

AUDITION

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SWAMP OPERA **CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS**

Miss Mousey: (F)(minimum age 14 must appear 16 or older) an orphan who is pampered and protected. She is a poet and a dreamer and happy to live in her safe world with Uncle Rat until she meets Froggy and discovers the strange wine called love. She must learn about life and finding her way and must overcome fear, self doubt and loss to finally join her man. Sings duets with Froggy and Miss Toad, as well as a solo song.

Froggy:(M)(minimum age 14 must appear 16 or older) The Archetypical Hero, he is brave, eager, romantic, idealistic and “a pretty good musician.” He gets all the girls and is pretty nonchalant until he meets Mousey. He sings with other Frogs, and Miss Mousey so must be able to carry solo singing.

Gray Cat:(M)(30 and older will have a mature look) begins the show as a self indulgent feline but changes to a more enlightened and responsible creature as a result of his dietary choices...and then discovers.. more change is required of him. He has humorous wisdom in his earnestness. This is a comedic role and requires solo as well as duet singing.

Uncle Rat: (M) (30 + adult must appear middle aged) loving, protective, wise, and yet unwise perhaps, as he loves his adopted daughter and will sacrifice all for her. He and Gray Cat are old cronies solid in their devotion to each other. This role requires solo as well as duet singing with Gray Cat.

Horace (the fake) Raymond: (M) (minimum age 14 must appear 16 or older) A charismatic villain, he assumes a false identity to secure his happy future as Mousey’s husband and Uncle Rat’s heir. He is charming and a city boy with great style. But who is under that charming façade? Sings solo.

Miss Toad: (F) (minimum age 14 must appear 16 or older) A “Red Hot Mama”...she leads with her ‘charms’ but hides a broken heart and must learn to value herself. Loves Froggy and will do almost anything to get him. She is jealous of Mousey’s good fortune and must choose to become an enemy or an ally and discover where real love is found. Sings solo and duet.

Left Bank: (M) (minimum age 14 must appear 16 or older) A true romantic (he’s French!); he never seems to get the girl...or does he? A humorous side kick for Froggy, he is in love with Miss Toad. Will need a French accent. Sings with the frogs.

Poncho: (M) (minimum age 14 must appear 16 or older) The Latino wry third member of the three Frogskateers. He is muy macho and loyal to Froggy and Left Bank. He balances their emo tendencies. Will need a Hispanic accent.... think Antonio Banderas. Sings with other frogs.

Ms Hen: (F) (25 + adult, must appear middle aged) She is fervently devoted to knowing everyone’s business and imparting her learned opinion on what they need to do about it. She firmly believes the swamp runs better with her in charge. Is always busy, bustling, and not listening. Will sing in ensemble numbers.

Miss Goose: (F) (25 +, must appear middle aged) She is Gray Cat’s friend and is more fair in her judgments of others than her other crony Ms Hen. She has high hopes of becoming an accomplished vocalist...if she could just lose that nagging squawk in her voice from her “cold”. She shows us the value of persistence and faith. Will sing in ensemble roles and has a duet with Grey Cat.

Miss Pig: (F) (25+Adult must appear middle aged) A comedic character, she likes to eat, and while dieting, likes to eat. ..actually, she is all about eating. She is sweetly oblique as she follows Miss Hen’s lead in about everything...especially the crème puffs! Will sing in ensemble numbers.

FEATURED ENSEMBLE ROLES:

Mr. Owl: (M) (50+ appears as a senior citizen) Crusty, grumpy, wise, and not above using his gavel on the noggin to keep order in his courtroom. Will sing in ensemble numbers.

Mr.Badger: (M) (14 and older must appear as adult) NOT the sharpest tool in the shed. He is the jailer and thinks in a direct line...no curves in his thinking...though he does appreciate curves on a lady. Will sing in ensemble numbers.

The Real Raymond: (M) (young adult) the unsuspecting heir to Uncle Rats' estate. He falls prey to the villain. May be cast as another creature in ensemble numbers.

ENSEMBLE ROLES:

Rats 1, 2, 3 (14 yrs. & older male and female) Horace's gang. Can be double cast for ensemble numbers as other creatures.

Mr. Rooster: (M) (14 yrs. & older) appears in ensemble numbers.

Mr. Bumble: (M) appears in ensemble numbers.

Mother Mouse: (F) (Adult or looks old enough) gives her life for her daughter. A Parisienne. Will be cast as another creature in ensemble numbers.

Google......could be male or female. A turtle

The Toadettes: (teen girls) backup singers and 60's style dancers for Miss Toad. Will appear in ensemble numbers.

Lightning Bugs, Tadpoles, Chicklettes, etc. (age 6 and up) appear in ensemble numbers.

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