

Thank you for auditioning for

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS

THE JOHN W. ENGEMAN THEATER

INITIAL SELF-TAPE PLEASE PREPARE:

- Start with a Slate Name, Height and location.
- 32 -bars of a song of your own in the style of or from the show. Your choice.
- The FIRST side in this packet labeled "Initial". All other sides plus song cuts are for callbacks only.

In person callbacks are scheduled for October 25^{th} and 26^{th} in NYC. If you are called back, you should prepare the FULL packet of materials.

Please email staff@wojcasting.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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FREDDY SIDE 1 INITIAL

FREDDY

...Y'know, I think I'm gonna check out this Isla place.

LAWRENCE

Ah, W. K. Bertha will be disappointed, but perhaps it's for the oest.

FREDDY

Yeah. Hey, lister, banks for the tip.

LAWP NCE

Freddy, believe me, it was httpleasure oon voyage, my friend.

(He kisses him on both cheeks. The set the car, MURIEL enters, unseen by LAWRENCE, and witness and s.)

FRED

Okay, settle doy

(LAWRINCE pats him on the back and exits. The WALS R brings FREDDY his

great.

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(FREDDY starts to dig in. MURIEL moves to the chair behind him, so here it back to back. As he lifts the food to his mouth:)

START

MURIEL

Psst.

(FREDDY pauses, looks around, goes back to his food.)

Psst.

(FREDDY pauses again, looks behind him, notices her.) I see you're a comrade of the Prance.

FREDDY

The Prance?

MURIEL

The man you were just kissing.

FREDDY

Hey, he was kissing me. I didn't even enjoy it.

MURIEL

Viva la Resistance!

FREDDY

Thanks, you too.

MURIEL

My poor brave soldier. I can't tell you how selfish I felt doing nothing, just lying on my back while he tended to the front.

FREDDY

Listen, lady, I think you may be a little off here. That guy's name was Lawrence Jameson.

MURIEL

His nom de guerre! It's all right; he swore me to secrecy, too. We met at the casino in Beaumont sur Mer.

FREDDY

(suddenly paying attention)

Beaumont sur Mer?

MURIEL

In fact, it's my money that's financing his mission.

FREDDY

(as it clicks in)

Is that so?

MURIEL

Perhaps he mentioned me. Did he mention me? I'm sure he mentioned me. Muriel Eubanks of Omaha, Nebraska? Lady Muriel by moonlight.

(a proud confidence)

He made me a dame.

FREDDY

I'll just bet he did.

MURIEL

I can't tell you how proud I am to have the Eubanks fortune support such a worthy cause.

(removing scarf)

Please. For His Highness to wear into battle. You'll be sure to give it to him, won't you?

FREDDY

Oh, I'll be giving it to him all right.

(MURIEL steps down to the footlights, as FREDDY and the train move off:)

END

CALLBACKS ONLY

(CHRISTINE)

State How about four?

(She p. es the bet. The CROUPIER spins the wheel.)

CROUPIER

Mesdames et mes purs, les jeux sont fait. Numero dix-sept. Puag

ALL

CHRISTIN

DY

Awww...

(to FREDDY)

I'm sorry.

(bravely)

That's okay. Excuse me.

(He stifles back a sob and carts to wheel himself away, umping his way through the crowd as he goes. LAT RENCE leans in to CHRISTINE pain, is about to resume his introduction, when

CHRISTINE

Excuse me

(She rises from the table and follows FREDDY out. LAWRENCE and ANDRE look at each other. The lights dim on the casino and come up on the garden just outside, where CHRISTINE is rushing to catch up with the whimpering soldier as he rolls away.)

START

#10a – Casino Terrace

Pardon me, are you all right?

FREDDY

Thank you, but I'd really rather be alone right now.

CHRISTINE

Oh, I'm sorry.

(She reluctantly starts to turn back inside, when FREDDY lets out a pitiful wail, grabs her hand and jerks her back.)

FREDDY

It's just that chip was my last hope. I thought maybe if I could spin it into enough to pay for the treatment... I'm so naive. I'm sorry; I can't believe I'm telling my troubles to a total stranger like this.

CHRISTINE

I'm Christine Colgate.

FREDDY

Sergeant Fred Benson.

CHRISTINE

(smiles)

See? Now we're not strangers anymore.

FREDDY

(smiles)

I guess you're right.

(then)

I don't mind for myself so much; it's just that Grandma was sorta counting on me to come back and run the farm.

CHRISTINE

Shouldn't the Army pay for your treatment?

FREDDY

It's a little more complicated than that. You see, my problem isn't really physical. It's emotional.

CHRISTINE

You mean – ?

FREDDY

Yes, I'm afraid what I have is... Dance Fever.

CHRISTINE

What happened?

FREDDY

You see, I was engaged to the most wonderful girl back in the States. We loved to dance. We wanted to be professionals. Then one day some talent scouts came to town with a contest for 'Dance USA.'

CHRISTINE

I love that show.

FREDDY

Me too, oh my God. We decided if we won, we'd pay off the farm, put Grandma in a home, sell the horses for glue and live happily ever after. Then suddenly it was the big night... We won! Somehow in all the excitement, we got separated. I looked everywhere. Then I went back to the studio, and there they were. Dancing.

CHRISTINE

Dancing?

FREDDY

Naked.

CHRISTINE

Oh my God. Who was she with?

FREDDY

The 'Dance USA' Orchestra.

CHRISTINE

All of them?

FREDDY

Just the brass section. That night I tried to sleep, but I just kept dreaming of them dancing, making love, dancing, making love...The next morning I woke up, and I was numb from the waist down. I've been this way ever since.

CHRISTINE

There must be someone who can help you.

FREDDY

Well, there is one psychiatrist...Dr. Emil Shüffhausen of the Shüffhausen Clinic in Vienna.

CHRISTINE

Well, why don't you go to him?

FREDDY

A man like Dr. Shüffhausen is in demand all over the world. His fees are astronomical. It's just not something I can handle.

CHRISTINE

How astronomical?

FREDDY

Fifty thousand dollars.

CHRISTINE

That is a lot of money.

(FREDDY sighs and looks away. His face goes white. A young couple is dancing on the casino patio.)

What is it?

#10b – They're Dancing

FREDDY

Oh, God. They're dancing. Dancing!

CHRISTINE

(to the COUPLE)

Can't you see you're killing him?

(CHRISTINE makes a decision, grabs the back of Freddy's wheelchair and starts to push him off.)

We're going straight to my room and write a letter to Dr. Shüffhausen about your case.

FREDDY

I've tried; it's no use. The money --

CHRISTINE

Don't worry about that. When the time comes, you'll have the money.

FREDDY

Cool.

(And she wheels him off. LAWRENCE and ANDRE look out from between the garden's potted palms. They have clearly heard the whole thing.)

LAWRENCE

Well, it seems the teacher has underestimated the pupil.

END

(ANDRE removes a small black address book from his inside pocket and begins to leaf rough it.)

ANDRE

There is a know – Pierre the Knife. A master with the extetto and an absolute magician at https://www.extended.com/absolute/absol

LAWRENCE

Andre!

ANDR

I give you my word of honor is a policemary the case will be investigated in a very slipshod manner.

WRENCE

(no)

I just need a moment to thip

(The lights come up on pristine's Hotel Suite server the casino. CHRISTINE watches as FREDDY gorges himself from an elaborate room server cart and reads a letter.)

CHRISTINE

Are you feel, any better?

FREDDY

(through a mouthful of knockwurst)

A little.

Start

LAWRENCE

I will say we made quite a good team there.

FREDDY

Yeah, we did.

LAWRENCE

Of course I usually prefer working alone. However, special circumstances and all...

FREDDY

(agreeing)

Hey, I don't even like double solitaire.

LAWRENCE

(a moment)

So, I suppose you'll be moving on now.

FREDDY

(a bit surprised)

...Oh...Yeah... I guess so.

(A pause, as each waits for the other to ask for the proverbial second date. FREDDY coughs.)

LAWRENCE

I beg your pardon?

FREDDY

Sorry, what'd you say?

LAWRENCE

...Nothing.

FREDDY

Then neither did I.

LAWRENCE

Of course, if you'd prefer to stay on a bit, perhaps see what more you can learn.

FREDDY

I guess I could do that.

LAWRENCE

Oh good.

FREDDY

Y'know, just in case you get into another jam.

LAWRENCE

I don't get in jams.

FREDDY

Yeah, right.

LAWRENCE

Excuse me?

FREDDY

C'mon, if it weren't for me, you'd be out on the prairie plucking your own dinner.

LAWRENCE

Freddy, please. I will admit you were an effective prop, but -

FREDDY

Prop? Hey, Ruprecht was the star of that show; you were just the emcee.

LAWRENCE

I prefer to see myself as a ventriloquist.

FREDDY

Which makes me what? The dummy?

LAWRENCE

My God, that was easy.

FREDDY

Ha, ha, ha.

LAWRENCE

Oh, Freddy -

FREDDY

You know what? Forget it. I'm outta here.

LAWRENCE

Fine.

FREDDY

(a beat, then:)

I was doing swell on my own. I've been on my own since I was fifteen. You showed me the ropes. Thanks, thanks a yahoo. Don't worry about me. I'll do just fine.

LAWRENCE

Just you and your beets and your imaginary grandmother.

FREDDY

Hey. For your information that old broad was the most respected bookie in Saint Louis.

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LAWRENCE

Saint Louis.

FREDDY

And she taught me a hell of a lot more about life than you. Talk like this, walk like that, zip your fly, don't snore at the Opera.

LAWRENCE

It was Wagner.

FREDDY

It was six hours! I mean, geez, I don't even want to have sex and eat bacon for six hours.

LAWRENCE

(a conciliatory feint)

I'm sorry, Freddy, I seem to have gotten under your skin.

FREDDY

(softening a little)

Yeah, well, y'know -

LAWRENCE

(hard and direct)

And that's why you'll never make it in this game.

(calmly overriding)

No, you have a this is an arm's length businesses a chiend. As the man said 'We are the stuff that dreams are an interval and a mathematical statement. What they want, not you. If you can have the patient statement of letached, which I highly doubt, you'll get your castle in the but make sure you build you have high, because as soon as you let exact the game is over.

FREDDY

Yeah? Well, as the Coasters said, 'Yakety-yak.'

LAWRENCE

(murmurs)

I'm wasting my breath.

FREDDY

You know what? I think you're scared.

LAWRENCE

Of what?

FREDDY

Me. Face it, Pops, I'm younger than you, I'm charminger than you -

LAWRENCE

'Charminger?'

FREDDY

And I'm better looking than you.

LAWRENCE

(eyes narrowing) All right, now you've gone too far.

FREDDY

If I was working this place, you'd be finished.

LAWRENCE

My boy, you wouldn't last two minutes.

#9a – The Bet

FREDDY Wanna bet? END LAWRENCE re you challenging me? FREDDY Why not: (A beautiful annan crosses the lobby.) MOMAN Hello. LAMRENCE Good evening. FREDDY Heynau.

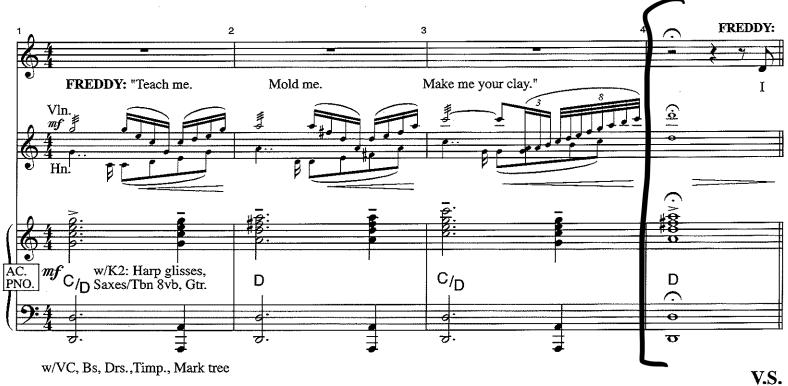
Piano/Conductor

FREDDY SONG 1 **CALLBACKS ONLY** **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels**

GREAT BIG STUFF

Orch. by Harold Wheeler





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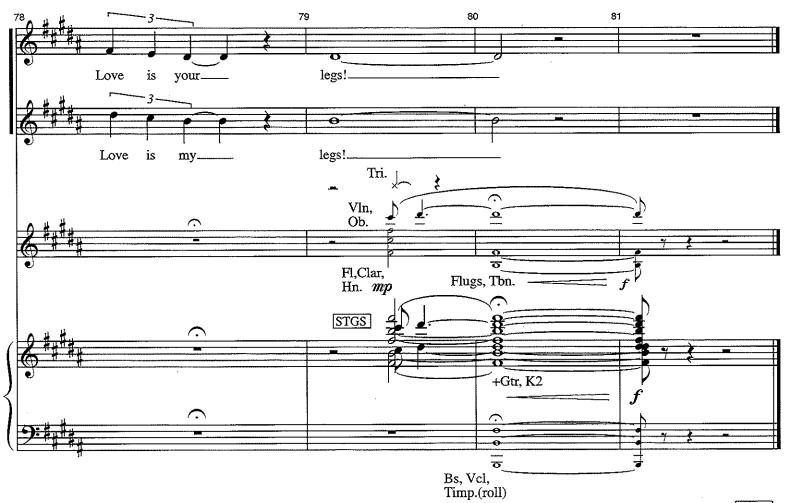




9. LOVE IS MY LEGS



Dirty Rotten Scoundrels



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