



RAGTIME the Musical Character Breakdown

Coalhouse Walker, Jr: A proud and talented pianist, confident and stubborn. Sophisticated with a romantic demeanor and a gentle heart. Should be able to move. Piano playing helpful but not essential. Male, 25-35 Ethnicity: African Descent, African American

Sarah: A washwoman, filled with a strong will to live fueled by an innocent spirit, falls deeply in love with Coalhouse after much resistance. Female, 20-30 Ethnicity: African Descent, African American

Mother: The consummate wife and mother, a kind woman who is gentle, compassionate, optimistic, and accepting of others. Female, 30-40 Ethnicity: Caucasian

Father: Mother's professionally successful husband, cautious, resistant to change, fancies himself an amateur explorer. Male, 35-50 Ethnicity: Caucasian

Younger Brother: A passionate anarchist, he is intense, obsessive, and high strung, influenced by Emma Goldman's teachings. Male, 25-35 Ethnicity: Caucasian

Tateh: An immigrant, intelligent, passionate, and creative artist. Full of drive and heart. Wears the trials and tribulations of his past on his sleeve. Male, 30-40 Ethnicity: Eastern European / Jewish / Latvian-American

Sarah's Friend / Featured Ensemble: Passionate, soulful, sings the gospel number for Sarah's funeral Female, any age Ethnicity: African Descent, African American

Emma Goldman / Featured Ensemble: Eastern European / Jewish immigrant, anarchist Female 35-60 Ethnicity: Caucasian

Harry Houdini / Featured Ensemble: Hungarian immigrant, internationally famous magician Male, 30-40 Ethnicity: Caucasian

Evelyn Nesbit / Featured Ensemble: Vaudevillian performer, the "Marilyn Monroe of her time." Female, 20-30 Ethnicity: Caucasian

Willie Conklin / Featured Ensemble: Irish-American fire chief who is racist and takes out his anger on Coalhouse. Male, 30-45 Ethnicity: Caucasian



Little Boy: An earnest boy who has grown up in privilege. Open hearted to people that are different from him and has the precocious innocence of youth. Male, 10-12 years old Ethnicity: Caucasian

Little Girl: Tateh's daughter. Her arrival in America is marked by sickness and hunger. She is scared of her new surroundings and loyal to her father, her only living relative. Female, 10-12 years old Ethnicity: Eastern European / Jewish / Latvian-American

Young Coalhouse Jr: Innocent and pure. Son of Coalhouse and Sarah. This role appears briefly at the end of the play and has no lines or songs Male, 4-6yo Ethnicity: African descent, African-American

Additional Adult and Youth Ensemble to play various roles.