



**ALTARENA PLAYHOUSE** in Alameda is proud to announce auditions for the musical "**Side Show**," Director John Maio. Stipend Provided. Non-AEA, multi-ethnic casting. **ALL ROLES OPEN/ STIPEND, NO AEA**

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**REHEARSALS: NOV. 18 – JAN 16**

**RUN DATES:** Jan 17 – Feb 23 2014. Minimum of 8M (16-60); 8F (16-50).

**AUDITION DATES:** 10/20 & 10/21 at 7pm.

**CALLBACKS:** Saturday 10/26 at 11am.

**AUDITION LOCATION:** 1409 High St. Alameda, CA

**PREPARE:** 2 Broadway Songs 16 bars each, Up tempo & Ballad that best shows your range. Cold read from script, be ready to dance. BRING YOUR CALENDARS, CONFLICTS MUST BE DOCUMENTED

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Book & Lyrics: Bill Russell

Music: Henry Krieger

Director: John Maio

Choreographer: Bobby Barnaby Bryce

Musical Director: Greg Zema

Producer: Frederick L. Chacon

## **SIDE SHOW Character Breakdown**

**A Multi-Ethnic/Multi-Racial Cast of 16 - 20 adults. Actors of all ages, genders, sizes, and races are needed. The entire cast/ensemble will sing. Actors with unique skills (acrobatics, circus skills, etc. a plus)**

## **LEAD ROLES**

**Daisy Hilton: Female, Caucasian, able to play 20-35 (Alto/Mezzo with belt; Big range, up to a sustained high G). The dominant and more outspoken of the twins, her dream is to become a famous actress/performer/celebrity.**

**Violet Hilton: Female, Caucasian, able to play 20-35 (Mezzo/Soprano with belt; Big range, up to a sustained high B). The shy and more composed of the twins, her dream is to marry and raise a family at home.**

**NOTE: Since the Hilton sisters were conjoined twins, attached at the lower spine/hip, actresses interested in these roles MUST be comfortable acting, moving and dancing in tandem with another actress, and will be paired at the audition with other candidates for scenes and dances.**

**Terry Conner: Male, Caucasian, able to play 30-40 (Baritone with strong upper range; Low G to a sustained high F#, and running high G). A talent scout/agent for the Vaudeville circuit. Handsome, smooth/suave, leading man type. Daisy's love interest. Actor will ballroom dance.**

**Buddy Foster: Male, Caucasian, able to play 20-35 (Tenor; big range, up to a sustained high A). Usher turned Entertainer. Bright and energetic, but a bit naive. A song and dance man. Violet's love interest.**

**Jake: Male, African-American, able to play 25+ (tenor/baritone with strong top range). Sideshow Foreman. Very strong physical presence even when silent. Secretly in love with Violet. Strong singer who can move well. Jake is also the Cannibal King, and will likely appear bare-chested in his King costume.**

**The Boss: Male. Formidable presence, sleazy, mean owner/MC of the Side Show. 35-60. Caucasian. Strong Tenor voice.**

## **FEATURED & ENSEMBLE ROLES**

**The entire ensemble will double in a number of smaller parts with featured lines, as well as singing throughout the show. The roles listed below are their featured roles in the "Side Show," but they will also play reporters, vaudevillians, spectators, Follies performers, party guests, and Carny hawkers. Actors with special skills, especially jumps and acrobatics are a plus.**

**Fortune Teller: Female. Size, race and age open. Exotic look. Strong belter/gospel voice.**

**Reptile Man: Male. Half man/half reptile. Race and age open. Form fitting costume.**

**Snake Lady: Female. Snake Charmer. Athletic/dancer's body. Race and age open. Revealing costume.**

**6th Exhibit: Female. Religious Martyr. Size, race and age open.**

**Dolly Dimples: Female. Listed as the classic "Fat Lady" with Baby-Doll attire. Size, race and age open.**

**Sheik: Male (Middle Eastern character). Size, race and age open. Must be comfortable appearing partially clothed.**

**Harem Girls: (2-4) Females. Fit/trim figures. Race and age open. Must be comfortable appearing partially clothed.**

**Bearded Lady: Male. Size, race and age open. Must be comfortable appearing in women's clothes. Beard a plus, but not required.**

**Fakir: Male (Far East/Indian character). Athletic build. Size, race and age open.**

**The Geek: Male. "Refined but deadly." Size, race and age open. Must be comfortable with blood/gore.**

**Roustabouts: (4) Males. Ideally, meant to athletic, well-built "Carnies," they are part of the Side Show ensemble who play a multitude of roles, but they also move the set throughout the show IN CHARACTER, and they appear as dancers in production numbers. Athletic actors who move well actors who are not singers may be considered for the four male Roustabout roles.**