



FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Character Breakdown

Tevey (40-50): Tevey is a pious Jewish milkman who values tradition and faith above all else. He is the father of five daughters and navigates the changing social dynamics as his girls begin to challenge traditional customs. Tevey often speaks directly to God and the audience, showing a philosophical side full of dreams and wishes. He is a robust character with a keen sense of humor, who requires an actor with comedic instincts, excellent storytelling skills, and a strong baritone voice. Key songs include "If I Were a Rich Man," "Tradition," "Tevey's Dream," "Sunrise, Sunset," and "Chavaleh Sequence."

Golde (40-45): As Tevey's wife of 25 years and mother to their five daughters, Golde is pragmatic, sharp-tongued, and resilient. She copes with their hardships through strength, grit, and a dry sense of humor. She deeply loves her family and although she's often exasperated by Tevey, there's warmth and affection there. Golde requires a talented actress capable of conveying a range of emotions, with excellent comic timing and a strong mezzo-soprano voice. Key songs include "Sabbath Prayer," "Tevey's Dream," "Sunrise, Sunset," and "Do You Love Me?"

Tzeitel (18-25): Tevey and Golde's daughters, who each symbolize different facets of the cultural shift happening in their society. Tzeitel, the eldest, defies tradition by choosing her own husband out of love. Key songs include "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Tevey's Dream."

Hodel (17 – 24): Tevey and Golde's daughters, who each symbolize different facets of the cultural shift happening in their society. Hodel falls for an outsider, Perchik, who challenges their customs. Key songs include "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "Now I Have Everything," and "Far From the Home I Love."

Chava (15 – 20): Tevey and Golde's daughters, who each symbolize different facets of the cultural shift happening in their society. She falls in love with a non-Jewish Russian, which tests Tevey's tolerance. Key songs include "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Chavaleh Sequence."

Shprintze & Bielke (8-14): Shprintze and Bielke, the two youngest, mostly observe the changing world around them.

Motel Kamzoil (20-30): Motel is a timid and poor tailor who is in love with Tzeitel. Throughout the course of the story, he transforms from a fearful character into a man who stands up for his love. He is endearing and kind-hearted, requiring an actor with strong comedic skills and a tenor voice. Key songs include "Miracle of Miracles" and "Tevey's Dream."



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Perchik (20-35): Perchik is a passionate, intellectual, and radical student who challenges the norms of the society. He sees education as the road to progress and is not afraid to express his revolutionary ideas. He falls for Hodel, and his influence leads her to challenge the traditions that bind her. Perchik requires an actor who can command attention and has a strong tenor voice. His key song is "Now I Have Everything."

Fyedka (20-30): Fyedka is a young, Christian Russian. He is kind, tolerant, and stands against prejudice, representing the change in the outer world. His love for Chava and respect for her faith shows his open-minded character. While singing isn't primarily required for this character, strong acting skills are.

Yente (50-70): Yente is the village matchmaker and a busybody who loves to gossip. Despite her comedic character, she also represents the constraints of the traditional society on women. This role requires a character actress with a knack for comedy and timing.

Lazar Wolf (35-55): A well-off local butcher and a widower, Lazar Wolf is initially chosen by Tevye to marry Tzeitel. He's a respected member of the community, but his dreams of marrying Tzeitel are dashed when she chooses Motel. Lazar Wolf is a complex character, requiring a strong character actor with a powerful baritone voice. His key songs include "To Life" and "Tevye's Dream."

Also seeking additional Principals, Chorus Parts and/or Specialties to play the following:

Mordcha
Rabbi
Mendel
Avram
Nachum / Yussel
Constable
The Fiddler
Sasha
Grandma Tzeitel
Fruma-Sarah
Bottle Dancers (5)
Shaindel
Rivka