

Oliver! Character Descriptions

*** Anyone interested in a speaking role will need to learn to speak with a cockney accent. We understand that at auditions the accent may not be perfect, but we will want to hear what you have come up with.*

Oliver Twist: A workhouse boy between 9 and 13 years of age. Vocal Range low A to G. Must be able to sing, act and dance.

The Artful Dodger: Fagin's brightest pupil; a pickpocket between 9 and 14 years old. Vocal Range low B to G. Must be able to sing, act and dance.

Fagin: A man 40-60 who runs a training academy for young pickpockets. Must be able to sing, act and dance. Adult male lead. Vocal Range A to F. (Baritone)

Nancy: A graduate of Fagin's academy. Nancy is the girlfriend of Bill Sykes who abuses her yet she professes to stay with Bill as long as he needs her. Must be able to sing, act, dance and has a heavy vocal role. Vocal Range: low F to G (Soprano)

Bet: A young girl (10-19) in Fagin's establishment who idolizes Nancy. Must be able to sing, act, and dance. Vocal Range: D to F. (Soprano)

Bill Sykes: A graduate of Fagin's academy and a villain in his prime. Vocal range C# to D. (Baritone)

Mrs. Bedwin: The Brownlow's housekeeper. Could possibly be double cast as chorus person. Vocal Range C to B. (Alto or Soprano)

Rose Seller: Chorus person with solo in "Who Will Buy." Must be able to sing, act, and dance. Vocals will be very important and must be able to harmonize. Vocal Range B flat to C for solo. (Alto or Soprano)

Milkmaid: Chorus person with solo in "Who Will Buy." Must be able to harmonize. Vocal Range E flat to G for solo. (Soprano)

Strawberry Seller: Chorus person with solo in "Who Will Buy." Must be able to harmonize. Vocal Range E flat to E flat for solo. (Soprano)

Knife Grinder: Chorus person with solo in "Who Will Buy." Must be able to harmonize. Vocal Range B flat to E flat for solo. (Baritone)

Mr. Bumble: A large pompous and opportunistic man who is in his 40's to 50's. Must be able to sing and act. Vocal Range C to A. (Tenor)

Widow Corney: A sharp-tongued domineering widow and the workhouse mistress in her 40's to 50's. Vocal Range D to G (Soprano)

Mr. Sowerberry: The undertaker. A creepy, often intoxicated, man who promotes his business by advertising cheap funerals. Vocal Range C to F. (Baritone)

Mrs. Sowerberry: The undertaker's wife. A creepy domineering woman. Vocal Range C to F. (Alto or Soprano)

Charlotte: The teenage daughter of the Mr. and Mrs. Sowerberry.

Noah Claypole: The undertaker's apprentice. While Noah has no vocal solo, he will likely be playing chorus parts during other portions of the show.

Old Sally: A poor old woman who knows of Oliver's real mother and that she came from a rich family.

Mr. Brownlow: An established gentleman of wealth. He ends up being Oliver's grandfather. May be asked to play chorus parts in other portions of the show.

Dr. Grimwig: A doctor that comes to visit Oliver in Mr. Brownlow's house.

Children's Chorus: Ages 6-13 (about 35 children) Appear at various times throughout the show and must be able to sing, act, and perform simple dance moves. Some girls will be considered to play the roles of workhouse boys and thieves, but must be able to look like boys. All children will appear in "Food Glorious Food". Boys or Girls who play boys may also participate as members of Fagin's gang of thieves and also play schoolhouse boys in "Who Will Buy." Girls who play girls may also play townspeople in "Consider Yourself", "Who Will Buy", and various street scenes.

Adult Chorus: High school age through adult and will appear throughout the show which will require at least some aspects of singing, acting, and dancing as the chorus will participate in "Consider Yourself", "Oom Pah Pah", and "Who Will Buy". In addition, there are several street scenes where chorus members have important roles.