

# Character List

Below you will find a description of each character that you can audition for. Please remember although you are only selecting two roles to audition for, you will be considered all roles. Please use the GA website to find the script and song that you will use for your audition as well as the recordings to practice with. All singing needs to be done in head voice. There should be no belting in this musical.

**Ensemble** - All ensembles require group singing; featured roles require either solo singing or solo acting, or both. For each featured role, the pages showcasing the character's lines or vocals are listed.

Ensemble & Featured Characters include: Katie Nanna, Park Strollers, Statues, Neleus, Bird Woman, Honeybees, Clerks, Miss Smythe, Chariman, Von Hussler, John Northbrook, Vagrants, Buskers, Passerby, Mrs. Corry, Customers, Miss Andrew, Kite Flyers, Chimney Sweeps, Policeman and the Messenger.

**Bert (male or female)** - The narrator of the story, is a good friend to Mary Poppins. An everyman, Bert is a chimney sweep and a sidewalk artist, among many other occupations. With a twinkle in his eye and a skip in his step, Bert watches over the children and the goings-on around Cherry Tree Lane. He is a song-and-dance man with oodles of charm who is wise beyond his years. **Must do a dance audition for this part! Must be a strong singer!**

**Mary Poppins (female)** - Jane and Michael Banks's new nanny. She is extraordinary and strange, neat and tidy, delightfully vain yet very particular, and sometimes a little frightening, but she is always exciting. She is practically perfect in every way and always means what she says. The role calls for an excellent singer and actor who should be able to move well. **Must be a strong singer and have a large singing range. There is no belting notes for this part. Must be able to sing in head voice.**

**Jane (female)** - The high-spirited daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Banks, bright and precocious but can be willful and inclined to snobbishness. Cast a wonderful actor and a strong singer who can take the audience on an emotional journey. **Must be a strong singer and must be able to sing harmony on their own.**

**Michael (male or female)** - The cheeky son of Mr. and Mrs. Banks. Excitable and naughty, he adores his father and longs desperately for his attention. Both he and Jane misbehave in order to get the attention of their parents. Michael should be a great actor and singer. Ideally, he reads onstage as younger than Jane. **Must be a strong singer and must be able to sing harmony on their own.**

**Chimney Sweeps (male or female)** Chimney Sweeps (including Sweep 1, Sweep 2, Sweep 3, and Sweep 4) are Bert's cheerful, friendly, and agile friends who keep London's chimneys in working order. These actors should be great dancers and good singers, capable of bringing the show-stopping number "Step In Time" to life. **Must do a dance audition for this part! Must be a strong singer!**

**George Banks (Male or Female)** - Husband to Winifred and father to Jane and Michael, is a banker to the very fiber of his being. Demanding "precision and order" in his household, he is a pip-and-slippers man who doesn't have much to do with his children and believes that Miss Andrew, his cruel, strict childhood nanny, gave him the perfect upbringing. George's emotional armor, however off-putting, conceals a sensitive soul. **Must be a strong singer and must be able to sing harmony on their own.**

**Winifred Banks (female)** - George's wife and Jane and Michael's mother. She is a loving homemaker who is busy trying to live up to her husband's social aspirations while striving to be a model wife and mother. Cast an actor who can portray a great warmth and depth of feeling. **Must be a strong singer and must be able to sing harmony on their own.**

**Bird Woman (Female)** - The Bird Woman is covered in a patchwork of old shawls, her pockets stuffed with bags of crumbs for the birds. She tries to sell the crumbs to Passersby, who ignore her as if she doesn't exist. **Must be a strong singer and must be able to sing harmony on their own.**