

SHUDDERSOME CAST AUDITIONS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017  
BCHS AUDITORIUM  
3:30

If you audition for a role in the Shuddersome production, you are committing to Monday and Wednesday practices 3:30 - 5:30 beginning Monday, August 21, and Sunday afternoon practices 2:00-4:00 beginning Sunday, October 8, 2017.

Memorize and present the following piece as the cast member(s) for the role(s) you are auditioning.

"By the pricking of my thumbs,  
something wicked this way comes.  
Then toll the bells both loud and deep,  
God is not dead, nor doth he sleep.  
The wrong will fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on Earth, good will toward men"

"Ill winds mark its fearsome flight,  
and autumn branches creak with fright.  
The landscape turns to ashen crumbs,  
when something wicked this way comes.

Crystal water turns to dark,  
where e'er its presence leaves its mark,  
and boiling currents pound like drums,  
when something wicked this way comes.

A presence dark invades the fair,  
and gives the horses ample scare,  
for chaos reigns and panic numbs,  
when something wicked this way comes."

## CAST

### *Shuddersome: Tales of Poe*

By Lindsay Price

#### **The Tell-Tale Heart**

The Old - infirm, frail, unaware  
The Young - sinking into madness, boastful  
The Police (x2) - possess an air of authority

## **The Bells**

Silver (x3) - possess youthful qualities, innocent, childlike wonder

Gold (x3) - romantics, in love

Brass (x3) - panic stricken, horrified at senseless deaths

Iron (x3) - evil, macabre, speak in raspy voices

**The Oval Portrait - These parts rely ONLY on stage presence and acting ability. There are NO LINES for these cast members.**

Painter - focused on his work, determined

Picture Lady - unanimated and lifeless at first and then comes to life

Young Lady - frivolous, carefree

Soul Suckers (x2) - mischievous, devilish, wicked

## **The Raven**

Individual Speakers (x5) - speaks using eerie tone, like when telling a ghost story

## **The Masque of the Red Death**

Narrator (x3) - speaks using eerie tone and delight in knowing a secret

Guests (x3) - privileged, elite class, they are above it all

Prince - he is above it all, privileged, elite

The Spectre - has an ominous presence, commanding

\*The Shudders (x12) - are a part of each story and add to the ominous/creepy atmosphere. Shudders must be able to adapt to the scenes and settings by moving fluidly on stage.