



## CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

### Asparagus (Gus the Theatre Cat)

Gus the Theatre Cat looks a little frail these days, sitting at the theatre doors, thinking about his heyday. His paws now shake from old age yet in his youth he was quite famous.

He has played every possible part, one of his favourite being the infamous *Growltiger*. The Jellicle cats gather around to hear the story of Growltiger's last stand.

#### SKILLS

- Acting (character part)
- Singing (can be speech sung)

Featured in "Gus the Theatre Cat"

### Bombalurina / Demeter

Sensually lying across the stage and moving with elegance these two beautiful Jellicle Queens are best friends and are rarely seen apart. Their remarkable friendship contains some contrasting traits and they use this to their advantage.

**Bombalurina** is the more self-possessed, flirtatious cat of the two. Although she's confident, kind and touching, she can also be harsh. This personality is shown when she is angry towards Grizabella, although she eventually grows to respect and welcome her.

Ladylike and mature, **Demeter** seems uninterested by Rum Tum Tugger but is extremely paranoid of Macavity and his whereabouts. Beneath her dignified shell, she is a tortured soul and always looks to her best friend for help in uncomfortable situations.

These two young adults both share a stirring hatred towards Macavity and his sly, evil personality, shown through their duet 'Macavity: The Mystery Cat' and this ultimately creates an even stronger bond between them.

#### SKILLS

- Flirting
- Dancing
- Singing (Strong belt)

Featured throughout including "Old Gumbie Cat" and "Macavity"

## **Bustopher Jones**

Strutting his way round in his fastidious black coat and white spats, this distinguished cat is older and wiser than most of his fellow cats and has gained a respectful reputation amongst the Jellicle Tribe.

Due to his frequent visits to gentlemen's clubs to eat winkles and shrimp, his figure has grown "remarkably round". Yet this has no effect on the way his fellow friends respect him... Quaxo has grown particularly fond of Bustopher and holds a significant bond with him.

This leisurely, preserved gentleman has a proud personality and a daily routine.

### **SKILLS**

- Knowledgeable and wise
- Eating and drinking
- Acting (character part)
- Singing (can be speech sung)

Featured in "Bustopher Jones"

## **Grizabella**

Slinking out of the shadows, Grizabella appears, wearing a ragged and worn out coat, her once beautiful dress torn to shreds.

She moves slowly and carefully, cautiously watching the Jellicle Cats who eye her with suspicion. After leaving the Jellicle Tribe many years ago, the cats refuse to accept her back into the fold.

Grizabella is a sad and lonely cat, who spends her days lost in her memories of when she was young and adored. The older Jellicles remember her time in the tribe, and how she left them, so as she crawls back, begging forgiveness, many of them scratch and claw at her, turning their backs as she slinks slowly away.

All alone in the moonlight, she reflects on her "Memory" of a happier time...

### **SKILLS**

- Acting
- Singing (Mezzo Soprano with strong belt)

Featured in small sections throughout including "Memory"

## **Jellylorum**

Jellylorum is one of the more mature Jellicles, alongside Jennyanydots, Skimbleshanks and Asparagus. She is often seen trying to bring order to the Jellicles or scolding kittens when they misbehave.

### **SKILLS**

- Singing (Soprano)
- Dancing

Featured throughout including "Old Gumbie Cat" and "Gus the Theatre Cat"

## **Jemima**

Jemima is the youngest member of the tribe, and is seen to represent the innocence, emotion and playfulness of *Cats*.

She is very friendly and welcoming, accepting Grizabella when she continues Grizabella's song after she collapses in Memory (reprise).

She is also attracted to the Rum Tum Tugger and is part of his fan club.

### **SKILLS**

- Singing (Soprano)
- Dancing

Featured throughout including “ Moments of Happiness” and “Memory”

## **Jennyanydots**

This old Gumbie Cat could easily be mistaken for being lazy. She spends her days seeking out the warm and sunny spots where she sits, and sits, and sits, and sleeps as the hours tick by.

But when the moon rises in the sky, Jennyanydots comes alive. She bakes and fries, she teaches the mice “knitting, crocheting and tatting” and she employs the cockroaches to be her troop of helpful boy-scouts. It could be said her greatest skill is turning household pests into productive and organised creatures.

### **SKILLS**

- Keeping an orderly house
- Acting (character part)
- Singing
- Dancing a bonus

Featured in “Old Gumbie Cat” and “Bustopher Jones”

## **Macavity**

Suddenly a thunderous crash, followed by the sound of police sirens and flashing red lights signals that the villainous cat Macavity is on the loose! The cats scatter, leaving an empty stage.

Macavity the Mystery Cat has the nickname “The Hidden Paw” for a reason... While his crimes are widely known, he is a master criminal who is too clever to leave any evidence of his crimes. He is a well-known escape artist and is well versed in the art of eluding Scotland Yard.

This fiery, unkempt criminal has an evil personality and is rarely seen behaving himself. In fact, he spends much of his time attempting to kidnap Demeter, only to take off with Old Deuteronomy.

### **SKILLS**

- The art of disguise
- Escaping capture
- Dancing

Featured in “Macavity” (can be doubled with ensemble role)

## **Mr. Mistoffelees**

Sprinting onto the stage the incredible Mister Mistoffelees makes a grand entrance for a grand performance... The magical conjuring act – Mistoffelees is an energetic stage performer, his illusionist act has the Jellicles dazzled and enchanted by his surreal tricks and conjurations.

The young kitten sports a black and white flashing tuxedo to boost his incredible performances. These occur in “Mister Mistoffelees” and the emotive dance with Victoria in “The Invitation To The Jellicle Ball” and yet he is still not confident within his own fur...

### **SKILLS**

- Magic
- Dancing

Featured in “Magical Mr Mistoffelees” (can be doubled with ensemble role)

## **Mungojerrie / Rumpleteazer**

Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer are a notorious couple of cats. Whispers about town know them as “knockabout clowns, quick change comedians, tight rope walkers and acrobats.”

The cheeky pair, who have a remarkable way of working together, have an extensive reputation that leaves families in their Victoria Grove neighbourhood cursing “that horrible cat.” Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer are identical twins and work completely in-sync, leaving the families in the neighbourhood wondering which cat made which mess!

### **SKILLS**

- Petty theft
- Singing (Mungo – High Baritone / Rumble – High belt)
- Dancing (nimble and acrobatic)

Featured throughout including “Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer”

## **Munkustrap**

Munkustrap is an energetic, dignified adult tabby cat that acts as a guide for the Jellicles, a protector of the kittens and a fighter of the infamous Macavity! His mature judgement and strong imposing figure sees him as the second in command of the Jellicles, and he is proven worthy of this position when he courageously throws Macavity out of the junkyard.

He is strongly connected to Old Deuteronomy and shows his responsibility for the by overseeing the entire show, letting the cats and audience members know when it is time to nominate and choose the cat who will ascend to the Heaviside Layer and be reborn into a new Jellicle Life.

### **SKILLS**

- Fighting & Protecting kittens
- Singing (Baritone)
- Dancing (not essential)

Featured throughout including “Old Gumbie Cat” and “The Battle of the Pekes and the Pollicles”

## **Old Deuteronomy**

Old Deuteronomy moves slowly underneath his shabby old coat. The Jellicle Tribe spring to greet the ancient cat “who has lived many lives in succession” with many having to be restrained by Munkustrap as he moves through the junkyard.

Old Deuteronomy is the Jellicle Cats’ wise and respected leader who spends much of his days sitting in the sun “on the vicarage wall”. He cares about and respects each and every cat in his tribe, including Grizabella who he tries throughout the show to accept back into the fold. Old Deuteronomy can see the value of each and every cat within the Jellicle Tribe.

### **SKILLS**

- Leading the tribe
- Acting
- Singing (High Baritone / Tenor)

Featured throughout including “The Moments of Happiness”, “Invitation to the Jellicle Ball” and “The Addressing of Cats”

## **The Rum Tum Tugger**

Adding an extra spark to the Jellicle Ball, Rum Tum Tugger arrives ready to steal the limelight. This rebellious young kitten likes to cause mischief amongst the Jellicle tribe. Never one to shy away from being centre stage, he takes centre stage and enjoys the attention from Bombalurina, Cassandra and Demeter.

Rum Tum Tugger is a curious cat who always prefers what he doesn’t have. If you set him on a mouse, then he only wants a rat, but if you set him on a rat then he’d rather chase a mouse. He is artful and knowing and doesn’t care for a cuddle but is more than happy to jump in the middle of your sewing and create a horrible muddle.

### **SKILLS**

- Mischief
- Sex appeal (Rock Star!)
- Triple threat (acting, singing and dancing)

Featured throughout including “The Rum Tum Tugger” and “Mr Mistoffelees”

## **Rumpus Cat**

Smash! The foolish Rumpus Cat dramatically dives in to the junkyard!

He may be a superhero in The Battle of the Pokes and Pollicles but this character is simply one of the Jellicle cats dressed up in order to entertain Old Deuteronomy.

### **SKILLS**

- Play acting
- Dancing

Featured in “The Battle of the Pokes and the Pollicles” (can be played by male or female)

## **Skimbleshanks**

Skimbleshanks is an older ginger tabby cat that considers himself very important within the tribe. His cheerful energetic personality is constantly at the forefront yet he shows his soft, loving side regularly and is often seen with Jennyanydots or tending to the kittens.

However, his main role is to work on the mail trains travelling at nighttime, which he considers a vital contribution to the Jellicles and sings about in "Skimbleshanks the Railway Cat". The night mail train can't leave without Skimbleshanks!

### **SKILLS**

- The Railway Cat
- Singing (High Baritone / Tenor)
- Dancing (not essential)

Featured throughout including "Skimbleshanks the Railway Cat"

## **Victoria**

Victoria's pure white fur shines under the Jellicle moon whilst she gracefully pivots and glides across the junkyard.

Victoria is an innocent, timid kitten although she becomes surprisingly confident in the presence of Rum Tum Tugger. She is the most beautiful of the Jellicles and her sheer flexibility is presented in her solo dance after "The Naming of the Cats".

Victoria shows her passion for Plato by taking part in a mating dance with him. Her innocence and youth means she doesn't understand why the older cats shun Grizabella, leading her to be one of the first to reach out to her. Victoria simply sees a poor old cat that needs help.

### **SKILLS**

- Dancing

Featured throughout including "The Naming of the Cats"

## Featured Ensemble Cats

*\*Please note this list is not conclusive as it will depend on cast size following casting and characters may be removed or added accordingly*

Many of the below will be featured vocally in “Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats”

**Admetus** *friendly, easygoing, protective* (M/F)

**Alonzo** *vain, uncertain, bravado* (M)

**Bill Bailey** *chaotic, imprudent, funny* (M)

**Carbuckety** *acrobatic, energetic, accident-prone* (M/F)

**Cassandra** *haughty, disdainful, aloof* (F)

**Coricopat** *telepathic, unruffled, instinctive* (M/F)

**Electra** *adolescent, inquisitive, daring* (F)

**Etcetera** *hyper, nimble, creative* (F)

**Exotica** *mysterious, shy, quiet* (F)

**George** *shy, excitable, humble* (M)

**Griddlebone** *vain, attention seeking, flamboyant* (F)

**Grumbuskin** *brave, independent, adventurous* (F)

**Plato** *playful, slightly immature teenager* (F)

**Pouncival** *young, troublesome, fun loving kitten* (M/F)

**Quaxo** *nimble, inquisitive, assured - often doubled up with Mr Mistoffelees* (M)

**Sillabub** *dreamy, yearning, curious* (F)

**Tantomile** *telepathic, suspicious, sensitive* (F)

**Tumblebrutus** *self-conscious, timid and eager to please* (M/F)

**Victor** *supportive, young, brave* (M)