

MARY POPPINS JR

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

BERT

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.

GEORGE BANKS

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. A baritone, George may speak-sing as necessary and should be among your strongest male actors and singers.

WINIFRED BANKS

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.

JANE BANKS

The high-spirited daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Banks, bright and precocious but can be willful and inclined to snobbishness.

MICHAEL BANKS

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.

MRS. BRILL

The housekeeper and cook for the Banks family. Overworked, she's always complaining that the house is understaffed. Her intimidating exterior is a cover for the warmth underneath.

MISS ANDREW

Miss Andrew is George's overbearing and scary childhood nanny. With her bottle of nasty-tasting brimstone and treacle to keep naughty children in line, she is a bully who only knows one way of doing things: her way.

MRS. CORRY

Mrs. Corry owns a magical Talking Shop. She is a mysterious woman of indeterminate age, but has plenty of spirit and is sharp as a tack. Looking for over-the-top acting in this fun role. Leads the song "Supercali..."

ROBERTSON AY

Works for the Banks family. Forgetful and clumsy, often bungles simple tasks. (Note: his last name is pronounced like "eye.")

MARY POPPINS

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.

NELEUS

Neleus is a statue who, once brought to life by Mary Poppins, is very happy to befriend Jane and Michael. This role is a wonderful opportunity to feature one of the strong dancers in your ensemble.

KATIE NANNA

Katie Nanna is Jane and Michael's nanny at the beginning of the show. Overwhelmed and upset, she has absolutely had her fill of the Banks children.

BIRD WOMAN

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.

MISS SMYTHE

Miss Smythe is the bank Chairman's humorless secretary.

CHAIRMAN

Chairman, the head of the bank where Mr. Banks is employed, is an Edwardian stuffed shirt.

VON HUSSLER

Von Hussler is a businessman seeking a loan from the bank for a shady business deal.

JOHN NORTHBROOK

John Northbrook is an honest businessman seeking a loan to build a factory for his community.

MORE CHARACTERS

Park Strollers, Maids, Clerks, Vagrants, Passerby, Customers, Kite Flyers, Chimney Sweeps, Policeman and the Messenger.

Park Strollers

The Park Strollers are citizens of London who go from drab and dreary to bright and colorful as they get swept up in Mary Poppins's adventures in the park.

Clerks

The Clerks, like George, are employees at the bank.

Customers

The Customers are bright, colorful British citizens visiting Mrs. Corry's Talking Shop.

Kite Flyers

Kite Flyers consist of families flying kites in the park.

Chimney Sweeps

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 bring the show-stopping number "Step In Time" to life.

Policeman and the Messenger

The Policeman, a neighborhood patrol officer, and the Messenger, who delivers a summons to George from the bank.