



CONEY ISLAND CHRISTMAS

BY DONALD MARGULIES

BASED ON THE STORY
"THE LOUDEST VOICE"
BY GRACE PALEY



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The story has a framing device set in contemporary California that flashes back to various locations in Coney Island, Brooklyn, in 1935, as Great-Gramma Shirley tells a story of her youth to her great granddaughter Clara.

As Shirley is telling her story, we see it enacted. It is a Depression-era story set in New York city. A Jewish girl named Shirley Abramowitz is chosen by her drama teacher to portray Jesus in the school Christmas.

Casting will be Sunday, October 8th, and Monday, October 9th, at 6:30pm at the theater. This is a Reader's Theater, but movement will be required.

Casting will include all ages 13 and up. Some characters will be double cast.

Shirley Abramowitz is a mature woman, a Great-Gramma.

The cast includes Shirley's parents, probably in their 40s or 50s, and a neighbor woman, also that age.

There are eight-ten young people, four boys and four girls, ages 13-16, who portray school children in numerous scenarios.

There are two schoolteachers, one male and one female, in their 20s or 30s.

Rehearsals are Tuesday and Wednesdays October through November at 6:30pm at the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans on East Main Street.

Performances are Thursday, December 7th; Friday, December 8th; and Saturday, December 9th at 7:30pm as well as Sunday December 10th at 2:00pm.

CHARACTERS

Los Angeles

SHIRLEY ABRAMOWITZ, very old

CLARA, Shirley's great-granddaughter, 12

Brooklyn

YOUNG SHIRLEY, 12

MR. MISHA ABRAMOWITZ, Shirley's father, 45

MRS. CLARA ABRAMOWITZ, Shirley's mother, 40

MRS. KORNBLUM, a neighbor

At School

MR. HILTON, the drama teacher, 35

MISS GLACÉ, the music teacher, 28

EVIE SLOTNICK, Shirley's best friend

JACKIE SAUERFELD, Shirley's crush

IRA PUSHKOV, the wisenheimer

TEACHER and various classmates including

GIUSEPPE SABATINO, ANNA LING,

HENRY BROWN, and LESTER

Auditions – Sunday, October 8 & Monday, October 9

6:00 pm at Magic Circle

Actor's Information

Coney Island Christmas

Name: Please print clearly _____

Youth – age? _____ **Adult** _____ **Senior** _____

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____ **Do you text? Yes** _____
No _____

Email _____ **Do you check email? Yes** _____ **No** _____

Show Dates:

Thursday,	December 7th	7:30 pm	
Friday,	December 8th	7:30 pm	
Saturday,	December 9th	7:30 pm	
Sunday,	December 10th	2:00 pm*	*Matinee

If cast....

I am available for all four show dates? Yes _____ **No** _____

I am available for rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, starting promptly at 6:30 pm, ending promptly at 9:00 pm? Yes _____ **No** _____ (A more detailed rehearsal schedule will be published soon, including the Thanksgiving holiday.)

I am available to start rehearsing this Wednesday, October 11th? Yes _____
No _____

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