

## **Newsies Casting Info (from the publisher)**

### **PRINCIPAL CAST**

#### **Jack Kelly (M)**

The charismatic leader of the Manhattan newsies, is an orphaned dreamer and artist who yearns to get out of the crowded streets of New York and make a better life for himself out West. Fiercely protective of his best friend, Crutchie, and strongly loyal, Jack isn't afraid to use his voice to attain better conditions for the working kids of New York City. Though living on the streets has given him a tough-guy exterior, Jack has a big heart and can demonstrate a sweet vulnerability – especially when it comes to bantering with a certain female reporter. Must have a great pop tenor voice and sense of physicality.

Age: 16 to 18

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: Bb2

#### **Katherine Plumber (F)**

An ambitious young reporter, works hard to make a name for herself as a legitimate journalist in a time when women aren't taken seriously. Quick, funny, and resourceful, she boldly captures the voice of a new generation rising in her coverage of the newsies' strike. While she generally has no time for cocky, streetwise young men, she makes an exception for Jack Kelly. Though she only has a brief dance solo in "King of New York," Katherine should have a great contemporary pop voice with a high belt – diction is key.

Age: 17 to 20

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: A3

#### **Crutchie (M/F)**

A dedicated newsie with a bum leg that's painful, but helps sell more papes. Though he walks with the assistance of a crutch, Crutchie doesn't let it define him; when in a jam, Jack Kelly's best friend relies on a goofy- sweet sense of humor and optimistic resilience. Crutchie is the heart of the resistance. Though his movement will suggest his bum leg, Crutchie should still be included in the dance numbers.

Age: 13 to 17

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: C3

#### **Davey (M)**

Les's straight-laced, bright big brother starts selling newspapers to help his family earn a living, but becomes swept up in the fervor of the strike. A leader in his own right who is learning to use his voice to uplift others, Davey is the brains of the resistance.

Age: 15 to 18

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: D3

#### **Les (M)**

Davey's cheeky younger brother, is inspired by the freedom of the newsies and loves their independent lifestyle. A precocious and natural newsie, Les is an intuitive salesboy and a pint-sized charmer. He should present as younger than the other newsies.

Age: 10 to 15

Vocal range top: Bb3

Vocal range bottom: Db3



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### **SUPPORTING CAST**

**Newsies/ Dance Ensemble- Jack's Gang** *(US for Leads except for Katherine come from this group)*

Albert  
Elmer  
Henry  
Ike  
Mike  
Mush  
Race (Cigar)  
Romeo  
Tommy Boy  
Buttons (M/F)  
Finch (M/F)  
Jo Jo (M/F)  
Specs (Glasses) (M/F)  
Splasher (M/F)

#### **Oscar Delancey (M)**

Tough brothers who work at the distribution window for the World, take the side of the publishers in the strike and are known to use their fists to make a point.

Age: 15 to 20

#### **Morris Delancey (M)**

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Age: 15 to 20

#### **Joseph Pulitzer (M)**

A pompous businessman through and through, owns the World and is concerned solely with the bottom line. Katherine's no-nonsense father, Pulitzer doesn't sympathize with the strikers, but he does eventually – and grudgingly – respect Jack.

Age: 35 to 50

Vocal range top: F4

Vocal range bottom: C3

### **SUPPORTING ENSEMBLE (7-11 actors)**

**Supporting Ensemble 1 (F)** - Nun / Hannah / Bowery Beauty / Burrough Newsie/ Katherine US

**Supporting Ensemble 2 (F)** - Nun / Woman / Bowery Beauty / Burrough Newsie/ Medda US (*adult ?*)

**Supporting Ensemble 3 (F)**- Nun/ Woman/ Bowery Beauty/ Burrough Newsie/ Hannah US

**Supporting Ensemble 4 (F)** - Medda Larkin/ Nun (*Could be Adult Ensemble*)

**Supporting Ensemble 5 (M)**- Bill/ Goon/ Newsie/ Brooklyn Newsie

**Supporting Ensemble 6 (M/F)**- Spot Conlon/ Goon/ Newsie

**Supporting Ensemble 7 (M/F)**- Darcy/ Newsie/ Brooklyn Newsie

**Supporting Ensemble 8 (M/F)**- Scab/ Goon/ Brooklyn Newsie/ Newsie

**Supporting Ensemble 9 (M/F)**- Scab/ Goon/ Brooklyn Newsie/ Newsie

**Supporting Ensemble 10 (M/F)**- Scab/ Goon/ Brooklyn Newsie/ Newsie

**Supporting Ensemble 11 (M/F)**- Photographer/ Goon/ Burrough Newsie



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### **ADULT ENSEMBLE (0-8 actors)**

**Adult Ensemble 1 (M/F)** - Stage Manager / Jacobi

**Adult Ensemble 2 (M/F)** - Mayor/ Theater Patron/ Newspaper Patron

**Adult Ensemble 3 (M)** - Seitz / Theater Patron/ *Roosevelt US*

**Adult Ensemble 4 (M)** - Bunsen / Theater Patron/ *Wiesel US/*

**Adult Ensemble 5 (M)** - Nunzio / Guard / Policeman / Theater Patron/ *Mayor US*

**Adult Ensemble 6 (M)** - Roosevelt/ Policeman/ Theater Patron

**Adult Ensemble 7 (M)** - Snyder / Theater Patron/ *Pulitzer US*

**Adult Ensemble 8 (M)**- Wiesel / Theater Patron/ *Snyder US*

### **FEATURED ENSEMBLE (10-16 actors)**

**Featured Ensemble 1 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Refuge Kid/ *Albert US*

**Featured Ensemble 2 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Refuge Kid/ *Elmer US*

**Featured Ensemble 3 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Refuge Kid/ *Henry US*

**Featured Ensemble 4 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Refuge Kid/ *Ike US*

**Featured Ensemble 5 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Refuge Kid/ *Mike US*

**Featured Ensemble 6 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Refuge Kid/ *Mush US*

**Featured Ensemble 7 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ *Race US*

**Featured Ensemble 8 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ *Romeo US*

**Featured Ensemble 9 (M)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ *Tommy Boy US*

**Featured Ensemble 10 (M)**- Goon/ Theater Patron/ Newspaper Patron/ *Oscar US*

**Featured Ensemble 11 (M)**- Goon/ Theater Patron/ Newspaper Patron/ *Morris US*

**Featured Ensemble 12 (M/F)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ *Buttons US*

**Featured Ensemble 13 (M/F)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ *Finch US*

**Featured Ensemble 14 (M/F)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ *Jo Jo US*

**Featured Ensemble 15 (M/F)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ *Specs US*

**Featured Ensemble 16 (M/F)**- Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ *Splasher US*

### **ACTING ENSEMBLE (Ages 11-18)**

**Acting Ensemble 1-10** Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Possible Refuge Kid/ Possible cross-over child/ Possible Run Crew

### **CHILD ENSEMBLE (Elementary age)**

**Child Ensemble 1-5** Newsie/ Burrough Newsie/ Possible Refuge Kid/ Possible cross-over child/

## **ADDITIONAL CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS**

### **Medda Larkin (F)**

Inspired by vaudeville performer Aida Overton Walker, this big-voiced saloon singer and star of the Bowery offers her theater as a safe haven for the newsies. An astute entertainer with great comic delivery, she's a good friend to Jack and stands firmly behind the newsies in their fight for justice.

Age: 25 to 45

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: F3

### **Scabs (3) (M/F)**

Three newsies who are hesitant to join the strike.

### **Spot Conlon (M/F)**

The proud leader of the Brooklyn newsies, boasts an intimidating reputation and a short singing solo in "Brooklyn's Here."



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### **ADDITIONAL CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS (cont'd)**

#### **Darcy (M/F)**

The upper-class kid of a publisher who sides with the newsies. Can double as a newsie.

Age: 15 to 20

#### **Bill (M)**

The son of William Randolph Hearst who joins the newsies' cause. Can double as a newsie.

Age: 15 to 25

#### **Wiesel (M)**

Or "Weasel," runs the distribution window for the World and knows most of the newsies by name. Assisted by the intimidating Delancey brothers, who keep order by any means necessary, Wiesel is Pulitzer's disgruntled paper-pusher.

Age: 35 to 50

#### **Goons (M)**

Assist the Delanceys in roughing up the newsies at the end of Act One.

Age: 15 to 20

#### **Seitz (M/F)**

Editor, advises Pulitzer, but ultimately admires the kids' newspaper.

#### **Bunsen (M/F)**

Pulitzer's bookkeeper, comes up with the ideas to raise the newsies' price per paper.

Age: 35 to 50

#### **Hannah (F)**

Pulitzer's practical and insightful secretary.

Age: 20 to 40

#### **Nunzio (F)**

Pulitzer's barber.

Age: 30 to 50

#### **Guard (M/F)**

The Guard removes the newsies from Pulitzer's building.

Age: 20 to 60

#### **Snyder (M/F)**

The crooked and sinister warden of The Refuge, a filthy and horrible orphanage, is concerned only with catching enough kids to keep his government checks coming.

Age: 45 to 65

#### **The Bowery Beauties (F)**

Female performers at Medda's Theater.

Age: 18 to 30

#### **Stage Manager (M/F)**

Introduces Medda's act.

Age: 25 to 55

#### **Nuns (F)**

The nuns offer breakfast to the hungry newsies.

Age: 20 to 60





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### **ADDITIONAL CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS (cont'd)**

#### **Photographer (M/F)**

Takes the triumphant photo of the newsies at the end of “Seize the Day.”

Age: 15 to 25

#### **Woman (F)**

A newspaper customer.

Age: 15 to 45

#### **Mr. or Ms. Jacobi (M/F)**

Allows the newsies to congregate in his restaurant to plan their strike – when he doesn’t have any paying customers, that is.

#### **Policemen (M)**

Assist Snyder and turn against the newsies in the fight that concludes Act One.

#### **Mayor (M)**

The Mayor of New York City rebuffs Pulitzer’s attempts to shut down the newsies’ strike.

Age: 45 to 60

#### **Governor Teddy Roosevelt (M)**

A well-respected lifelong public servant, inspires Jack to stand up to Pulitzer.

Age: 50 to 65

**NOTE: “US” means “Understudy”**

