

The Toxic Avenger

By Joe DiPietro & David Bryan

Producing Artistic Director: Joshua Erichsen

Director: TC Mavis Jennings

Musical Director: Steve Parsons

Production Stage Manager: Breanna Antoniadès

NON-TRADITIONAL CASTING WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ALL ROLES

Audition Information

INITIAL AUDITIONS: January 5th, 6th, 2023 (Thursday and Friday) from 6 pm – 9 pm

Sing

* Prepare two 16-bar music performances that relate to the show's Musical/Rock/Broadway genre: one up-tempo and one ballad.

Dance

* Dress to move. During our first two evenings of initial auditions, there will be a dance call that will include synchronized steps as well as character movement; both of which are strong aspects for telling this toxic story with energy and precision.

CALLBACKS: January 7th, 2023 (Saturday) from 11 am – 2 pm

ACTING/CHARACTER CREATION

* Sides will be sent to those who are called back for January 7th. Callbacks will include activities relating to sharing scene work and simple character development.

Please bring sheet music in the appropriate key.

An accompanist will be provided.

Please bring a current photo or provide a Headshot/Resume, if available.

*These will become property of the Players Guild and will not be returned.

Those wishing to audition can make an appointment for an audition time by signing up online via the available sign up [link](#). Some roles may be doubled up, some roles are a paid opportunity. For a more detailed breakdown of roles, please visit our website [HERE](#).

For parking, please park in the student lot 107 next to the Fine Arts Building on Kent State University at Stark's Campus.

If you have any questions, please contact: Breanna Antoniadès, Production Manager, breannalmorton@gmail.com

The Players Guild Theatre is located at 6000 Frank Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720 in the Kent State University at Stark Fine Arts Building on floor one.

THE SCHEDULE:

Auditions January 5-7, 2023

Rehearsals January 17-February 24, 2023

Monday- Friday (6:30-10:00pm)

(Minus campus closure days, MLK and Presidents' Day)

Designer Run

February 23, 2023*

*Subject to change

Tech Week

February 27- March 2, 2023

Performances March 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 2023

Fridays and Saturdays @ 7:30p, Sundays @ 2:00p

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THE SHOW:

A well-meaning earth scientist named Melvin Ferd the Third is determined to clean up New Jersey's toxic waste problem, solve global warming, and win the heart of the prettiest and blindest librarian in town. After being thrown in a vat of toxic waste by the mayor and her corrupt goons, Melvin becomes a seven-foot-tall mutant named "Toxie", who answers Tromaville's cry for a hero. An uproarious love story based on the 1984 cult classic film of the same name.

THE CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

Black Dude

Appears as numerous supporting roles, both male and female, such as PROFESSOR KEN, SLUGGO the bully, LITTLE OLD LADY, and SHINEQUA the friend. This role requires being physically versatile with strong dialects, dance, and comedy chops.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: D6

Vocal range bottom: A3

Mayor Babs Belgoody / Ma Ferd / Nun

The Mayor is corrupt and scheming. Accepts loads of cash in return for storing the toxic waste and is set on one day being the governor of New Jersey by any means necessary. Ma Ferd, she's the no-nonsense but loving mother of Melvin. As the Nun, she's energetically religious and strict. This role requires being physically versatile with strong dialects, dance, and comedy chops.

Character Gender: Female

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Melvin Ferd The Third/Toxic Avenger

Always trying to be the hero, but he isn't very good at it until he is turned into the Toxic Avenger. Determined to save New Jersey from toxic waste. He is a nerd but prone to bouts of rage in the face of corruption. He's "unattractive and sensitive", and ultimately in love with Sarah. A strong legit Broadway voice and presence will be useful for playing this character.

Character Gender: Male

Vocal range top: C6

Vocal range bottom: D4

Sarah The Blind Librarian

Blind. The classic heroine. Very sexy and sensual. Always speaks exactly what's on her mind. An aspiring writer of graphic romance novels. Sarah is a role that especially requires a strong character focus balanced by robust comedic acumen.

Character Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: G3

White Dude

Appears in numerous roles, both male and female, such as DR. FISHBEIN, BOZO the bully, SAL the cop, and LORENZO the hairdresser. This role requires being physically versatile with strong dialects, dance, and comedy chops.

Character Gender: Male

Vocal range top: B5

Vocal range bottom: A3