

# THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

## Character Breakdown

*Some roles may be cast as gender neutral (male or female)*

*Actors of all ethnicities are encouraged to audition*

### **Man In Chair**

*Musical theatre aficionado who mourns the end of the Golden Era. He narrates the show as he listens to the record on vinyl.*

Vocal Part: Spoken

Gender: Male

Songs: *Bride's Lament, Finale Ultimo*

### **Mrs. Tottendale**

*The air-headed, proper, and bossy host of the wedding.*

Gender: Female

Vocal Part: Alto

Vocal range top: Db5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, Love is Always Lovely, Bride's Lament, I Do, I Do in the Sky, Finale Ultimo*

### **Underling**

*Mrs. Tottendale's savvy butler who is thrifty and stiff yet has an understated sense of humor.*

Gender: Male

Age: 35 to 50

Vocal Part: Tenor

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: Ab2

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, Love is Always Lovely, Bride's Lament, I Do, I Do In the Sky Finale Ultimo*

### **Robert Martin**

*The dashing, ever-cheerful groom; played by matinee-idol Percy Hyman.*

Gender: Male

Vocal Part: Tenor

Vocal range top: Ab4

Vocal range bottom: C3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Cold Feet, Accident Preprise, Accident Waiting to Happen, I Do, I Do In the Sky, Finale Ultimo*

## **George**

*Robert's anxious, dim-witted best man who has Robert's best-interest always at heart.*

Gender: Male

Vocal Range: Tenor

Vocal range top: Bb4

Vocal range bottom: F3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Cold Feets, Wedding Bells #1, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, Wedding Bells #2, I Do, I Do In the Sky, Finale Ultimo*

## **Feldzieg**

*Broadway producer who is desperate for his star to return to his show; played by Jack Adler.*

Gender: Male

Vocal Part: Baritone

Vocal range top: Db4

Vocal range bottom: Db3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, I Do, I Do In The Sky, Finale Ultimo*

## **Kitty**

*Feldzieg's dim-witted companion who has hopes of being a star; played by Sadie Adler.*

Gender: Female

Vocal Part: Mezzo-Soprano

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, Message From a Nightingale, I Do, I Do In The Sky, Finale Ultimo*

## **Gangsters (2)**

*Posing as pastry chefs, this duo is intending to collect from Feldzieg; played by the vaudeville duo Tall Brothers.*

Gender: Male

Vocal Part: Tenor/Baritone

Vocal range top: Gb4

Vocal range bottom: Db3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, Message From a Nightingale, I Do, I Do In The Sky, Finale Ultimo*

### **Aldolpho**

*European self-proclaimed "ladies man"; played by former silent movie star Roman Bartelli.*

Gender: Male

Vocal Part: Baritone/Bass

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: A#2

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Aldolpho, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, Message From a Nightingale, Do, I Do In The Sky, Finale Ultimo*

### **Janet Van De Graaf**

*The famous bride. Glamorous and talented star of Feldzieg's Follies; played by rising star Jane Roberts.*

Gender: Female

Vocal Part: Mezzo-Soprano or Alto

Vocal range top: -1

Vocal range bottom: G3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Show Off, Show Off Encore, As We Stumble Along, Accident Waiting to Happen, Act 1 Finale, Bride's Lament, Message From a Nightingale, I Do, I Do In The Sky, Finale Ultimo*

### **The Drowsy Chaperone**

*Janet's alcoholic confidante and friend; played by well-established stage actress Beatrice Stockwell*

Gender: Female

Vocal Part: Alto

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, As We Stumble Along, Aldolpho, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, Message From a Nightingale, Do, I Do In The Sky, Finale Ultimo*

### **Trix, the Aviatrix**

*The brave and brash female aviator who, by chance, is recruited to perform the wedding.*

Gender: Female

Vocal Part: Alto

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: Ab3

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Wedding Bells #2, I Do, I Do In the Sky, Finale Ultimo*

## **Ensemble**

*Mrs. Tottendale's Staff, Mrs. Tottendale's Guests, Reporters, Photographers, Magic Assistants, Monkey Dancers, Wedding Singers*

Gender: Male and Female

Vocal Parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone

Songs: *Fancy Dress, Show Off, As We Stumble Along, Toledo Surprise, Act 1 Finale, Bride's Lament, Wedding Bells #2, Do, I Do In The Sky, Finale Ultimo*