



Chester Theatre Group

Character Breakdown:

GROWN-UPS (Ages 40-60):

Rona Lisa Peretti: Former Spelling Bee champ returning as the moderator. She is devoted to “the Bee.” (Vocal Range B3-F5)

Mahoney: (can be played either Male/Female): Official “Comfort Counselor” who has no comforting inclinations. An ex-convict doing community service who winds up caring for the students. (Vocal Range E4-A5)

Douglas Panch: Vice Principal who suffered an emotional set back but circumstances have him returning as judge for “the Bee.” Actor who portrays this role must have good comic timing and be quick as there is some audience interaction.

GIRL STUDENTS (playing age 10-13):

Logainne Schwartzandgruneni: Youngest speller but most politically astute, driven by desire to please her two fathers. A bit of a neat freak. Speaks with a lisp. (Vocal Range A3-F5)

Marcy Park: Recently transferred. Total overachiever, type-A personality. Excels at everything except being a kid. (Vocal Range C4-E5)

Olive Ostrovsky: New to “the Bee.” Typical latchkey kid. Starts out very shy and introverted and blossoms during course of the show and develops feelings for William. (Vocal Range B3-F5)

BOY STUDENTS (playing age 10-13):

Chip Tolentino: Athletic/Boy Scout, Big Man On Campus type and last year’s winner. Has it all together until puberty steps in. (Vocal Range C4-B5)

Leaf Coneybear: A bit of an ADHD kid who is home-schooled with his hippie parents and multiple siblings, he has no self-confidence but a pure heart and soul. Has lucked into being a contestant at “the Bee.” (Vocal Range A3-A5)

William Barfee (pronounced BAR-FAY, he insists): A mess of allergies and tics and perhaps a bit of Asperger’s and no social skills whatsoever, he was a finalist last year and is back. Develops feelings for Olive. (Vocal Range E4-B5)

Additional roles in the show include: Carl Dad, Dan Dad, Olive’s Mom, Olive’s Dad, and Jesus Christ. All are played by one of the above-listed cast members.

