

THE MUSIC MAN CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Harold Hill (male, plays a young adult) a smooth-talking con man and travelling salesman with plenty of charm. Commanding presence, romantic lead. Confident solo singer/performer. Some dancing ability

Marian Paroo: (female, plays a young adult) Daughter of Mrs. Paroo, sister to Winthrop. She is the stuffy, conceited librarian and piano teacher in town. Strong acting and solo singing skills and dancing skills

Marcellus Washburn: (male, plays an adult) Marcellus works in town and is dating Ethel Toffelmeir. He knows Harold from a long time ago. When they are reunited in River City, they become fast friends again. He is a comical character, Big personality. Strong acting and solo singing skills

Mrs. Paroo: (female, plays a mother) Widowed, Irish mother to Marian and Winthrop. Sweet homemaker who wants the best for everyone. Gives Marian a lot of advice about finding a man. Dotes on Winthrop. Falls for Harold's con. Strong acting and solo singing skills

Winthrop Paroo: (male, play a child) Marian's lisping little brother. Cute as a button. Does not talk because he misses his deceased father. Learns to trust again and is a chatterbox by the end of the show. Strong acting skills, good lisping skill, has solos.

Mayor Shinn: (male, plays an adult) The Mayor of River City. Somewhat blustery, pompous, not terribly intelligent. Gets a lot of things wrong! Listens to wife. Protective of daughter, Zaneeta, who he thinks is dating the wrong boy in town. Comedic acting (no solos)

Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn (female, plays an adult) Mayor Shinn's wife. Definitely a society lady. Knows everyone in town. Struts like a peacock. Somewhat snooty. Member of every auxiliary organization in town. Has some strange ideas and doesn't think she looks as ridiculous as she really is. Keeps husband in line. Boisterous acting and solo singing skills.

Zaneeta Shinn: (female, plays a teen) Mayor's & Eulalie's daffy teenage daughter. Has a crush on the "rough and tumble" boy in town, Tommy. Learning to stand up for herself. Strong acting skills (no solo) excellent dancing skills

Gracie Shinn (female, plays a child) Mayor's and Eulalie's younger daughter. Somewhat of a tomboy and a bit sneaky. Has some acting lines.. Solo line in Wells Fargo

Olin Britt (Male, plays an adult) A member of the School Board who does not get along with the other members. However, once Harold gets him to sing with the others, they are inseparable and not only learn to sing in harmony but behave in harmony. Acting and solo lines

The "Pick-a-Little" ladies (females, plays adults)

Ethel Toffelmier

Alma Hix

Maud Dunlop

Mrs. Squires

Each connected to one of the School Board Quartet. Gossipy, conservative "biddies." Quirky comedic roles. Sopranos/Altos singers.

Barbershop Quartet ~ Members of the School Board (males, plays adults):

Olin Britt (Bass)

Oliver Hix (Baritone)

Ewart Dunlop (2nd Tenor)

Jacey Squires (1st Tenor)

Excellent singers and actors, ability to sing close harmonies. Bickering members of the School Board who become a harmonious quartet.

Tommy Dijilas (male, plays a teenager) A teenager who has a crush on Zaneeta. Wants to do the right thing but is shunned by all because he comes from the "other" side of town so he is considered the "rough and tumble" boy in town. Harold befriends him, makes him useful and gives Tommy self-confidence and trust. Strong acting (no solos) would be good to have dancing skills

Charlie Cowell (male, plays a young adult) A rival traveling anvil salesman. First seen on train at the start of the show. He returns to town to warn them about Harold..Needs good rhythm

Constable Locke (male or female, young adult)

Town policeman. Always ready to do as instructed. Cuffs Harold. Speaking part

Amaryllis (female, plays a child) Young piano student of Marian's. Likes Winthrop. Speaking and solo lines.

Conductor (Male, plays adult) Conductor on train. Very business like. Intent on collecting tickets and doing job. Does not sing.

Farmer (male, plays adult) Townsperson and solo in Iowa Stubborn

Farmers Wife (female, plays adult) Townsperson and solo in Iowa Stubborn

Majorette: (female, plays a teen or young adult) ~ Part of the Town and leads the band at the end, is skilled at the baton.

Traveling Salesmen (Male, plays young adult or adult) Salesmen on train that warn each other about what they've heard about Harold Hill. None of them have ever met him but all know about his reputation. They have a syncopated song in the beginning of the show – must have good rhythm and able to keep the beat.. Speak sing, quick and great acting

River City Townspeople: These are town folks who are proud of their town. They consist of men and women, teenagers and children.

Rivercity Teen Dancers

Rivercity Children Dancers