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Melba College Theatre,  
Brentall Road, Croydon VIC 3136

Director – Helena Chayna  
Musical Director – Alannah Guthrie-Jones  
Choreographer – Claudia Chayna  
Production Manager: Lyn Alexander

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Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, Annie has become a worldwide phenomenon and was the winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The beloved book and score by Tony Award winners, Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written, including "Tomorrow."

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other girls in the Orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations... and even befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt! She finds a new home and family in billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

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Mountain District Musical Society is an amateur musical theatre group in the outer Eastern suburbs of Melbourne. We perform full scale musicals, smaller shows and concerts. We also get together as a choral group to sing carols in hospitals around Melbourne at Christmas.

MDMS prides itself, not only on the quality of its performances, but on its community atmosphere. Many performers join the group to hone their theatrical skills, but also to have fun, meet new people and be part of a community.

**AUDITION DETAILS**

**JUNIOR CAST:**

**Vocal Auditions:**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 9am

*Kim Annette Dance Studios (KADS)*

*1/3 Woodbine Court, Wantirna South*

Junior cast: prepare one song from the show or another musical theatre song of your choice. Please bring sheet music in the correct key for our pianist, or a backing track without vocals on a USB. Learn your words by memory and try to act out the song the best way you can.

We encourage junior boys to audition for ensemble roles.

**Dance Auditions:**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm

*Kim Annette Dance Studios (KADS)*

*1/3 Woodbine Court, Wantirna South*

**ADULT CAST:**

**Vocal Auditions:**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 7:30pm

*Karralyka Centre*

*Principal cast:* prepare two contrasting songs (one can be from the show) from the musical theatre repertoire. Please bring sheet music in the correct key.

*Ensemble cast:* prepare one song from the show or another musical theatre song of your choice. Please bring sheet music in the correct key for our pianist, or a backing track without vocals on a USB.

**Dance Auditions:**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm.**

*Central Ringwood Community Centre*

*All adult auditionees are expected to attend the movement audition.*

**PLEASE NOTE**

All adults involved in any aspect of the production will be required to have a valid Working With Children Check. If you do not have one, please visit the Justice Department website to obtain one, which is free for volunteers. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

**Character Call backs:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm.**

Central Ringwood Community Centre

Callbacks by invitation only. All callback information will be provided by the production team.

## Characters

### *Orphans:*

#### **Annie**

A street-wise orphan; she is eventually taken in by Oliver Warbucks. Spunky, friendly, big-voiced.

Gender: Female

Age: 10 to 12

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: A3

#### **Orphans**

The other girls in the orphanage with Annie. These girls are gritty, neglected and vulnerable, yet basically honest and potentially loveable. Includes Molly, Kate, Tessie, Pepper, July, and Duffy.

Gender: Female

Age: 6 to 13

### *Adult:*

#### **Warbucks**

A successful businessman with a warm heart. Rich, stiff-collared, bullish.

Gender: Male

Age: 40 to 55

Vocal range top: Gb5

Vocal range bottom: B3

#### **Grace Farrell**

Faithful secretary to Mr. Oliver Warbucks. Poised, sweet, gentle.

Gender: Female

Age: 20 to 35

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

#### **Servants**

The servants at the Warbucks mansion. Includes Drake, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Greer, Cecille, and Annette.

Gender: Any

Age: 20 to 50

#### **Miss Hannigan**

The orphanage matron who hates children but is fond of liquor. Very disillusioned, bitter, and cold.

Gender: Female

Age: 30 to 45

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: A3

**Rooster**

Miss Hannigan's no-good brother looking for a quick buck. A sleazy, slick con man.

Gender: Male

Age: 25 to 35

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: B3

**Lily**

Rooster's girlfriend, who is also out for a quick buck. She is considered to be a floozy and bimbo.

Gender: Female

Age: 20 to 30

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: B3

**Bert Healy**

The ultimate radio personality. He helps Annie by broadcasting about the search for her birth parents.

Gender: Male

Age: 30 to 45

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: E4

**Roosevelt**

The 32nd President of the United States. A Democrat and friend of Warbucks.

Gender: Male

Age: 40 to 60

Vocal range top: F4

Vocal range bottom: Eb3

**Ensemble**

Servants (Drake, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Pugh), Boylan Sisters, Cabinet Members, Hooverville Citizens

Gender: Any

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Rehearsals will commence in 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, and will be Monday and Thursday evenings, with Sunday rehearsals to be confirmed by the time of auditions

Production Week: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.

Production Dates – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

Rehearsals will take place at  
Central Ringwood Community Centre,  
Bedford Road, Ringwood VIC 3135.

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A production levy and company membership is applicable for this production. This covers administrative costs and appropriate insurances for the duration of the season.

MDMS Membership: \$40.00  
ANNIE Production Levy: \$60.00  
Libretto Security Deposit: \$20.00 (refundable upon libretto return)

All fees payable by the first rehearsal.

All involved will be required to attend all rehearsals as scheduled, participate in any fundraising activities and are expected to promote the show. Tickets will be sold via "TryBooking.com" a link to the booking site will be posted to the Official Mountain District Musical Society Facebook Page and its website [www.mdms.org.au](http://www.mdms.org.au)

Cast may be required to provide their own Props/Costumes/Makeup and Accessories.

A cast information booklet with all rehearsal and production information, as well as important contact information and key dates will be provided during the first few weeks of rehearsals.

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***To book an audition:***

Visit: [www.mdms.org.au](http://www.mdms.org.au)

If you have any queries, please contact  
Lyn Alexander on 0408 352 035 **(After Hours)**