

Character Breakdown

Montague "Monty" Navarro

Gender: male

Vocal range: Bb4-Bb2

Handsome, clever, charismatic, vulnerable and endearing. Discovers he is in line to become the Earl of Highhurst, and intends to kill off the family that stands in his way.

Ever the optimist, Monty nevertheless struggles as he seeks to join the D'Ysquith family whilst watching the woman he loves marries another. He perseveres with panache and strong physical comedy skills.

The D'Ysquith Family

Gender: male

Vocal range: G4-Bb2

This actor plays all nine of the D'Ysquith family. All D'Ysquith family heirs are farces of British high society in the early 20th century. The actor in this role should have strong physical comedy skills and accent abilities that help differentiate the multiple characters. Must have stamina to carry the different characters throughout the show and make quick costume changes.

*Asquith D'Ysquith, Jr., a dandy

*Lord Adlabert D'Ysquith, Eighth Earl of Highhurst

*Reverend Lord Ezekiel D'Ysquith, a clergyman

*Lord Adlabert D'Ysquith, Sr., an elderly banker

*Henry D'Ysquith, a country squire

*Lady Hyacinth D'Ysquith, a benefactress

*Major Lord Bartholomew D'Ysquith, a bodybuilder

*Lady Salome D'Ysquith Pumphrey, an actress

*Chauncey D'Ysquith, a janitor

Phoebe D'Ysquith

Gender: female

Vocal range: B5- F#3

Monty's cousin. Phoebe was raised high-class with idealistic fantasies of love. She foils Sibella in her interest in love over status and tries to find the true virtue in people. Though she is smart and earnest, she can also be naive. Must be a true soprano with a legit, possibly operatic sound.

Sibella Hallward

Gender: female

Vocal range: A5- F#3

The girl Monty loves. Sibella has true affection for Monty but more so for social status. Sibella is smart, funny and stylish, and as far as relationships are concerned, she wants to have her cake and eat it too.

Miss Shingle

Gender: female

Vocal range: E5- D#3

Monty's unexpected visitor. Mysterious, Miss Shingle has an obvious sense of justice. She comes to tell Monty the secret of his D'Ysquith lineage with a pivotal song in Act 1 that sets up the story of the show.

Ensemble of 6

Ensemble actors play a variety of roles including featured characters with solos and lines. Must be able to portray a variety of characters with a variety of accents.

WOMAN #1: Mourner; Tour Guide; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Bridesmaid; Pub Owner's Wife; Mrs. Pebworth; Phoebe's Maid; 3rd Newsboy; Tailor; Selina Chard (Servant); Flower Girl

WOMAN #2: Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Bridesmaid; Mrs. Hetherington; 4th Newsboy; Tailor; Lady Eugenia D'Qsquith; Flower Girl

WOMAN #3: Mourner; Sibella's Maid; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Miss Evangeline Barley; Bridesmaid; Miss Hayes; Tailor; Hilda (Servant); Flower Girl

MAN #1: Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; 2nd Clerk; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Tom Copley; Dr. Brownlee; 1st Newsboy; Weight Lifter; 3rd Actor; Ancestral Bust; Walter (Servant); Dr. Pettibone (Medical Examiner); Prison Guard

MAN #2: Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; 1st Clerk; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Pub Owner; Mr. Cross; 2nd Newsboy; Weight Lifter; 1st Actor; Lord Asquith's Physician; Ancestral Bust; Mr. Waters (Servant); Chief Inspector Pinckney

MAN #3: Mourner; Tourist; Ancestral Portrait; Skater; Tailor; Groomsman; Pub Patron; Henry's Employee; Mr. Goodsall; 2nd Actor; Alfred Gorby (Butler); Lord High Steward (voiceover); Magistrate