

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

NICK PIAZZA

(SCHOOL HEARTTHROB)

Nick is focused on learning the craft of "real" acting. A good singer and actor who has maturity and wisdom on his side.

JOE (JOSÉ) VEGAS

(LIGHT COMEDY ROLE)

Joe is the class clown who loves performing on and offstage. An actor who is funny and over the top is more important than someone with brilliant singing skills.

CARMEN DIAZ

(SCHOOL STAR)

Carmen believes she is ready for stardom, and nothing is going to stop her. Great actor, singer and dancer. (Triple threat).

MABEL WASHINGTON

(EMOTIONAL ROLE)

Mabel enjoys performing as much as she hates dieting. Mabel eventually learns to be happy with herself and her body, but not before fully experiencing the pains of being a dancer. Good singer with soul, who is comfortable talking about her weight onstage.

GRACE (LAMBCHOPS) LAMB

(ROCK N ROLL WITH ATTITUDE)

Grace is a drummer with a lively personality. This featured role is great for a young actress who isn't afraid to take a few risks.

MISS ESTHER SHERMAN

(KEY TEACHER)

Miss Sherman (English Teacher) is a powerful, strong woman who firmly believes academic subjects are the core of a solid education. Mature actress with a strong speaking and singing voice.

MR. MYERS

(KEY ACTING TEACHER AT THE P.A SCHOOL)

Mr. Myers (Acting Teacher) is perhaps the most relaxed of the teachers, but he still demands full commitment from the students. This non-singing role is a good acting challenge for either a male or female student with good rhythm.

ACTING ENSEMBLE

Acting Ensemble are male and female students who are in Mr. Myer's scenes and all ensemble numbers. They should be good singers, actors and movers.

DANCE ENSEMBLE

Dance Ensemble kids have the hardest ensemble role in the show, so cast dancers who can sing. They don't have to be perfect ballerinas, but they will need to look comfortable in a dance class at a performing arts school.

SERENA KATZ

(SCHOOL POPULAR GIRL)

Serena loves the life of an artist but is equally as interested in boys, specifically Nick. Serena needs a beautiful voice and a solid handle on her acting skills.

TYRONE JACKSON

(SCHOOL DANCE REBEL)

Tyrone has talent, but he wants to use it his own way rather than conforming to the school's rules. He is constantly switching between his tough-guy persona and a young man trying to woo Iris. Tyrone is a dancer and actor – no solo singing.

IRIS KELLY

(COMPLEX CHARACTER)

Iris pretends she is wealthy and high-class but drops these pretences once she feels comfortable. Needs to be a strong dancer and actor.

SCHLOMO METZENBAUM

(SCHOOL NICE GUY)

Schlomo is a really likable guy who tries to get along with everyone. Good actor and a good singer. It is a bonus plus if Schlomo is able to play the piano.

GOODMAN (GOODY) KING

(ROCK N ROLL BAND MEMBER)

Goodman is the third band member. This role is perfect for a young student just learning to be confident onstage.

MS. GRETA BELL

(PASSIONATE DANCE TEACHER)

Ms. Greta Bell (Dance Teacher) is a passionate teacher who is not afraid to push her students to reach their full artistic potential. Natural leader who is both a great singer and actor.

MR. SHEINKOPF

(KEY MUSIC TEACHER AT THE P.A. SCHOOL)

Mr. Sheinkopf (Music Teacher) adds a bit of comic relief to the show but still doesn't let up when there is work to be done. Mr. Sheinkopf doesn't sing, but he does lead the most difficult section of "Hard Work." Cast an actor, male or female, with a solid sense of rhythm.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Music Ensemble are kids in all music scenes and ensemble numbers. Cast singers and actors. It would be a plus if a few of them can play a musical instrument, which you could highlight during the show.