

THE MUSIC MAN By Meredith Willson

SYNOPSIS

Meredith Willson's *The Music Man* follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize – this despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen by curtain's fall.

Character Breakdown:

HAROLD HILL Leading man, charismatic and charming, good actor, average singer/mover. B - High G

MARION PAROO Leading lady, excellent voice, strong actress, moves well, confident. G - High G

CHARLIE COWELL Good actor, strong speaking voice.

MAYOR SHINN Good actor, comic timing.

EULALIE MACKECKNIE SHINN Good actress, comic timing, good singer, moves well D - High D

MARCELLUS WASHBURN Good actor, comic timing, sings and dances E - High D sharp

ETHEL TOFFELMIER Good actress, good singer and moves well D - High D

MRS. PAROO Mother to Marion and Winthrop, good actress, singer, capable of Irish brogue
A flat - High E flat

WINTHROP PAROO Young, shy son to Mrs. Paroo/brother to Marion, capable of lisp, sings and dances
C - High E flat

AMARYLLIS Good youth actress, good singer, same size/age as Winthrop, slightly bratty

THE QUARTET:

EWART DUNLOP, OLIVER HIX, JACEY SQUIRES, OLIN BRITT Important singing roles, capable of holding harmonies, some acting

Olin--Bass: A - High D Oliver--Baritone: E - High F sharp Ewart--Baritone: E - F sharp Jacey--Tenor: B - High A

TOMMY DJILAS Handsome, teen heartthrob, good actor and dancer

ZANEETA SHINN Excellent dancer, Mayor's daughter, love interest to Tommy

GRACIE SHINN Good singer, Mayor's younger daughter B - E flat

ALMA HIX, MAUD DUNLOP, MRS. SQUIRES

Pick-A-Little ladies core group, strong singers, comic timing, move well, married to
3 of Quartet men All: D - High D

CONDUCTOR Strong speaking voice

CONSTABLE LOCKE Good actor;

ENSEMBLE Adult-types, teens and kids to play townspeople, traveling salesmen, teen dancers,
Wa Tan Ye girls, boys' band; Various SATB