

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Mary Poppins

MARY POPPINS- Jane and Michael Banks's new nanny. She is extraordinary and strange, neat and tidy, delightfully vain yet very particular, and sometimes a little frightening, but she is always exciting. She is practically perfect in every way and always means what she says. The role calls for an excellent singer and actor who should be able to move well. Since she carries a majority of the show, precision and diction are key.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30's+; Vocal range: G3- F5

BERT- The narrator of the story, is a good friend to Mary Poppins. Bert is a chimney sweep and a sidewalk artist, among many other occupations. With a twinkle in his eye and a skip in his step, Bert watches over the children and the goings-on around Cherry Tree Lane. He is a song-and-dance man with oodles of charm who is wise beyond his years.

Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30's+; Vocal range: B2- F4

JANE BANKS- The high-spirited daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Banks, bright and precocious but can be willful and inclined to snobbishness. Jane takes the audience on an emotional journey.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 8- 12; Vocal range: A3- Eb5

MICHAEL BANKS- The cheeky son of Mr. and Mrs. Banks. Excitable and naughty, he adores his father and longs desperately for his attention. Both he and Jane misbehave in order to get the attention of their parents.

Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 8- 12; Vocal range: A3- E5

GEORGE BANKS- Husband to Winifred and father to Jane and Michael, is a banker to the very fiber of his being. Demanding "precision and order" in his household, he is a pipe-and-slippers man who doesn't have much to do with his children and believes that Miss Andrew, his cruel, strict childhood nanny, gave him the perfect upbringing. George's emotional armor, however off-putting, conceals a sensitive soul.

Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: Late 20's- 30's; Vocal range: Bb2- F4

WINIFRED BANKS- George's wife and Jane and Michael's mother. She is a loving homemaker who is busy trying to live up to her husband's social aspirations while striving to be a model wife and mother. She is filled with a great warmth and depth of feeling.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: late 20's- 30's; Vocal range: A3- Eb5

BIRD WOMAN- The Bird Woman is covered in a patchwork of old shawls, her pockets stuffed with bags of crumbs for the birds. She tries to sell the crumbs to Passersby, who ignore her as if she doesn't exist. While she should be a good singer, there can be a gruff, folksy quality to her voice that reflects the difficulties of her situation.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any; Age; 30's+; Vocal range: G3- D5

CHAIRMAN- Chairman, the head of the bank where Mr. Banks is employed, is an Edwardian stuffed shirt. He should be a good actor with great stage presence.

Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 40's+

NELEUS- Neleus is a statue who, once brought to life by Mary Poppins, is very happy to befriend Jane and Michael

Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 20's+; Vocal range: Bb4- Eb5

JOHN NORTHBROOK- John Northbrook is an honest businessman seeking a loan to build a factory for his community. This is a great role for a good actor and solid singer.

Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30's+; Vocal range: C3- D4

MISS ANDREW- Miss Andrew is George's overbearing and scary childhood nanny. With her bottle of nasty tasting brimstone and treacle to keep naughty children in line, she is a bully who only knows one way of doing things: her way. Need a stronger singer in this featured role.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30's +; Vocal range: G#3- D5

MRS. COREY- Mrs. Corry owns a magical Talking Shop. She is a mysterious woman of indeterminate age, but has plenty of spirit and is sharp as a tack. This should be an excellent actor who's not afraid to be over the top in this fun role.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: Any Age; Vocal range bottom: C#4

VON HUSSLER- Von Hussler is a businessman seeking a loan from the bank for a shady business deal. This is a great character role for a fantastic actor who can command the stage with pomposity.

Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30's+

MRS. BRILL- The housekeeper and cook for the Banks family. Overworked, she's always complaining that the house is understaffed. Her intimidating exterior is a cover for the warmth underneath.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 20's+

ROBERTSON AY- The houseboy to the Banks family. Forgetful and clumsy, he often bumbles simple tasks. He doesn't do a lot of singing, but he needs to be a strong comedic actor.

Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 20's+

KATIE NANNA- Katie Nanna is Jane and Michael's nanny at the beginning of the show. Overwhelmed and upset, she has absolutely had her fill of the Banks children.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 20's+

MISS SMYTHE- Miss Smythe is the bank Chairman's humorless secretary.

Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 20's+

ENSEMBLE- The ensemble will play various roles like kite flyers, chimney sweeps, policemen, messengers, honeybees, clerks, statues, park strollers, and more!