**‘Soho Cinders’**

**Synopsis**

**Edgy, fun and deliciously naughty, Soho Cinders celebrates the capital’s most colourful district and is set to get London’s temperature soaring this summer. When impoverished student Robbie becomes romantically involved with engaged Mayoral candidate James Prince, his lap-dancing step-sisters become the least of his problems! James and Robbie’s worlds collide forcing them to fight for their own fairy-tale ending in this hilarious, satirical twist on the classic Cinderella story. The potent mix of politics, sex-scandals and true love come together in this contemporary musical with an infectious score that you’ll be humming long past the stroke of midnight!**

 *“Soho Cinders is packed with the best songs Stiles & Drewe have yet written, driving character, plot & wit in perfect harmony (in every sense)…”* Mark Shenton, The Stage

*“I, in common with the entire audience, rose to my feet and cheered and cheered until I was hoarse.”* Stephen Fry

**Roles**

**Robbie: Male, 18 – 25 (Tenor)**

A gay college boy who gets wrapped up in an illicit affair with an aspiring politician. Robbie has a warm naivety which often lands him in trouble. He has a youthful charm about him which should be played with energy and believability. An excellent singer and actor needed.

**Velcro: Female, 18 – 25 (Soprano)**

Robbie’s BFF and single mother who runs Sit and Spin Laundromat. Velcro is chatty, confident and charismatic. She has not had an easy life yet her positivity and street wise nature keeps driving her forward. She is opinionated yet open-minded. An excellent singer and a strong actor needed.

**Clodagh: Female, 20 – 30 (Alto)**

One of Robbie’s ugly stepsisters. She is larger than life, foul-mouthed and crude. Clodagh is promiscuous and this is reflected in her fashion sense, which oozes trash and “chav” chic. Think Towie meets Jeremy Kyle. A comedic character actress needed with a strong singing voice.

**Dana: Female, 20 – 30 (Alto)**

One of Robbie’s ugly stepsisters. She is larger than life, foul-mouthed and crude. Dana is less “glam” and enjoys her sportswear but without the exercise. Vicky Pollard would quake in her Uggs. Probably the least intelligent of the two. A comedic character actress needed with a strong singing voice.

**Lord Bellingham: Male, 40+ (Baritone)**

An older wealthy industrial tycoon. He has a soft spot for a younger guy and treats Robbie regularly with gifts and money. He would love to be Robbie’s permanent “sugar daddy”. Although he will do anything for Robbie, his power in the city makes him dangerous. Strong actor and good singer needed.

**James Prince: Male, 25 – 40 (Tenor)**

An engaged, prospective mayoral candidate of London who is hiding a secret love affair with Robbie. He is well-educated and intelligent yet is idealistic about what the mayor of London should stand for. He wants honesty and integrity, yet he struggles to be honest about his own life and feelings. An excellent singer and actor.

**Marilyn Platt: Female, 25 – 40 (Soprano)**

James’ beautiful fiancé. She has known James from college and knows more about him than he thinks. She is kind-hearted, strong-minded and intelligent, yet fragile when contemplating living a single life. She cares deeply about James but struggles with letting him go. An excellent singer and strong actor needed.

**William George: Male, 30+ (Baritone)**

James’ campaign manager and the villain of the show. He will do anything to get ahead including lying, cheating and clawing his way. He manipulates and pulls the strings in order to twist the truth, a spin doctor. He is misogynistic, pompous and rude. A strong actor and good singer needed.

**Sasha: Female, 18+ (Alto/Soprano)**

William’s assistant. She is a strong, independent woman but has to put up with William’s sexist jokes and menial tasks because of her job.

**Sidesaddle: Female, 18+ (Alto/Soprano)**

A Westminster bike hire manager and a close friend of Robbie and Velcro. She is feisty and fun.

**ADDITIONAL SMALLER ROLES ARE AVAILABLE AND WILL BE CAST FROM THE ENSEMBLE.**