

Summer at the State
2026 Season Character Breakdowns

REGARDING AGES: Ages are how the character will be perceived and not necessarily the age of the actor.

TBA Musical

Annie: (Appears age 11) Annie is a complex, tough, streetwise urchin who is surprisingly vulnerable when she thinks she might lose what has become most important to her: her newfound "family." Seeking an excellent actress who can act motherly, independent, overwhelmed and hopeful. She should be strong vocally and musically and be able to light up the stage. Bright, Strong Belt, A3-D5

The Orphans: The Orphans are gritty girls that are neglected and vulnerable, yet basically honest and lovable. Casting girls that can have "mischievous" fun together, as well as "sibling style" fights. Each actress should be able to shape her own specific character, be a good singer and visually expressive. Please note we will be casting most of the Orphan tracks locally.

- Duffy – The oldest. Strong Belter/C4-D5
- July – The quietest. Strong Belter/C4-D5
- Pepper – The toughest. Strong Belter/Bb3-D5
- Tessie – The cry-baby. Strong Belter/A3-C5
- Kate – The next-to-youngest. Strong Belter/C4-D5
- Molly – The youngest. Strong Belter/B3-D5

Oliver Warbucks: (Appears age 40s/50s) Oliver Warbucks is the daunting millionaire who made his fortune during World War I as an industrialist. Must appear middle-aged, self-assured, confident and gently authoritative. Warbucks is awkwardly affectionate toward Annie at the start and then finds himself completely charmed by her. Warm baritone/A2-F4.

Miss Hannigan: (Appears age 30s/40s) Miss Hannigan is a definite "has-been." Her distaste for her job should ooze from every line she delivers. Seeking a strong actress with excellent comic timing. She must have a strong versatile singing voice and be able to create a character that is larger than life. Strong Mover. Character Belt/Bb3-F#5.

Rooster Hannigan: (Appears age 30s/40s) Rooster Hannigan is Miss Hannigan's swindling brother. He is flashy, self-assured and the "smooth gambler" type. Strong Mover. Character Belt/B2-F#4.

Lily St. Regis: (Appears age 20s/30s) Lily St. Regis is the sleazy girlfriend of Rooster. She is naturally funny, has a good sense of timing and is a strong singer. Strong Mover. Character Belt/Bb3-F#5.

Grace Farrell: (Appears age 20s/30s) Grace Farrell is Oliver Warbucks's calm, cool and classy secretary. She appears business-like when dealing with Miss Hannigan and Warbucks, yet maternal toward Annie. Always appears "in control;" she is sophisticated, likable, sweet and confident. Soprano Mix/D4-C5.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt: (Appears age 50s/60s) President Franklin D. Roosevelt is enlisted by Oliver Warbucks to help locate Annie's parents. He will be pushed onstage in a wheelchair and delivers a momentous line about "A New Deal!" Seeking an excellent actor, his vocal solos are secondary to the character commitment as an actor.

Male Ensemble: Male ensemble will play various roles throughout the show – Hooverville, Drake/Warbucks' staff, Bert Healy and the radio crew, Bundles (the laundry man) and Cabinet Members & Cops. Strong singer/dancers with excellent comedic timing. Ensemble will also cover principal tracks. Various vocal ranges.

Female Ensemble: Female ensemble will play various roles throughout the show – Hooverville, Pugh/Warbucks' staff, Star To Be, Boylan Sisters & Cabinet Members. Strong singer/dancers with excellent comedic timing. Ensemble will also cover principal tracks. Various vocal ranges.

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ROGER DAVIS - male presenting. Age: 20-30. Vocal range: Rock Tenor. A once successful now struggling musician and former drug addict, Roger discovered he had HIV/AIDS in a note his girlfriend left him before she took her own life. His main goal is to write one great song before he dies. He is roommate and best friend of Mark. Often depressed and sullen, Roger battles with being HIV-positive, but he can be expressive and passionate at times. He is reminiscent of Kurt Cobain. Guitar skills are desired, but not essential.

MARK COHEN - male presenting. Age: 20-30. Vocal range: Baritone/Second Tenor. A filmmaker and video artist, Mark has left behind his affluent upbringing to pursue his craft. He narrates the show as he films the lives of his friends. He is Roger's best friend and was once Maureen's boyfriend (who left him for Joanne). Knee deep in his own soul-searching, Mark is the typical young artist. Quite a nerdy and quirky character, he is more comfortable viewing the world through his lens than in actively engaging in it.

TOM COLLINS - male presenting, Age: 25-35. Vocal range: Baritone/Tenor. A nurturer with a smooth and relaxed disposition, Collins is a gay computer genius, anarchist and liberal professor who was recently expelled from MIT. Former roommate of Mark, Roger and Benny, he is brave enough to allow himself to fall in love with Angel in the knowledge that they are both HIV positive. Collins and Angel's relationship is the heart of the show, as the genuine love and devotion they have for one another brings hope and inspiration to the rest of the group. The actor must be comfortable with same sex-physical intimacy.

BENJAMIN COFFIN III - male presenting. Age: 25-35. Vocal range: Baritone/Second Tenor. Married into a wealthy family involved in real estate, Benny is now the landlord of Mark and Roger's apartment building. He had been letting Roger and Mark live in the apartment for free but is now forcing them to pay rent or be evicted. Roger and Mark consider him a yuppie sell-out. His background is intertwined with the other main characters having gone to college with Mark, lived with Roger, Collins, Mark and Maureen and had an affair with Mimi before she dated Roger. Benny traded in his personal morals for power and wealth, but he ultimately realizes his friends are more important.

JOANNE JEFFERSON - female presenting. Age: 25-40. Vocal Range: Pop Belt. An activist and headstrong lesbian, Joanne is a Harvard-educated lawyer. Though raised in an affluent, political family, she is committed to helping those less fortunate. Joanne has an insecure relationship with Maureen and struggles not to be jealous of Maureen's flirtatious nature with others. Competent, organized, dedicated, and a bit of a control freak, Joanne loves "margins and discipline" and "makes lists in her sleep." She's happiest when she has control, which happens frequently in her professional life but less often in her personal one. The actor must be comfortable with same sex-physical intimacy.

ANGEL DUMONT SCHUNARD - male/female presenting. Age 18-30. Vocal Range: High Tenor with good falsetto. A drag queen and street percussionist, Angel is outgoing, flamboyant, yet an honest and caring individual. He has a magnetic personality and people are naturally drawn to him. Angel is the most generous and selfless character in the show. He meets and falls in love with Collins and, despite being HIV positive, embraces life and lives each day to the fullest. Collins and Angel's relationship is the heart of the show and the genuine love and devotion

they have for one another offers hope and inspiration to the rest of the group. The actor must be comfortable with same-sex physical intimacy, and possess a drag queen persona, including dancing in heels. Percussionist skills desired but not required.

MIMI MARQUEZ - female presenting. Age: 18-21. Vocal Range: Soprano/Mezzo Belt. A dancer in a strip club, Mimi struggles with her addiction to heroin which has resulted in her contraction of HIV. She is an extremely sexy, optimistic, and likeable character but holds dark secrets. She lives in the same building as Roger and Mark and subsequently falls in love with Roger. She is also Benny's ex-girlfriend. Though Mimi has "lived life", she still sees the world through the eyes of a young woman and intends to make the most of every day. The role requires an actor with the ability to convincingly portray the struggles of heroin addiction, sexual promiscuity, and HIV/AIDS, whilst maintaining the optimism of youth. Must be able to play a girl of 19 as sung in "Light My Candle".

MAUREEN JOHNSON - female presenting. Age: 20-30. Vocal Range: Belt A zany, bisexual performance artist, Maureen used to live in the loft and is Mark's ex-girlfriend. She recently dumped Mark for her new girlfriend Joanne. Confident, sexy, funny, fickle, and very self-centered, Maureen is proud of her diva status and sees no reason to change her behavior to please others. She loves creating conflict, shocking people, and challenging the status quo. She is bold, speaks her mind and is not afraid to take on the establishment and fight for what she believes in. The actor must be comfortable with same sex-physical intimacy.

Ensemble -All genders and identities: All Ages: All Vocal Ranges sought. Homeless Men & Women; Junkies, Parents (Mrs. Cohen, Mr. & Mrs. Jefferson); Support Group (Steve, Gordon)