

**COCKROACHES**  
**WORLD PREMIERE**  
**By Emma Schillage Directed by Emerson Collins**  
**April 23-May 3, 2026**

I am INCREDIBLY excited to bring this brilliant, and funny, and dark Southern gothic play into the world for the first time with Revolution Stage Company. Emma Schillage won the Del Shores Foundation Writers Festival Best Play Award and has created something beautiful for us to all make together. Emma will be joining us later in the rehearsal process as well! This is going to be a fun adventure to figure out the unique journey of this piece, and we're looking for open, creative actors to bring it to life!

Emerson Collins, Director

**AUDITION NOTES**

For Momma – please perform your favorite 1-2 minute comedic and 1-2 minute dramatic monologue.

**\*\*NOTES ON MOMMA\*\***

This character has no actual lines besides moans and screams in the play. She is a spectre haunting the girls, a force impacting the play. The journey of this character is going to be crafted together through the rehearsal process. This is for a strong mover and creative performer excited by the unknown of what this character will finally be. There are a few specific moments where she is scripted onstage, we may explore other opportunities to have her lurking throughout the play – the playwright has allowed for this possibility. She DOES finally appear in a full-size cockroach costume, still to be designed.

**\*\*Because it is not published, we are not posting the entire script, but if you would like to read it, email me and I will send it to you.**

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**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

JENNIFER “JENNY” - 18; the eldest child; the caretaker; she is responsible and intelligent, but she isn't sure what her purpose is outside of taking care of her family.  
CHARLOTTE “CHARLIE” - 15; sturdy, the middle child, the pot-stirrer, she is intuitive, yet deeply insecure; her love and intensity can quickly turn into violence (it's a defense mechanism.)

SAVINA “SISSY” - 12; small, thin, the youngest; the crybaby/peace-keeper; she is sensitive and joyful but somewhat disturbed; she feels everything with heightened intensity.

MR. SAM (M) – 35-48; the next-door neighbor

MOMMA (F) - 40; the human parts of her are fading

**NOTE ON CASTING**

-Charlie and Sissy are under the age of 18, but will be played by actors who are 18+.

## **REHEARSAL SCHEDULE**

Six days a week, tentative schedule below. \*\*If all actors are available during some day time, we will consider some daytime rehearsals.\*\*

### **WEEK ONE:**

3/24-27 - Tuesday-Friday 5-10pm

3/28-29 - Sat-Sun 10-3 or 11-4 daytime only

### **WEEK TWO:**

3/31-4/3 - Tues-Friday 5-10pm

Sat 4/4 - 10-3 or 11-4 daytime only

Sun 4/5 - EASTER OFF PROBABLY

### **WEEK THREE:**

4/7-4/10 - Tues-Friday 5-10pm

4/11-12 - Sat/Sun - 10-3 or 11-4 (leavening evenings for other shows/events)

### **WEEK FOUR:**

4/14-4/17 - Tuesday-Friday 5-10pm

### **WEEK FIVE:**

SATURDAY 4/18 – DAYTIME TECH 8-5

SUNDAY 4/19 – TECH ALL DAY, TECH RUN

MONDAY 4/20 – OFF

TUESDAY 4/21 – DRESS RUN

WEDNESDAY 4/22 – FINAL INVITED DRESS

THURSDAY 4/23 – PREVIEW

FRIDAY 4/24 – OPENING

SATURDAY 4/25 – EVENING SHOW

SUNDAY 4/26 – MATINEE

### **WEEK SIX:**

THURSDAY 4/30 – Performance

Friday 5/1 – Performance

Saturday 5/2 – Performance

Sunday 5/3 - CLOSING