

AUDITION NOTICE

The
Little
Theatre

Till the Stars Come Down by Beth Steel



August 19 & 26, 2026



7:30pm



The Bar, The Little Theatre, Dover Street, Leicester

Amateur Status Only - Unpaid

ABOUT THE PLAY

It's the day of Sylvia's wedding to Marek and the family is excited and overflowing with good wishes for their future happiness, until the vodka starts flowing, and resentments and secrets threaten the day's harmony...

Till the Stars Come Down is a both hilarious and tragic family drama. It's full of love and loss, secrets and lies, humour and despair. The action is played out during one hot summers day in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

CHARACTERS

(Playing ages included for audition purposes)

Hazel (F) late-30s-40s - Eldest of the three sisters; mother of Leanne and Sarah and married to John. Harassed, overbearing, resentful and anxious but wants what is best for her family. She is overtly anti-Eastern-European.

Maggie (F) late-30s - The middle sister; the only member of the family who has moved away. She is troubled, a little enigmatic and unhappy not to be with them full-time. Maggie has her reasons for moving away which will become clear.

Sylvia (F) 30s - Youngest of three sisters; after a whirlwind romance, it's her wedding day to Marek. Seen as the baby of the family, she has lived at home since childhood.

Aunty Carol (F) 50s/60s - Best friend of the girls' deceased mother. She is a bit of an annoyance to them but is tolerated. Eccentric and quirky. Her first line is "How you doing, sugar tits?"

Tony (M) 50s/60s - The girls' dad, ex-miner, has not spoken to his brother (Uncle Pete) for 30 years. Loves his daughters and the memory of his late wife.

Marek (M) 30s/40s - Sylvia's fiancé. A Polish builder who has done well for himself in a difficult economic climate. Viewed by some family members with suspicion. Ideally someone who can sing.

John (M) 40s - Husband of Hazel and father of Leanne and Sarah. Has been out of work for 3 months, browbeaten but has a spark of life inside him almost bursting to get out... he is carrying a dangerous secret.

Uncle Pete (M) 50s/60s - Aunty Carol's husband. A mild-mannered family man. Estranged from his brother (Tony, the girls' dad).

Leanne (F) 14 - Hazel and John's eldest daughter, very much teenager temperament. Could be played by a young looking 16/18-year-old.

Sarah (F) Under 12 - Younger daughter of Hazel and John. Young/immature for her age. Wants to be an astronaut when she grows up. *Because of age, I'll probably cast two girls to share this role. Please contact me to find out more.*

Production dates: January 25-30, 2027

Director: Leigh White

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Please do get in touch to register your interest in auditioning and if you have any questions. Please ensure you have read the play and are familiar with its themes and characters before auditioning. Scripts are available from the office.