

## **Character Breakdown**

### **James**

James is the hero of our story, on an epic quest to find a family of his own and gain confidence in himself. Make sure he can win over an audience and is comfortable being onstage.

### **Ladahlord**

Ladahlord is a mysterious character who seems to have a hand in the magical things that are happening. Though he may seem a bit off, he carefully watches over James, making sure James moves towards a better life. Ladahlord also serves as a guiding narrator throughout the story.

### **Centipede**

Centipede may be a bit of a grouch, but he is ever-loyal to the pack, and by the end of the story, he's won over by James. James sees Centipede as that cranky uncle with a heart of gold.

### **Grasshopper**

Grasshopper, the leader of the Insects, is ever the optimist and assumes a paternal role in James' life.

### **Earthworm**

Earthworm is a gentle spirit, although he can be a bit of a coward. Luckily, he gains enough courage to save the day by baiting some gullible seagulls. Earthworm looks at James as a brother figure. Cast a performer who can sing well, and more importantly, someone who isn't afraid of being a little outlandish.

### **Ladybug**

Ladybug immediately takes on a doting, maternal role in James' life.

### **Spider**

Spider is a clever creature who becomes a fun-loving older sister to James

### **Spiker and Sponge**

Spiker and Sponge are the sort of aunts (or monsters) that you fear ever being stuck with. They take James into their home but only so that he can be their own personal servant. Spiker is the brains of the operation, and Sponge is more concerned with finding something to eat.

### **Matron Nurse**

The Matron Nurse runs the Painswick Orphanage, and you definitely get a sense she hasn't had a vacation in years. This is a great acting role for a young woman who can command a room.

### **Angry Crowd**

The Angry Crowd is in search of the amazing giant peach, but they quickly turn into an angry mob when the peach is nowhere to be found. These ensemble parts are easy to cast from any of your company.

### **Vagrants**

The Vagrants, including Doreen Driggles, Ridgley Rapscaillon, Violet Funkschmeller, and Chris Cryermouth are an ensemble of have-nots to support Spiker and Sponge's treacherous plans. These ensemble roles are important for making up the world of the musical. The Passing Man, Man (with wallet) and Passing Woman all have featured moments where they fall victim to Spiker and Sponge.

### **Sharks And Seagulls**

The Sharks and Seagulls are featured in Plump and Juicy. Cast strong movers and dancers in these roles.

### **Reporters**

The Reporters, including Ida Walters, are on the scene just as the peach is becoming larger than life.

### **New Yorkers**

New Yorkers, including the Screaming Women, Lucille Van Koogelestein, Bunny Mackenzie The Third, Jake and Joe all witness the peach land directly on the Empire State Building and are sent into a panic!

### **Zoo Crowd**

Mr. Trotter, Mrs. Trotter, Karl Kreatour and the Zoo Crowd are all part of James' nightmare.

### **Farm Animals, Willy Wonka And Oompa-Loompas**

Farm Animals, Willy Wonka and Oompa-Loompas are all in harm's way as the peach outgrows its stem and rolls towards the ocean.

### **Hollywood Agents**

The Hollywood Agents, led by Buzz, jump in on the success of the growing peach with movie and Broadway deals for Spiker and Sponge.

### **Billy and Bobby Bobby-Cop**

Billy and Bobby Bobby-Cop are a perfectly unified pair of cops working for Scotland Yard.

### **Ladies**

Bitsy Botana and the rest of the Ladies Garden Guild are in flowery frocks and hats, intent on having Spiker and Sponge give the keynote speech at their conference.

### **Cruise Ensemble**

The Cruise Ensemble are various vacationers en route to New York with Spiker and Sponge.

### **Garden Chorus**

The Garden Chorus comes to life in Shake It Up as Ladahlord mixes a magical potion.