

MONOLOGUE 1 Female - Olive

Is this Huntington Theatre Company? My name is Olive Allen. Did you write that down? Thank you.. .yes, I'm calling because I need an audition with you... Yes, yes, I know, I did send a picture and resume, but you don't get it –I really need this audition. ...Well, because I'm a talent, that's why. And I'll have you know that Harold Prince is a friend of mine. I met him in a taxi in New York City once. Harold Prince!

He's called Hal in the New York Times. He stole my taxi from me I mean, how rude! It was raining and he said he needed a ride fast. I had to hail another cab ... Well, ah...I was in a Girl Scout pageant when I was ten –but that was only as an amateur – and I sang in my church choir. I was excellent. My mother cried. ...My aunt wrote play reviews for the Worcester Sentinel. She really knew her stuff, too. Never hesitated to say when something was crap.

There's a ditzzy little girl who's playing there at the Huntington now, the part of a hooker. I met her last week. She was kind enough to tell me, a woman of experience, that I could easily get an audition with you.Let me tell you, I'm better than her! I could play a hooker, no problem. After all I've been married eight years, I do know a little about sex. Hey, I can come in today, or tomorrow, or any day next week.

I have a coach! I really do! He's an expert, trust me. Knows the meaning of the word "theatrical." (Pause) Look, just give me the audition, will you? I promise I'll be good. ... Oh, please, please, please?Listen – you don't know what talent is 'til you've seen me. I can cry on cue, I can slam a door, I can slap a cheating husband. And I know Ophelia. ... No, no, you don't get it! I've wanted to do this all my life!

I've prepared the speech of Ophelia from Hamlet – and if I do say so, I look much younger than my real age! .. .Oh, my God! You mean I can do it? An audition! That's just great, just great. ...Thursday at 10:00 am is kind of early. I'm usually eating toast and coffee at that hour. But I will be there. With my headshot and everything! Thank you so much! And by the way, I watch the Oscars every year. And the Tony's. And the Golden Globes.

So I know good acting, believe me! I'll do you proud! Thank you! (Hangs up.) Jesus Christmas! What do you know? Anyone who doesn't know the meaning of persistence never met me.