

Wind in the Willows – Audition Information

Performance Dates 29th November 2025 – 6th December 2025

This audition will be in small groups. In the room will be the director Cat and the casting committee.

Character Breakdowns:

Please note that age and gender are not important when it comes to these characters, except that Mole should be younger than Ratty, Toad and Badger.

- **Mole** - naive and keen to learn about the world above ground, Mole is sweet but a little nervous. They are compassionate and filled with wonder about the little things in life
- **Ratty** - adventurous and worldly. Ratty is a mentor to Mole, and sometimes imparts their wisdom through poetry
- **Toad** - a rich, arrogant member of the elite with a stately home who splashes cash on all the newest fads. Despite their cocky nature, Toad has a somewhat charming quality.
- **Badger** - somewhat stoic and reserved, Badger can come across as a bit of a grump, but is a loyal and caring friend
- **Weasels** - the gangsters of the forest who strike fear into the woodland creatures
- **Ensemble** - there are a multitude of roles for an ensemble; everyone will have plenty to do! There are rabbits, hedgehogs, squirrels, and even a horse!

Audition Pieces:

- Mole, Ratty, Toad & Badger – page 80-83 ("Now. Where shall I start?" ... "I'm still worried about those sentries")
- Weasels – composite scene (attached as doc below so can be printed) page 31, page 35, page 72
- Ensemble – page 46-47 **reading the Magistrate role** ("I understand that the prisoner" ... "I'm going to ignore that")

Weasel Audition Piece

Chief Weasel: That's the second time they've given us the slip. I'm beginning to get annoyed about this.

Weasel Norman: You see, Chief, that's why I want to take them at the caravan.

Chief Weasel: Norman.

Weasel Norman: Yes, Chief?

Chief Weasel: A word of advice. Never say "I told you so".

Weasel Norman: Why, Chief?

Chief Weasel: Because it gets right up my nose.

Weasel Norman: Of course, Chief, if I'd bitten their heads off when I wanted to we should have been fast asleep by now.

Chief Weasel: Norman.

Weasel Norman: Yes, Chief?

Chief Weasel: Are you a happy weasel?

Weasel Norman: Yes, Chief, by and large.

Chief Weasel: Are you desirous of continuing in that state?

Weasel Norman: Yes, Chief.

Chief Weasel: Then shut your gob. The good lady seems a trifle upset. Perhaps you should enquire why. And, Norman, sensitively.

Weasel Norman: Hello, darling. Why the waterworks?

Bargewoman: I haven't got anybody to pull my barge.

Weasel Norman: Come again, my love?

Bargewoman: I've been robbed.

Weasel Norman: The stupid cow's been robbed, Chief.

Chief Weasel: Who by, Norman?

Weasel Norman: Who by, my little slice of suet pudding?

Bargewoman: A toad – he stole my horse.

Weasel Norman: A likely story. A toad stealing a horse – a toad! A toad, Chief. You don't think...?

Chief Weasel: Just ask her which way it went, Norman!