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Audition Notice

Longhope Opera 2024, *Don Pasquale* by Donizetti

ABOUT US:

Scherzo Ensemble is a professional development platform which offers **paid opportunities** to emerging professionals, particularly classical singers. Our annual projects include an interdisciplinary oratorio tour, solo and ensemble recitals, and a fully-staged opera production at Longhope, Hampshire.

AUDITION DETAILS:

We are holding auditions for our upcoming summer production of *Don Pasquale* at Longhope Opera. We are looking for singers to fill **all principal roles** and **the chorus (including covers)**.

Audition Dates: 22nd & 29th November 2023

Audition Venue: St Wilfrid's Hall, Kensington, London

Roles available:

Don Pasquale, bass

Dr Malatesta, baritone

Ernesto, tenor

Norina, soprano

Carlino, bass

Chorus: Sopranos (3), Mezzo-sopranos (2), Tenors (2), Bass (2)

(chorus to include covers for principal roles)

Audition requirements:

- A bel canto aria with recitative*
- A contrasting piece (comedic or characterful)

*If the aria you bring does not have recit, please prepare a separate piece of secco recitative

Applications to audition:

To apply email scherzoensemble@outlook.com by **12pm on Monday 6 November**, please include:

- Your CV
- The role you are applying for
- Any dates and times in our proposed during our audition dates when you will **not be available** for audition.
- Links to **two videos** of you singing

PRODUCTION DETAILS:

This production of *Don Pasquale* will be fully-staged and sung in Italian. Rory Fazan will direct and Matthew O'Keeffe will conduct.

Performance dates:

Friday 5th July (Open dress to local school children)

Saturday 6th July

Sunday 7th July

Performance venue:

Longhope, Newton Valence, Hampshire, GU34 3RB

Rehearsals period:

Principals: 7th June – 4th July

Chorus: 17th June – 4th July (11 days called)

Technical Rehearsals: 2nd – 4th July

Rehearsal venues:

Rehearsals will take place in London before a week of technical rehearsals and performances on site in Newton Valence, Hampshire.

Logistical information:

Transport to/from Longhope and accommodation and meals whilst at Longhope are provided.

Payment:

Don Pasquale, bass - £1200

Dr Malatesta, baritone - £1200

Ernesto, tenor - £1200

Norina, soprano - £1200

Carlino, bass - £900

Chorus - £550

Chorus & Cover - £700 (+performance fee if called up)

You can find out more about our work and previous productions at Longhope Opera via our websites:

www.scherzoensemble.com and www.longhopesummeropera.com