

**CHARACTER BREAKDOWN (*Brackets show possible playing age*)**

MESHAK GARDINER (14) /MISH (22) – *Possibly to be split for young and old*  
Meshak/Mish is unusual in his behaviour with some psychological issues.  
The ultimate hero of the piece, he sees visions. A physical actor with great sensitivity.

ALEXANDER ASHBROOK (14)/(22) - *Possibly to be split for young and old*  
Alex is a passionate young musician, desperate to follow a musical career.  
Should sing.

DR SMITH (25+) – The Gloucester Cathedral Choirmaster

THOMAS LEDBURY (14)/(22) - *Possibly to be split for young and old*  
Thomas is a violinist and singer, quirky and enthusiastic. He becomes the Coram Choirmaster. Should sing.

OTIS GARDINER/PHILIP GARDINER (40+) – Versatile character actor with great charisma and a sense of danger.

MRS LYNCH (35+) – Versatile character actress. Works in an aristocratic environment, whilst carrying on criminal activity on the side.

MISS PRICE (16+) – Young mother, desperate to see her child cared for.

THEODORE CLAYMORE (35+) – Local Magistrate

LADY ASHBROOK (40+) – aristocratic mother to Alex, Edward, Alice & Isobel. Refined in behaviour.

ISOBEL ASHBROOK (13) – Fun-loving, first daughter of Lady Ashbrook.

EDWARD ASHBROOK (6 - 9) – Second son of Lady Ashbrook.

ALICE ASHBROOK (8 - 11) – Second daughter of Lady Ashbrook.

MELISSA MILCOTE/ANGEL (16) – Daughter of Mrs. Milcote. 'Extremely lovely girl with piercing eyes.' *Will probably also play MESHAK'S ANGEL*

MRS MILCOTE – (40+) – Governess to the Ashbrook children and Melissa's mother. A kind woman.

SIR WILLIAM ASHBROOK – (55+) Stern husband to Lady Ashbrook and father to Alex.

TOBY GADDARN (8) – Young African orphan, brought up in The Coram Hospital.

AARON DANGERFIELD (8) – Illegitimate son of Alex and Melissa. Kind, passionate about his music.

MRS HENDRY (25+) – Hospital Matron, kind, firm.

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MOLLY JENKINS (16) – Young girl, imprisoned by Otis

GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL (65) - The famous composer, kind and generous.

GOVERNOR OF CORAM HOSPITAL (40+) – Kind but to the point.

CORAM CHILDREN – (5 – 11)

CHOIR – (Onstage treble voices)

ENSLAVED GIRLS (15 – 18) – Six prisoners of Otis.

CORAM HOSPITAL STAFF (to be taken from ensemble)

HANGMAN (to be taken from ensemble)

GUESTS (to be taken from ensemble)

SERVANTS (to be taken from ensemble)

ACTOR/MUSICIANS – We will be looking for a number of actor musicians to play onstage at times during the show.

- Looking for - Violin, Viola, Cello, Oboe, Clarinet, Flute, Harpsichord, Trumpet
- A range of singing voices