSIE

O.K., come on down!

(ROBBIE enters in his tux.)

Surprise! It's your wedding present!

### ROBBIE

(Hops on the bed.)

Wow! A queen size bed! Thanks, grandma!

## ROSIE

Oh, not just any queen size bed! Gotta quarter?

(ROBBIE hands her a quarter. She puts it in a slot next to the headboard and the bed begins to vibrate. Her voice vibrates with the bed.)

I bought it off of the Hackensack Motel Six! Don't worry, it's been disinfected.

(The bed stops vibrating. She sighs.)

Whoo, that takes me back. You and Linda are gonna have some wedding night on this thing! And then, maybe you can finish writing the song for my anniversary party...I came up with some words, maybe you could set them to music? After you get back from your honeymoon, of course.

(She hands him a piece of folded up paper. He takes it.)

#### ROBBIE

Sure thing. I hope fifty years from now Linda and I will be as happy as you and Grandpa are.

#### ROSIE

Of course you will be, sweetheart. You're a born romantic, just like your father was. And I know your parents, God rest their souls, will be looking down on you today as you start your new life.

(Pause.)

So...tell me, Robbie...are you nervous?

#### **ROBBIE**

A little, but I'll be fine. I'm around weddings all the time.

## ROSIE

Not about the wedding. About the wedding night. Will this be your first time with the sexual intercourse?

## ROBBIE

Hey, let's not talk about this.

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### THE WEDDING SINGER

## ROSIE

Now, there's nothing to be ashamed about. You know before I married your grandfather, I had already been with eight men.

## **ROBBIE**

You know, that's not something I really wanna know about.

### **ROSIE**

That was a lot back then. That would be like two hundred men today.

# Julia/Holly/Angie

#### HOLLY

So the girls are taking up a collection for Robbie. We're gonna send him a fruit basket. Something nice, with kiwis.

### **JULIA**

You know, he even wrote Linda a song? And now she'll never hear it.

### HOLLY

After Glen pops the question tonight, you're gonna have to start thinking about wedding music.

**JULIA** 

Let's not jump the gun.

**ANGIE** 

(Offstage.)

Julia, honey, are you in there?

**JULIA** 

Is my mom still here?

**ANGIE** 

(Enters, sees JULIA.)

You disappeared on me.

### **JULIA**

Look, mom, thanks for bringing my dress to work on such short notice. But I kind of need some space right now.

#### **ANGIE**

(To HOLLY.)

She's having one of her freak-outs.

(To JULIA.)

Look sweetheart, there are only two reasons why a man takes a woman out to a nice place like Il Carousel. It's either to propose to her or to break up with her someplace where she can't make a scene.

**JULIA** 

You think Glen's going to dump me?

HOLLY

Nice work, Aunt Angie.

#### #5 - "Pop!"

### ANGIE

Of course not. But in the off chance that Glen doesn't pop the question, you just have to give him a little nudge. Try a little wink, a little smile, a little fake pregnancy...

#### **JULIA**

I don't think that would work with Glen. He's a lot smarter than Dad.

(To HOLLY.)

What if I've wasted four years of my life?

HOLLY

You and Glen are fine! Right Aunt Angie?

**ANGIE** 

Of course! There's not a doubt in my mind!

HOLLY

Trust us, tonight is the night!

#### **SAMMY**

Dude?

(He claps twice and the lights pop on.)

Me and George, we've been getting kind of worried. You don't seem to be bouncing back from this so good.

#### **GEORGE**

So we came over to cheer you up. Although it seems like what you need is not so much "cheering up" as "anti-psychotic medication".

#### ROBBIE

Linda was right to dump me. I haven't done anything since high school.

### **GEORGE**

Forget her! We have a gig tonight. The McDonnough Wedding?

#### **SAMMY**

(Sees something in ROBBIE's hand.)

What is that thing?

### ROBBIE

Let go. Mine

(SAMMY tries to pull the plastic bride out of ROBBIE's hand. ROBBIE won't let go.)

### GEORGE

(Trying to calm them down.)

Guys...Sammy...

(SAMMY pulls ROBBIE out of the bed and onto the floor, finally prying the bride away from ROBBIE's vice-like grip. He examines the little statuette.)

### SAMMY

It's the plastic bride from the top of the wedding cake.

#### ROBBIE

It looks just like Linda. Only much, much smaller.

## GEORGE

O.K., this is even worse than I thought: Robbie is suffering from post-traumatic perception syndrome.

#### SAMMY

What?

## GEORGE

It's what happened to Luke on "General Hospital" after he saw his sister thrown off Stefano's yacht and eaten by seals. Robbie might not be able to perform for several years.

### SAMMY

What do you mean? This is a critical summer for the band! What are we gonna do without our lead singer? I am not going back to work at the Orange Julius.

(To ROBBIE.)

Look, Robbie...

### ROBBIE

Whatever you have to say, I don't want to hear it.

### **SAMMY**

I found this note taped onto your basement door. I took the liberty of reading it, and I think it really puts things in perspective.

#### **GLEN**

Word up, mofos!

(ROBBIE and JULIA pull apart quickly.)

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**JULIA** 

Glen! How did you know...

**GLEN** 

I was next door picking you up a little present.

**JULIA** 

You shouldn't see my dress before the wedding! It's bad luck!

**GLEN** 

Why don't you let me worry about our luck, baby?

**JULIA** 

(Awkward beat.)

Um Glen, this is Robbie-

**GLEN** 

Oh, yeah. I've heard all about the Robster. Thanks for helping Julia out. I owe you one.

ROBBIE

(Still dazed.)

Hey Glen. I kissed her but it didn't mean anything.

**GLEN** 

Kissed who?

(A pregnant beat, then...)

HOLLY

Me.

**GLEN** 

Who hasn't?

ROBBIE

I gotta go.

(Incredibly uncomfortable, ROBBIE turns and gives HOLLY a formal handshake. He and JULIA share an awkward hug. ROBBIE lamely gives GLEN five and hurries off.)

**GLEN** 

(To JULIA.)

So anyway, I got you this new gadget. It's called a CD Player. It cost like nine hundred bucks. But your fiancé moved more paper last month than anyone on the desk, so I got a sweet little bonus.

## **JULIA**

Wow, that's great, Glen, congrats...you're like an expert in junk bonds.

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### THE WEDDING SINGER

# **GLEN**

(Slightly patronizing.)

They're not "junk bonds", Jules. They're "high-yield debt instruments".

## **JULIA**

(Pause.)

Oh, sorry. Well, um, thanks for the present.

(GLEN's phone rings.)

### **GLEN**

Hold on, I gotta take this...

(GLEN answers the phone.)

Guglia.

(He crosses upstage. HOLLY and JULIA cross down.)

## It's Your Wedding Day (Male Principal/Any Ensemble)

I WROTE A SONG SIX YEARS AGO
WHILE PLAYING IN A WEDDING BAND
THE WORD GOT OUT AND SUDDENLY
THE BAND AND I ARE IN DEMAND

AND NOW COUPLES ALL OVER JERSEY
HIRE ME TO ENSURE THEIR WEDDED BLISS
ALL BECAUSE OF A TUNE I WROTE
THAT TUNE GOES LIKE THIS:

OH, WHEN IT'S YOUR WEDDING DAY AND MY MUSIC STARTS TO PLAY I CAN GUARANTEE THAT LOVE WILL FIND YOU

YEAH, WHEN IT'S YOUR WEDDING DAY ALL THE PROBLEMS MELT AWAY IF YOU COUNT ON ME 'CAUSE LOVE IS WHAT I DO

# **Grow Old With You (Male Principal)**

I WANNA MAKE YOU SMILE WHENEVER YOU'RE SAD CARRY YOU AROUND WHEN YOUR ARTHRITIS IS BAD ALL I WANNA DO IS GROW OLD WITH YOU

I'LL GET YOUR MEDICINE WHEN YOUR TUMMY ACHES
BUILD YOU A FIRE IF THE FURNACE BREAKS
OH IT COULD BE SO NICE
GROWING OLD WITH YOU)
I'LL MISS YOU
KISS YOU
GIVE YOU MY COAT WHEN YOU ARE COLD

NEED YOU FEED YOU EVEN LET YOU HOLD THE REMOTE CONTROL

SO LET ME DO THE DISHES IN OUR KITCHEN SINK
PUT YOU TO BED WHEN YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK
OH I COULD BE THE MAN WHO GROWS OLD WITH YOU

# **Come Out of the Dumpster (Female Principal/Any Ensemble)**

SO TONIGHT YOU MADE SOME MISTAKES
I'LL ADMIT YOU HIT A FEW BUMPS
BUT I HATE TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS
DOWN ON YOUR LUCK, DOWN IN THE DUMPS

THOUGH HOPE MIGHT SEEM IN SHORT SUPPLY YOU HAVE TO MOVE ON YOU HAVE TO TRY

SO COME OUT OF THE DUMPSTER DON'T LEAVE ME STANDING HERE COME OUT OF THE DUMPSTER IT'S OKAY, THE COAST IS CLEAR

THE COP CARS ARE LEAVING
CHANNEL FIVE'S PACKED UP ITS CREW
SO COME OUT OF THE DUMPSTER
I'LL BE RIGHT HERE WAITING FOR YOU

# Let Me Come Home (Female Principal)

I KNOW I KIND OF WENT OUT WITH A BANG WHEN I DUMPED YOU OUT OF THE BLUE BUT MY HEART'S JUST LIKE A BOOMERANG IT CAME RIGHT BACK TO YOU

NOW I'M CONFESSIN'
I'VE LEARNED MY LESSON
GIVE ME YOUR BLESSIN'
TO COME BACK HOME TO STAY
HERE'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY:

LET ME COME HOME TO YOU BABY
LET ME COME HOME TO YOU BABY
LET ME COME HOME

NOW I COULD TRY AND DATE SOME GLAMOROUS GUY
AND THINGS MIGHT TURN OUT COOL
BUT AS I LEARNED WHEN I APPLIED TO DEVRY
YOU GOTTA HAVE A SAFETY SCHOOL
NOW YOU'RE MY BACK-UP
DON'T MAKE ME PACK UP
AND HAVE TO SHACK UP
DOWN BY THE INTERSTATE
YEAH, I'LL REITERATE

LET ME COME HOME TO YOU BABY
LET ME COME HOME TO YOU BABY
LET ME COME HOME

AND TOMORROW WHEN YOU WAKE UP YOU'LL NO LONGER HAVE AN EX 'CAUSE THE BEST PART OF A BREAKUP IS THE MAKE-UP SEX