

# Web-based auditions for "A Modest Suggestion"

**About the Film:** "A Modest Suggestion" is an ultra-low-budget satirical comedy about anti-Semitism. Think: '12 Angry Men' meets Tarantino by way of the Coen Brothers. Rehearsals and production are scheduled for October, 2010, in the Baltimore area.

**Roles:** We are looking to fill five roles for the film, all ethnically-plain, corporate-type white men, varying in age from late-20s to late-50s. Strong performance history necessary, with at least some TV/film/video experience recommended. These are big roles with lots of dialogue and comedic interaction. Baltimore/Washington area actors are preferred.

**The Web-based Rehearsal Process:** The virtual auditions for "A Modest Suggestion" will utilize YouTube. You must have the ability to record yourself (a webcam is fine) and post your audition to youtube in order to audition through this process.

Step 1: Creating the Audition Video:

Please tape yourself in a quiet setting.

- State your full name.
- Perform a comedic monologue of your choosing.
- Perform the excerpt for the character "A" (see below)
  - you may have someone else read the other characters' lines with you, if you'd like
  - You may stand for this reading, but sitting is preferable.

Please upload the video to youtube using the following format (without the brackets):

**[Last Name] [First Name] AMS Audition**

Step 2: Sending your headshot/resume and a link to OxRock Productions:

- Send email to [auditions@oxrockproductions.com](mailto:auditions@oxrockproductions.com)
- The subject line must be "AMS AUDITION" – no other words or characters
- Attach your resume in .pdf or .doc or .docx format
- Attach your headshot – 6Mb limit, please
- Your resume file name must be in the following format (without the brackets):  
[Lastname][Firstname]resume.pdf (or .doc or .docx)
- Your headshot file name must be in the following format (without the brackets):  
[Lastname][Firstname]headshot.jpg (or .gif, or whatever file format extension you use)
- Include a brief note to introduce yourself.
- Copy and paste the url or link to your youtube audition in to the body of your email.

Due to the potentially large volume of emails that we will receive, we may not be able to respond to every applicant, but we'll try. If you don't hear from us, please accept our apology in advance.

**About the Scene:** It takes place around a boardroom table. You will read for "A", the boss, who has proposed the question: "Should we, or should we not... kill the Jews?"

A

No.

C

No?

A

Not right.

C

Okay. Why not?

A

Because I'm not interested in punishing the Jews.

D

You're not?

A

No. I'm not interested in punishing anyone.

C

You're not?

A

No.

C

But we can agree that some people deserve to be punished.

A

Oh, sure. Listen. I'm not gonna lie to you. Some people deserve to be punished.

C

So?

A

I'm just not interested in the enterprise of punishment. It's not what we're into here.

B

Yeah. It's not my thing either.

C

So you're saying, therefore we shouldn't kill the Jews.

A

No. That's not what I'm saying. It may still behoove us to kill the Jews. There are other reasons.

C

Yeah? Like what?

A

Like it may just be better to not have stingy people around. The world may be better for everyone if we significantly reduced the stingy contingent.

D  
So you're saying, let's not kill  
the Jews. Let's kill the stingy  
people.

A  
No. I'm saying let's kill the  
Jews.

D  
I don't ...

A  
It's just not practical to say  
we'll kill the stingy people.

D  
It's not?

A  
No.

D  
Why not?

A  
Because. Think about it. Do you  
really want to do the leg work  
figuring out who the stingy people  
are or are not? I mean that would  
take months, wouldn't it?

C  
Honestly, I don't even know how  
you'd go about it.

A  
Neither do I. But if we agreed  
that the majority of the Jews are  
stingy, and then we decided to kill  
the Jews, it's only logical that  
the majority of people that we'd be  
killing are stingy. So it's a fool  
proof way of immediately  
eliminating a significant portion  
of the stingy contingent.

B  
What about the portion of the  
stingy contingent who aren't  
Jewish.

A  
Well. I'm not sure we're gonna be  
able to do too much about them. We  
may just have to live with them.

D  
Yeah. But if we happen to run into  
one or two of them, we could just  
kill them on the spot, couldn't we?

A  
Oh. Sure. But you're only talking  
about one or two, here and there.