

Auditions for Doonesbury

Auditions: **Monday** **August 16** **6:00-9:00pm**
 Wednesday **August 18** **6:00-9:00pm**

Call-Backs: **Sunday** **August 22** **11:00am-5:00pm**

Producer: **Standing Room Only Performing Arts**

Production: **Doonesbury**
Book/Lyrics: **Garry Trudeau**
Music: **Elizabeth Swados**

Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning comic strip, **Doonesbury** is a musical comedy set in 1983 on the momentous occasion of college graduation.

While they try to survive commencement, the roommates at Walden commune must fend off Zonker's Uncle Duke, who wants to demolish their off-campus house and replace it with luxury condominiums. Meanwhile, Mike Doonesbury steadfastly pursues his feisty girlfriend J.J., while contending with her estrangement from her mother Joanie.

Productions Dates: November 4 - 21

What to Prepare: Performers for this show must be able to perform to an accompaniment track. Please have your tracks with you for your audition. Please prepare a two-minute upbeat selection by any contemporary theatre composer of the period, for example: Marvin Hamlisch, Michael Gore, Alan Menkin, Stephen Schwartz, Andrew Lloyd Webber, etc. And remember, we're casting smart, witty cartoon characters.

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Character Breakdown: The script calls for some performers to also portray incidental characters (including President Ronald Reagan). Strong singers are needed. The entire cast joins in each song, singing harmony -- performers must be able to hold their own parts.



Roland Burton Hedley III (male, 40-50, average build, baritone)
Self-important, conservative, intrepid News Correspondent for ABC reporting on today's college student; has a rich speaking voice. He sings "It's the Right Time to be Rich" (a vaudeville novelty number) among other solos.



Mike Doonesbury (male, mid-20s, average build, tenor)
Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma; a bright, sensible Business Major who is about to propose marriage to his girlfriend J.J. He sings "Just One Night" (a folk-rock ballad) and "Get Together" (a folk-rock love duet) among other solos.



Mark Slackmeyer (male, mid-20s, average build, baritone)
Aspiring Talk Radio Host in need of a paying gig; an astute observer and commentator; Mark sings/raps “Baby Boom Boogie Boy” (a fast-talking rap number) among other solos.



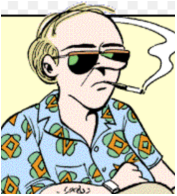
B.D. (male, late-20s, stocky/muscular build, baritone)
Grumpy, conservative Vietnam Vet and aspiring Professional Football Player. He sings “It’s the Right Time to be Rich” (a vaudeville novelty number) among other solos.



Barbara Ann “Boopsie” Boopstein (female, mid-20s, fit, belter)
Bubbly, aspiring cheerleader, film actress and fitness nut; B.D.’s live-in girlfriend. Sings “I Can Have It All,” “Complicated Man” and “Muffy and the Topsiders” (all upbeat comedic pop numbers) among other solos.



Zonker Harris (male, mid-to-late 20s, fit/slim, bari-tenor)
Wacky, Peter Pan-like, perpetual Flower Child from Marin County, California; Professional-Amateur Tanning Expert. Zonker sings “I Came to Tan” and “Real Estate” (both comedic novelty numbers) among other solos.



Duke (male, 40s, average build, bari-tenor)
Zonker’s Uncle Duke; a former U.S. Ambassador to China; a hapless, overreaching career criminal. Duke sings “Guilty” and “Real Estate” (both comedic novelty numbers) among other solos.



Honey Huan (female, 30s, average build, belter)
Duke’s Gal Friday, Chinese translator and love interest. She sings “Complicated Man” (an upbeat comedic pop number) among other solos.



Joanie Caucus (Female, 40s, average build, alto/mezzo)
Attorney; liberal activist; estranged from J.J. for leaving her marriage and abandoning her family in order to pursue a professional career. She sings "Mother" (a heartfelt duet) among other solos.

Don't know much about Doonesbury? Here are some online resources:

The Original Broadway Cast Album:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxW1yEbjM_o&list=PLAyaR86QKqfTfkL4Toy9kpMmmQBEcnF4U

The TV Commercial for the Original Broadway Production:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DnOCJ672TCE&ab_channel=DoonesburyFanArchive

A 25-minute animated TV special (not based on the musical, but similar in theme):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSp_ZEI0Oi8&t=928s