

Character Breakdown

Santa Claus

Santa Claus has a lot on his plate during the Christmas season, and it is starting to show. He is annoyed with the Elves, tired of lying to Buddy and sad that people seem to be losing their Christmas spirit. He is still the same jolly old St. Nick underneath it all, but the job is getting to him. This is a great role for a character performer who can play an older (and somewhat cranky) man while trying hard to keep his holiday spirit.

Gender: male

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Buddy

Buddy is the perfect elf! He's good-natured, he means well, and he's happy all the time. There's only one problem. He's not an elf, he's an adult human. This role is perfect for a young man who is an excellent actor and good singer who has the energetic earnestness and comedic timing that Buddy needs.

Gender: male

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Elves

The Elves are Santa's special helpers who love their job making toys to meet their Christmas Eve deadline. These roles are great for younger performers, or for those who can embody a youthful spirit, enjoy singing and work well together as a group.

Gender: both

Charlie

Charlie is in charge of monitoring the other Elves, making sure every present is wrapped and every bow is tied.

Gender: male

Shawanda

Shawanda is a dependable and caring elf. She will do whatever she can to help out others, including Buddy, even though she accidentally reveals that he is a human.

Sam

Sam is one of Walters Office Staff who is in a bind at the top of the show.

Gender: male

Walter Hobbs (this role has been cast)

Walter Hobbs, Buddy's real father, is so focused on keeping his job that he is not making time for his family. He can be stern and unemotional at times, but ultimately he learns to recommit to his family.

Gender: male

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Deb

Deb, Walters secretary, has the big responsibility of keeping her boss and the whole office happy. She does this by sharing her positive attitude with everyone.

Gender: female

Emily Hobbs (this MAY be cast as an adult)

Emily Hobbs is Walter's devoted wife who would prefer her husband to spend a little more time at home. She is a problem solver and an excellent mother who is doing everything she can to provide a positive

family dynamic. Cast an excellent actress and singer who effortlessly conveys a sense of maturity and warmth.

Gender: female

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Michael Hobbs

Michael Hobbs is the smarter-than-average 12-year-old son of Walter and Emily. He quickly befriends his new adult brother, Buddy, and does everything he can to make sure Buddy becomes a permanent part of the family.

Gender: male

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Security Guards

Security Guard #1 and Security Guard #2 are a stern duo from Walters office, making sure everyone who enters has permission.

Gender: both

Saleswoman

The Saleswoman is the first person to greet Buddy as he enters Macys. Shes the consummate sales person: smiling, overfriendly, and always trying to sell something.

Gender: female

Manager

The manager is a terrific featured acting role for a performer with good comedic timing. As the manager of Macys, hes doing everything he can to make sure all the employees stay in line.

Gender: male

Jovie

Jovie works as a store elf at Macys, but don t be mistaken she doesnt quite exude the Christmas spirit. Shes kind of cynical, a bit tough around the edges, and now the target of Buddys complete adoration.

Gender: female

Vocal range top: Db5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Santa's Helper

Santa's Helper works as a Macys Employee and announces when each kid gets to visit with Santa

Gender: both

Fake Santa

Fake Santa is a poor replacement for the real Santa. Hes an employee of Macys who is a bit rough around the edges. Fake Santa should be played by a performer who is unafraid of being a little over-the-top and has good physical control of his body.

Gender: male

Policemen

Policeman #1 and Policeman #2 are a friendly pair of cops who return Buddy to the Hobbs household.

Gender: both

Sarah

Sarah is a staff member at Walters office.

Gender: female

Mr. Greenway (this will most likely be cast as an adult)

Mr. Greenway is one of the crankiest businessmen around. He is the big boss.

Gender: male

Chadwick and Matthews Chadwick and Matthews are staff members at Walter's office who are doing everything they can think of to save the day and make their boss happy.

Gender: male

Charlotte Dennon

Charlotte Dennon is a TV reporter with a big personality. She does her best to keep her professional persona in public and doesn't like being shown up.

Gender: female

Finale Soloists

Finale Soloists #1, #2, #3 and #4

Vocal range top: B4

Vocal range bottom: B3

Darlene Lambert and Emma Van Brocklin

Darlene Lambert and Emma Van Brocklin are on the scene in Central Park and are convinced of Santa's magic after Buddy reveals their past Christmas gifts.

Gender: female

Ensemble

The Ensemble, including New Yorkers, Comforting New Yorker, Macys Employees, Macys Employee #1, Members of the Rockefeller Crowd, Office Staff, Business Woman, Flyer Guys, Teenager, Jogger, Carolers, Passerby, Children and Parents are all important roles for creating the distinct worlds of the North Pole and New York City.

Gender: both