

Annie Character Descriptions

There are many, many roles in this show besides the orphans! There is a huge adult ensemble in this show that will be cast from teens or kids who look older than orphans. We are looking for all types of people to cast, especially older boys/teens.

Principal Character Descriptions

Annie (looks 10-11) – Annie is a tough streetwise urchin who is, nevertheless; vulnerable when she thinks she might lose what has become most important to her: a newfound “family” who loves her. Throughout the show she shows independent, needy, maternal, and hopeful qualities. Although she is at times aggressive or crafty, there is no doubt that Annie is a friendly and caring child. (Must sing and dance well)

Miss Hannigan (Older teen role)– Miss Hannigan is the evil orphanage matron. Her distaste for her job and the children is obvious in every move she makes. She is predictable and funny in her ridiculous, cruel ways. (Mezzo-Alto. Must have great comic timing)

Oliver Warbucks (older teen or young adult role)– A powerful, self-assured billionaire who always has his mind on business. While sometime gruff and abrupt he has a kind heart. At first he is awkwardly affectionate toward Annie, but he soon finds himself completely charmed by her.

Grace Farrell (older teen or young adult role)– She is the beautiful and loyal private secretary to Oliver Warbucks. Grace is mature, calm, and classy. She is businesslike when dealing with Miss Hannigan and Warbucks, yet maternal toward Annie. (Soprano. Dance, a plus.)

Rooster Hannigan (older teen or young adult role)– Miss Hannigan's despicable brother. Rooster is flashy and self-assured. His “moves” are as smooth as a gambler's, sly, and deceiving. (Tenor. Must have great comic timing. Dance, a plus.)

Lily St. Regis (Teen or young adult role)– Lily is Rooster's airhead girlfriend. She is always distracted, although she manages to pick up on any conversation involving money. (Mezzo-Soprano. Dance, a plus)

Orphanage (All must be shorter than 5'1”) (All must sing and move well. Dance, a plus)

Orphans - These girls are gritty, neglected, vulnerable, yet basically honest, and potentially lovable. They have mischievous fun with each other and also have “sibling-style” fights.

Molly - The littlest orphan. (looks 7)

Pepper - The toughest girl in the orphanage. (Looks 10-13)

Duffy - The oldest girl in the orphanage. (looks 12-13)

Kate - The next to littlest orphan. (looks 8-10)

Tessie - The crybaby in the orphanage. (looks 9-11)

July - The quietest orphan. (looks 10-12)

Orphan Ensemble (various ages)- Orphans in Miss Hannigan's orphanage.

Mr. Bundles McCloskey (speaking Teen role) - The laundryman who serves the orphanage. He has an innocent, flirtatious relationship with Miss Hannigan.

Downtown

Downtown Ensemble (any age)-Dancers who live in the depressed area of NYC

Lt. Ward (speaking teen role)- A policeman who returns Annie to Miss Hannigan after she escapes from the orphanage.

Policeman (speaking teen role) - Lt. Ward's police partner.

Dog Catcher (speaking teen role) - A person who captures stray dogs on the streets of New York.

Warbuck's Mansion (teens and young boy roles)

Servants Oliver Warbucks' domestic staff. Their presence, posture, and speech is proper and fastidious. Their heads are always held high, with pleasant, yet guarded emotions.

Drake - The English butler.

Cecille - A French maid.

Annette - A French maid.

Mrs. Greer - The head housekeeper.

Mrs. Pugh - The chef.

Servant Ensemble - Servants in Oliver Warbucks' mansion. (All must sing and move well. Specialty dancers will be cast from this group)

NYC (any ages)

Star-To-Be - A young, aspiring Broadway actress. (Mezzo belt soloist)

Usherettes - Fancily dressed ushers at Radio City Music Hall.

NYC Dance Ensemble-42nd Street Dancers

NYC Characters- Pedestrians on New York City streets.

Radio Hour (any ages)

Bert Healy - A flamboyant and popular radio personality. (Tenor, soloist)

Boylan Sisters (Connie, Ronnie, Bonnie) - Assistants to Bert Healy. (Must be able to sing "Andrew Sister's" style harmonies)

Jimmy Johnson

Fred McCracken and Wacky

Sound effects man

The White House (any age)

Cabinet Members: Ickes, Perkins, Hull, Morgenthau, Perkins