



CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

CATS features a volunteer cast of actor/singer/dancers of a range of ages 13+, of various body sizes, ethnicities, and gender identities. This production team may choose to cast across gender identities, body types, and vocal ranges for this cast, and any vocal type that can sing the part without musical transposition (ie. may “sing up/down the octave”) are welcome to audition for preferred roles.. Note that this will not change the gender of the characters as written, but we are open to various genders portraying those characters. Keep this in mind as you share on your audition form which characters you may be interested (or not interested) in playing.

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber; Based on Old Possum’s Book Of Practical Cats by T.S. Eliot.

Rated: G for the whole family. *Cats* is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals | concordtheatricals.com

MUNKUSTRAP Gender: Any | Age: 16+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Tenor

- *The narrator of the show, host of the Jellicle Ball, and young leader of the tribe.*
- Young adult cat. Intense, energetic, brave and level-headed
- A featured singing cat requiring “character dancing” in featured songs. Will also dance in the ensemble. Ideally has a strong movement/dance background in jazz-theatre style dance
- *Prominent Singing Parts In: The Naming of Cats, Gumbie Cat, Old Deuteronomy, Jellicle Ball, Pikes & Pollicles, Skimbleshanks the Railway Cat*

RUM TUM TUGGER Gender: Any | Age: 16+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Tenor

- *The rock star of the tribe.*
- Young adult cat. Cocky, flirtatious, charismatic with wild anarchic energy
- A featured singing cat requiring “character dancing” in featured songs. Will also dance in the ensemble. Ideally has a strong movement/dance background in jazz-theatre style dance
- Requires a strong “rock” vocal quality and falsetto
- *Main Songs: Rum Tum Tugger, Magical Mr. Mistoffelees, Old Deuteronomy*

JENNYANYDOTS Gender: Any | Age: 18+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Mezzo/Soprano

- *The eccentric aunt (or uncle) of the tribe*
- Adult cat. Goofy, nurturing, a bossy “do-gooder”
- A featured singing cat requiring “character dancing” in featured songs. Will also dance in the ensemble. Ideally has a strong movement/dance background in *tap* and jazz-theatre style dance
- *Main Songs: Gumbie Cat, Bustopher Jones*

BUSTOPHER JONES Gender: Any | Age: 20+ | Traditionally Baritone or Tenor

- *The “aristocrat” of the tribe*
- Pompous, stuffy, loves to flaunt their status
- A featured singing cat with strong “character voices” and ability to sing “mock opera”. This character track does not require a strong movement/dance background and does not have to dance in the ensemble.

GUS THE THEATRE CAT Gender: Any | Age: 30+ | Traditionally Baritone or Tenor

- *The “washed up has-been” in the tribe*
- Comedically elderly, fragile, sweet, tired theatre actor
- *Main Songs: Bustopher Jones, Gus the Theatre Cat*

SKIMBLESHANKS Gender: Any | Age: 18+ | Vocal Range: Typically Baritone or Tenor

- *The “railway cat” in the tribe*
- Spunky, meticulous, fun-loving and very animated
- A featured singing cat requiring “character dancing”. Will also dance in the ensemble. Ideally has a strong movement/dance background in *tap* and jazz-theatre style dance
- *Main Song: Skimbleshanks the Railway Cat*

MUNGOJERRIE Gender: Any | Age: 16+ | Vocal Range: Typically Baritone

- *One half of the notorious “cat burglar” duo with Rumpleteazer.*
- Mischievous, fun-loving prankster, small-time crook who enjoys being naughty.
- A “triple-threat” role. A featured singing and dancing cat with a dedicated song requiring strong acrobatic skills and clown-like characterization. Must be a strong vocalist and dancer/acrobat
- *Main Song: Mungojerrie & Rumpleteazer*

RUMPLETEAZER Gender: Any | Age: 16+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Alto

- *One half of the notorious “cat burglar” duo with Mungojerrie.*
- Mischievous, fun-loving prankster, small-time crook who enjoys being naughty. Known for infectious giggle.
- A “triple-threat” role. A featured singing and dancing cat with a dedicated song requiring strong acrobatic skills and clown-like characterization. Must be a strong vocalist and dancer/acrobat
- *Main Song: Mungojerrie & Rumpelteazer*

BOMBALURINA Gender: Any | Age: 18+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Mezzo

- *The “glamour cat” of the tribe*
- Confident, sensual, a “bombshell” with loads of self-assurance.
- A featured singing cat requiring “character dancing” in featured songs. Will also dance in the ensemble. Ideally has a strong movement/dance background in jazz-theatre style dance
- *Main Songs: Gumbie Cat, Bustopher Jones, McCavity the Mystery Cat*

DEMETER Gender: Any | Age: 16+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Alto

- *The “intuitive cat” of the tribe who realizes Macavity’s deception*
- Smart, young adult, but always on edge; jittery, and impulsive
- A featured singing cat requiring “character dancing” in featured songs. Will also dance in the ensemble. Ideally has a strong movement/dance background in jazz-theatre style dance
- *Main Songs: Gumbie Cat, McCavity the Mystery Cat*

JELLYLORUM Gender: Any | Age: 20+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Soprano

- *The “care-taker” of the tribe*
- Warm, protective adult cat; a “busybody” who likes to parent the kittens and keep order
- A featured singing cat requiring “character dancing” in featured songs. Will also dance in the ensemble. Ideally has a strong movement/dance background in jazz-theatre style dance
- *Main Songs: Gumbie Cat, Bustopher Jones, Gus the Theatre Cat*

JEMIMA Gender: Any | Age: 16+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally “bright” Soprano

- *The “baby” of the tribe.*
- Youngest kitten. Innocent, sweet, affectionate, full of “childlike wonder” and playful
- A jazz/theatre-style dancing cat with some significant featured singing lines. Will dance in the ensemble.
- *Main Singing Part: Prelude & Reprise of Memory*

OLD DEUTERONOMY

Gender: Any | Age: 30+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Baritone

- *The “ancient leader” of the tribe*
- Mature adult cat
- Wise, calm, spiritual, commanding, fairly lively but moves slowly
- A featured singing cat requiring some movement in featured songs. Does not require a strong movement/dance background; this character does not have to dance in the ensemble.
- *Main Songs: Old Deuteronomy, Moments of Happiness, Finale: Addressing of the Cats*

GRIZABELLA Gender: Woman | Age: 16+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Mezzo

- *The “outcast/anti-hero” of the tribe*
- Desperate, wistful, a lost soul who is attempting to regain dignity and acceptance from the tribe that has shunned her.
- Dynamic and powerful vocal skills and strong acting/expression required. Must possess a wide dynamic vocal range with rich lower tones and strong belt up to Eb.
- *Main Song: Memory*

MISTOFFEELEES Gender: Any | Age: 18+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally: Baritone

- *The “magician” of the tribe*
- Clever, impish, neat, a competitive young adult show-off of a cat.
- Dance style highlights: jumps and turns, bright and electric quality. Will also dance in the ensemble.
- *Featured dance number: Magical Mistoffelees*

VICTORIA Gender: Any | Age: 16+ | Vocal Range: Traditionally Mezzo

- The “budding teenager” of the tribe.
- Curious, uninhibited, graceful, elegant.
- Dancer with strong technical skills in ballet and jazz dance with extensions and flexibility are encouraged to audition. Will also dance in the ensemble.
- *Featured dance number: Jellicle Ball*

MACAVITY Gender: Any | Age: 20+ Vocal Range: Traditionally Tenor/Baritone

- The “mystery cat” antagonist of the tribe.
- Aggressive, intense, violent, menacing young adult cat.
- A looming presence and malevolent criminal mastermind who enjoys breaking the law—inspired by Professor Moriarty-- Sherlock Holmes’ Nemesis.
- Dance style highlights: an imposing figure able to dance with brash, explosive movement. Kicks, jumps and lift work are an asset.
- *Featured dance number: Macavity’s Fight*

The following roles are primarily Dancer/Singer Roles. They can be any gender, age or vocal range. They will dance and sing throughout the show with moments of featured dance sequences.

ALONZO: Athletic, electric, protective

POUNCIVAL: Overly energetic, curious, athletic, playful

CORICOPAT/TANTOMILE: Twin Cats: Extremely mystic, quirky/strange, intense, aloof

CASSANDRA: Sophisticated, sleek, poised, proud, very aloof

BILL BAILEY: Chaotic, imprudent, funny, very energetic

ELECTRA: Reserved, quiet, serious, with a playful streak

ETCETERA: Extreme energy, boisterous, emotional, funny

EXOTICA: Shy, mysterious, quiet, watchful

ADMENTUS: Friendly, good-natured, easy-going NOTE: *May double as Rumpus Cat in the Pokes and Pollicles number*)