

Audition Notice - CHAPTER TWO, by Neil Simon

Newport Theatre Arts Center, 2501 Cliff Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92663

Production Dates: March 27 – April 26, 2020

Director: Gigi Fusco Meese

Audition Dates: Monday and Tuesday, February 10th & February 11th – 7-9pm

Rehearsals: Mon-Thurs. 7-10pm. Some Saturdays 10-1

All actors are expected to be familiar with the story ahead of time and have a clear idea which roles they would consider. Readings will be from provided sides. Callbacks will be by invitation only. Not all potential cast members will be called back. There is some pay.

Novelist George Schneider is trying to recover from the death of his wife, Barbara. They were lovingly married to each other for twelve years. Concurrently, actress Jennie Malone has just gotten a divorce from her husband, Gus. Wanting each to get on with their lives, George's brother Leo Schneider and Jennie's best friend Faye Medwick (the two who once dated) send George and Jennie respectively on a series of blind dates, which end up disastrously. So when Leo and Faye run into each other and suggest that George and Jennie go out, both George and Jennie are reluctant, thinking that this meeting will end up like the rest of their blind dates. However, both are pleasantly surprised with each other. After a two-week whirlwind romance and courtship, George and Jennie decide to get married. Jennie in particular realizes that she is the one who has the potential of being hurt if George is not ready to move on without Barbara, especially as they honeymoon in the same resort where George and Barbara once vacationed, and as Jennie will move into the house that was once George and Barbara's.

Characters:

Jennie Malone – Role has been cast

George Schneider (40-55) A clever, witty, and charming novelist who is a tad neurotic. George is grieving over the loss of his beloved wife of 12 years.

Leo Schneider (30-45) George's younger brother. Leo is a press-agent who is a quick-witted, charming pragmatist. Married with children, but likes to fool around.

Faye Medwick (20-35) Jennie's best friend. Faye is also an actress. She feels unfulfilled in her marriage and contemplates having an affair with an ex-boyfriend. A hopeless romantic who covers it with sardonic cynicism. She is an actress on a soap opera.