

EAT - 2022/23 SEASON PRODUCTION #03 - A TASTE OF HONEY



Title: **A TASTE OF HONEY**
Theme: *Drama, with social commentary*
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Audition Time: 10am - 12 noon

Tagline:

Love and lust lead to chaos in this timeless, gritty drama

SYNOPSIS

Sheila Delaney's play is a classic piece set in a working-class area of Manchester. It reflects the attitudes of society in the late 1950s, and the themes of racism, homophobia and social deprivation that it explores are still relevant today.

As Delaney herself said, the characters in the play are resilient, and not depressed by the harshness of their environment: "no one in my play despairs. Like the majority of people, they take in their stride whatever happens to them and remain cheerful"

AUDITION INFORMATION

Note: Ages are playing ages, which are mentioned specifically in the text, not actor's ages.

Actors will be expected to portray characters with a light Northern accent.

AUDITION PIECES

Helen is aware of her feminine charms, and she gets by in life by having a series of boyfriends to support her. A single parent getting by in the only way she knows how. She is a good-time girl, who loves a drink and singsong in a pub.

40 years old.

Large role.

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Jo is a schoolgirl who has led a very transitory life with her mother. She tries to make the best of situations her mother has put her into, but ultimately is left to look after herself. She is searching for love and protection. 17, nearly 18 years old

Very large role.

Note: Jo becomes pregnant, and from the start of Act Two "Jo's pregnancy is quite obvious".

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Peter is a brash car salesman and Helen's current boyfriend, but he has no true feelings for her. Out for himself, and having a good time. 30 years old.

Small/Medium role.

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Geoff is an art student who befriends Jo, but as Geoff is gay, they are more like brother and sister, and he takes a nurturing and protective role over Jo. Approximately 20 years old.

Medium role

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Jimmy is a British black sailor, doing his National Service. Jo falls for him, and he brings her a brief burst of joy, but there is no happy ending for this romance. 22 years old.

Small role.

Audition pages: 22-26/36-39

The full script can be purchased from [amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

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