

## CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

### *Sweeney Todd*

**SWEENEY TODD-** A wrongly convicted master barber. He has returned to London seeking to right the wrongs committed against him, Johanna's father. He is powerful, vengeful, hot-tempered, intelligent, forceful, terrifying, brooding and morose with a certain cynical charm. He must have a commanding presence.

*Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30- 50; Vocal range: F2- Gb4*

**MRS. LOVETT-** An entrepreneurial and unscrupulous meat pie shop owner. She falls in love with Todd and turns his desire for revenge into a profitable business venture for herself. She is talkative, cheerful, manipulative, devious and ambitious with a sexual prowess. Great comedic timing is necessary.

*Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30- 50; Vocal range: G3- E5*

**ANTHONY-** A naive and youthful sailor returning to London. He rescues Todd and unexpectedly falls in love with Johanna. Strong, brave and full of the joys of the world. He has yet to inhabit the cynical qualities of Todd. He grows more and more terrified of the world around him.

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

**JOANNA-** A high-spirited girl, full of innocence with a flirtatious demeanor. She is constantly yearning for freedom. Todd's long-lost daughter and Judge Turpin's ward.

*Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: early 20's; Vocal range: Bb3- A5*

**TOBIAS-** A poor simpleton youngster apprenticed to Pirelli and who finds a surrogate mother in Lovett. He is loyal, truthful and innocent to a fault with a heart of gold and a sharp eye. He does not trust Todd.

*Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 16-20; Vocal range: Bb2- Ab4*

**BEGGAR WOMAN-** An eerie, poor soul living on the streets of London making her living prostituting herself to sailors at London docks. She is a deranged and schizophrenic woman who harbors a dark, surprising secret. She is actually Todd's wife, unrecognizable, but a consistent character through the show. Her interjections go unheeded.

*Female Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30- 50; Vocal range: Ab3- F5*

**JUDGE TURPIN-** A lecherous, corrupt and evil public official who portrays himself as sanctimonious. He takes advantage of his position in the city and is responsible for imprisoning Todd. He lusts after Joanna.

*Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 50+; Vocal range: E2- Gb4*

**BEADLE BAMFORD-** A pompous public official, deeply loyal to Judge Turpin. He is eager, violent, unscrupulous and terrorizing.

*Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30- 50; Vocal range: D3- D5*

**ADOLFO PIRELLI-** An Irish charlatan and former employee of Todd's who has since developed a public persona as a flashy and flamboyant Italian barber. He is crooked, calculating and conniving with a hot temper. A comedic role. Both Italian and Irish accents are required.

*Male Presenting; Ethnicity: Any Ethnicity; Age: 30- 40; Vocal range: B2- C5*

**ENSEMBLE-** A strong ensemble needed for this show. They act as a Greek Chorus commenting on the action and augmenting the story. Some of the roles they will portray include; Storytellers, Townspeople, Police, Lunatics and Customers. The Ensemble gets ample opportunity for vocal challenges and is showcased throughout.