



‘OLIVER’  
CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS  
Updated 1/25/25  
(Ages are noted as guidelines)

- OLIVER TWIST:** (Sings) Must be at least 8 years old to audition for this role. Girls may audition for this role however they must cut their hair for the part. Oliver is an orphaned workhouse boy.
- ARTFUL DODGER:** (Sings) Must be at least 10 years old to audition for this role. Girls may audition for this role however they must cut their hair for the part. Fagin’s brightest pupil (Pickpocket) – an undersized adult.
- FAGIN:** (Sings) Must be at least 16 years old to audition for this role. An elderly receiver - runs a training academy for young pickpockets.
- BILL SYKES:** (Sings) A Villain in his prime.
- NANCY:** (Sings) Must be at least 16 years old to audition for this role. A graduate of Fagin’s academy, bar maid, and Bill’s girl.
- BET:** (Sings) Must be at least 13 years old to audition for this role. A young lass trained by Fagin and befriended by Nancy. She idolizes Nancy.
- CHARLIE BATES:** (Sings) Must be at least 9 years old to audition for this role. Girls may audition for this role however they must cut their hair for the part. One of Fagin’s Boys.
- MR. BUMBLE/THE BEADLE:** (Sings) A large pompous man of 55+.
- WIDOW CORNEY:** (Sings) A sharp-tongued, domineering widow of 50+. The Workhouse Mistress.
- MR. BROWNLOW:** An old gentleman of wealth and breeding. Later finds out he is Oliver’s grandfather.

MR. SOWERBERRY: (Sings) The Undertaker.

MRS. SOWERBERRY: (Sings) Wife of Mr. Sowerberry, She is his overseer.

CHARLOTETTE: (Sings) Must be at least 11 years old to audition for this role. The brattish, spiteful daughter of the Sowerberry's.

NOAH CLAYPOLE: Must be at least 11 years old to audition for this role. The Undertakers pimplly apprentice. He is cruel and a bully.

DR. GRIMWIG: A Doctor, a bit on the senile side.

MRS. BEDWIN: The Brownlow's Housekeeper.

OLD SALLY: Once a trusted servant, now old and on her death bed. She has a secret she must confess before she passes on.

OTHER ROLES AVAILABLE

FOOD SOLOISTS

PICK POCKET BITS

CHAIRMAN

OLD LADY

BOOKSELLER BOY

NIGHTWATCHMAN

BOW STREET RUNNERS

STREET VENDORS

WHO WILL BUY SOLOISTS- ROSE SELLER/MILKMAIDS

STRAWBERRY SELLERS &

KNIVE GRINDERS