

WAITRESS Character Breakdown

Rehearsals begin May 3; show runs June 18-22 at Century II Concert Hall

Director/Choreographer: Brian J. Marcum Music Director: Thomas W. Douglas

THE FOLLOWING ROLES WILL BE CAST FROM EPAS AND AGENT SUBMISSIONS OF EQUITY ACTORS:

JENNA

Seeking a female identifying actor to play a talented pie-maker who works at a diner in a small town. She is kind-hearted, but often feels trapped in her difficult marriage with her controlling and abusive husband, Earl. Jenna dreams of a better life, and her escape comes through baking pies and her unexpected pregnancy.

Age: 20's-30's. Mezzo-Soprano.

DR. POMATTER

Seeking a male identifying actor to play a mild-mannered, awkward gynecologist who becomes Jenna's love interest. Dr. Pomatter is charming in his awkwardness, and he develops a bond with Jenna and they have an affair. He is sweet and caring but also somewhat clueless in his personal life. Age: 30's-40's. Tenor.

<u>EARL</u>

Seeking a male identifying actor to play Jenna's abusive and possessive husband. He is the source of much of Jenna's misery at the start of the story, controlling and emotionally manipulative. Earl is not completely malicious, but his insecurities lead him to act in harmful ways.

Age: 30's-40's. Baritone.

CAL

Seeking a male identifying actor to play the owner and manager of Joe's Diner. He is tense and has somewhat of an antagonistic relationship with Jenna as well as with some of the other staff. Cal is gruff, impatient, and controlling. Despite his rough exterior, there are moments in the musical that hint at his own vulnerabilities or softer side.

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<u>JOE</u>

Seeking a male identifying actor of age to play a regular customer at the diner. He is wise, kind, and serves as a kind of surrogate father figure to Jenna. Joe has a gentle, caring presence and offers Jenna advice and support when she needs it most.

Age: 60's-80's. Tenor.

THE FOLLOWING ROLES WILL BE CAST FROM RESIDENT ENSEMBLE / LOCAL PERFORMERS:

**BECKY (has been cast)

Seeking a female identifying actor to play one of Jenna's best friends and fellow waitresses at the diner. Becky is loud, brash, and sarcastic but also fiercely loyal and protective of her friends. She's dealing with her own personal issues and is a source of comic relief in the show, but she has a deeper, more vulnerable side.

Age: 30's. Mezzo-Soprano.

OGIE

Seeking a male identifying actor of age to play a sweet, funny, and a little awkward Ogie with great comic timing. He's a bit of a "nerd" with big romantic gestures, but his heart is in the right place. His persistence in pursuing Dawn, despite her initial disinterest, shows his vulnerability and sincerity. His character evolves from a comic relief figure to someone with genuine affection and sincerity. Age: 20's. Tenor.



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DAWN

Seeking a female identifying actor to play another of Jenna's close friends and co-workers at the diner. Dawn is shy, awkward, and optimistic. She struggles with self-esteem but is sweet-natured and full of hope. She eventually finds love with Ogie, making her storyline a contrast to Jenna's more complex romantic struggles.

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ENSEMBLE

Seeking strong actors, dancers, and singers to play patrons in the diner.