

GYPSY CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

NOTE: Listed pronouns indicate how the character is referred to in the piece, and does not prevent those who identify differently from consideration.

ROSE (She/Her)

40-50

Mezzo/Belter

A "stage mom" to the nth degree with tunnel vision towards fame. Loves her daughters LOUISE and JUNE whom she lives vicariously through. Both domineering and charming, pushy and doting. The star of her own show.

JUNE (She/Her)

18-25

Mezzo-Soprano

The headliner of her mother ROSE'S "Dainty June" act. Gets attention and promotion from her mother due to her natural stage presence. Dreams of a life away from her mother and confides in her older sister LOUISE.

LOUISE (She/Her)

18-25

Mezzo-Soprano

Sister of JUNE and has been raised in her shadow. Naturally shy and sensitive but finds her footing when she enters the world of burlesque. Loves her mother ROSE, but is not afraid to make her feelings known once she finds personal success as Gypsy Rose Lee.

HERBIE (He/Him)

40-50

Baritone

Former entertainment agent persuaded by ROSE to manage her daughter's vaudeville act. Has a relationship with ROSE and wants to marry her, but her drive for success breaks them apart. Has a heart of gold, and always willing to defend the people he loves.

TULSA (He/Him)

18-25

Tenor

One of the boys in JUNE'S act with dreams of performing one of his own. Charming and a smooth dancer. Runs off with JUNE.

TESSIE TURA (She/Her)

25-35

Mezzo/Belter

A former ballerina turned stripper. Incorporates her ballet skills into her act with much success.

MAZEPPA (She/Her)

35-45

Alto/Belter

An experienced burlesque stripper just past her prime. Known for incorporating brass into her routines.

ELECTRA (She/Her)

25-35

Alto/Belter

A ditzy and sweet stripper. Features lightbulbs in her act.

ENSEMBLE: Vaudeville and Burlesque Performers, Theater Managers, etc.