



Director: Kaitlyn Tice

Vocal Director: Cam Burchard

Choreographer: Lauren Ross

"Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek..." And thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude, and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand...and his name is Shrek.

AUDITIONS: Please prepare 32 bars (about 1 minute) in a musical theatre song of your choice. Bring a device to plug into our speaker. Please choose a monologue from the list to perform. Callbacks by invitation, 8/27, 6-8:30 pm.

REHEARSALS: Mondays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 8:30 pm; Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

PERFORMANCES: November 18 - 20, Thurs 7:00 pm; Fri - 7:00 pm; Sat - 2:00 & 7:00 pm; Sun - 1:00 & 6 pm

Roles & Requirements

PRINCIPLES

Shrek (Older Teen Male - High Bari/Tenor): A big, green, terrifying ogre who lives alone in a swamp. He embarks on a journey to rid his land of fairytale creatures &, along the way falls in love with Fiona. Begins as a grumpy hermit, but reveals his layers & eventually becomes the hero. Excellent singer & actor - Scottish accent a plus.

Fiona (Older Teen Female - Alto/Soprano with high belt): Beautiful princess of Far-Far-Away, she transforms into an ogre every night when the sun sets. Rescued by Shrek and eventually falls in love with him. Quirky, blunt, and multitalented, she is not an ordinary princess. Excellent singer and actor with great comic timing - tapping a plus.

Donkey (Older Teen Male or Female to play Male - High Baritone/Tenor or Alto with high belt): A talking donkey who joins Shrek on the run from Farquaad's guards. Quite the chatterbox, he is not deterred by Shrek's looks and practically forces himself into his good graces. Easily frightened and pushy, but also an optimist with heart. Excellent singer and comic actor with a huge personality.

Lord Farquaad (Older Teen Male - High Baritone): The comically short, ruthless ruler of Duloc. He is in search of a princess to marry so that he can become king. Has an intensely unfair bias against fairytale creatures that stems from a resentment of his father. Self-absorbed, lonely, and cruel. Excellent singer and comic actor. Actor must be able to play this role on his knees for the whole show.

Note from the Director: I am looking for truly unique characterization & big personalities. This is not your typical fairytale. And our heroes encompass that! The principles should be ready for a lot of character development & work!

FAIRY TALE CREATURES (Casting 18 Roles)

ALL HAVE LINES & SINGING SOLOS

Appear in the Songs "Story of My Life", "The Goodbye Song", & "Freak Flag"

Gingy (Any Age Female to play Male - Alto with big/high belt): A gingerbread man initially kidnapped by Lord Farquaad. His wit and resolution help him both avoid trouble and inspire the rest of the fairytale creatures. This character is portrayed with a puppet, which may be voiced and operated by an actor appearing as a baker. Featured solos in "Freak Flag" and "Story of My Life."

Pinocchio (Any Age Male or Female - Male with good falsetto voice or Soprano/Alto): The leader of the fairytale creatures. Although portrayed by a live actor, Pinocchio is an animated puppet whose nose grows every time he lies. Plenty of sass with a penchant for lying, he leads the troupe of Fairytale Creatures in the musical numbers "Story of My Life" and "Freak Flag."

Sugar Plum Fairy (Teen Female - Alto with big/high belt): A beautiful fairy who has featured lines and solos in "Story of My Life" and "Freak Flag."

Big Bad Wolf (Male Teen - Baritone): A tough guy who isn't afraid to let the world know his secrets. Featured solos in "Story of My Life" and "Freak Flag." Strong acting needed.

Mama Bear (Female Teen - Alto/Soprano with big/high belt): Sassy & sweet mother to Baby Bear. Powerhouse diva voice. Featured solos in “Story of My Life”, “Freak Flag”, and “This is Our Story.”

Papa Bear (Male Teen - Baritone): Father to Baby Bear, firm but kind. Solos in “Story of My Life” & “Freak Flag.”

Baby Bear (Male or Female Kid - Any Vocal): Very sweet & cute. Solos in “Story of My Life” and “Freak Flag.”

Fairy Godmother (Female Teen - Alto/Soprano): Cinderella’s Fairy Godmother who has featured lines and solos in “Freak Flag,” “Story of My Life” and “This is Our Story.”

Ugly Duckling (Male or Female Any Age - Any Vocal): Comedic, nerdy. Solos in “Story of My Life” and “Freak Flag.”

Peter Pan (Male or Female Any Age - Big/ high belt): Comedic,, childish. Solos in “Story of My Life” & “Freak Flag.”

Wicked Witch (Female Teen - Alto/Soprano): Comedic, Elphaba bad day. Solos in “Story of My Life” & “Freak Flag.”

Humpty Dumpty (Male or Female Any Age - Any Vocal): Featured solos in “Story of My Life” and “Freak Flag.”

3 Pigs (Male or Female Any Age - Must be able to hold strong harmony): Bricks Pig, Straw Pig, Sticks Pig - German accent a plus. Featured solos in “Story of My Life”, “Freak Flag”, and “I’m A Believer.”

Elf (Male or Female Any Age - Any Vocal): Comedic, very mischievous. Solos in “Story of My Life” and “Freak Flag.”

White Rabbit (Male or Female Any Age - Any Vocal): Comedic, neurotic. Solos in “Story of My Life” & “Freak Flag.”

Mad Hatter (Male or Female Any Age - Any Vocal): Comedic, eccentric. Solos in “Story of My Life” & “Freak Flag.”

SUPPORTING (Casting 24 Roles)

These Roles will be doubled as Villagers or Dancers

Dragon (Older Female Teen - Alto with big, bluesy belt): a dragon that has been charged with guarding Princess Fiona in her isolated castle. She eventually falls in love with Donkey and attempts to keep him there forever. Imposing and flirtatious, but tired of her job as the glorified baby-sitter. She sings “Forever.”

Young Fiona (Female Kid - Alto/Soprano): Princess Fiona as a little girl, sassy & sweet. Sings a solo in “I Know It’s Today” with Teen Fiona and Fiona.

Teen Fiona (Female Young Teen - Alto/Soprano): Princess Fiona as a teenager, sassy & sweet. Sings a solo in “I Know It’s Today” with Young Fiona and Fiona.

Ogre Mom (Female Older Teen - Alto/Soprano): Shrek's mother, sings a beautiful duet with Papa Ogre to young Shrek in the opening number “Big, Bright, Beautiful World.” May double as Ogre Fiona; alto.

Ogre Dad (Male Older Teen - Baritone/Teen): Shrek's father, sings a beautiful duet with Mama Ogre to young Shrek in the opening number “Big, Bright, Beautiful World.”

Queen Lillian (Female Older Teen - Alto/Soprano): Fiona's mother and Queen of Far-Far-Away, sings a beautiful duet with King Harold to young Fiona in the opening number "Big, Bright, Beautiful World."

King Harold (Male Older Teen - Baritone/Teen): Fiona's father and King of Far-Far- Away. Sings a beautiful duet with Queen Lillian to young Fiona in the opening number "Big, Bright, Beautiful World."

3 Blind Mice (Female Teens - Must be able to hold strong harmony): 60's girl group - think Dreamgirls. Sing back-up for Donkey in "Make A Move."

4 Knights (Female or Male Teens - Must be able to hold strong harmony): Very old, back-up Dragon in "Forever."

Blue Bird (Female Any Age - Soprano): Bird that gets into a sing off with Fiona in "Morning Person."

Lion King (Male or Female Any Age - Tenor): Sings the opening lines of Circle of Life during a traveling scene.

Others (Male or Female Any Age - Speaking lines only): Grumpy, Bishop, Puss in Boots, Duloc Greeter, Dish, Spoon, Police Officer, Little Bunny.

DANCERS (Casting 10+ Roles):

Duloc Dancers in "What's Up Duloc?", **Skeletons** in "Forever", & **Tapping/Dancing Rats** in "Morning Person."

FARQUAAD'S MINIONS (Casting 12+ Roles)

Captain of the Guard (Male or Female Any Age - Non singing, many lines): Comedic role, funny voice encouraged. Very militant, leader of all the guards.

Thelonius (Male or Female Any Age - Non singing): Farquad's personal assistant. Goes everywhere Farquaad goes.

Guards (Male or Female Any Age): Appear in the songs "Story of My Life", "Don't Let Me Go", "Regiments A & B", & "Ballad of Farquad"

VILLAGERS (Casting 10+ Roles): Ensemble in "Big Bright Beautiful World", "What's Up Duloc?", "Choir's Song"

PUPPETEERS (Casting 6 Roles) : Male or Female Teens - Non singing, non speaking - Will handle the Dragon & other important pieces. Must be able to lift 30 pounds.

Monologues

*Please choose one monologue to prepare (memorization not required, but recommended).
If there isn't a monologue listed for a character you're interested in below, choose any you like.*

SHREK: Once upon a time there was a little ogre named Shrek, who lived with his parents in a bog by a tree. It was a pretty nasty place, but he was happy because ogres like nasty. On his 7th birthday the little ogre's parents sat him down to talk, just as all ogre parents had for hundreds of years before. Ahh, I know it's sad, very sad, but ogres are used to that – the hardships, the indignities. And so the little ogre went on his way and found a perfectly rancid swamp far away from civilization. And whenever a mob came along to attack him he knew exactly what to do. Roooooaaaaaar! Hahahaha!

FIONA: Oh hello! Sorry I'm late! Welcome to Fiona: the Musical! Yay, let's talk about me. Once upon a time, there was a little princess named Fiona, who lived in a Kingdom far, far away. One fateful day, her parents told her that it was time for her to be locked away in a desolate tower, guarded by a fire-breathing dragon- as so many princesses had for hundreds of years before. Isn't that the saddest thing you've ever heard? A poor little princess hidden away from the world, high in a tower, awaiting her one true love.

DONKEY: Can I just say? That was incredible! Man, they were trippin' over themselves to get away from you. I liked that. Say, you lost or something? You're trying to figure out the best route to Duloc? I know Duloc! You gotta let me show you the way, because I am like a GPS with fur! C'mon, nobody's fine on their own. Not when you look like we do. Man this place is goin' Stepford! We gotta join forces. Otherwise they're gonna lock me up. I can not go back in a cage. I don't know if I mentioned it but I did 6 years in solitary for impersonating a piñata.

PINOCCHIO: This place is a dump! Yeah, yeah I read Lord Farquaad's decree. " All fairytale characters have been banished from the kingdom of Duloc. All fruitcakes and freaks will be sent to a resettlement facility." Did that guard just say "Pinocchio the puppet"? I'm not a puppet, I'm a real boy! Man, I tell ya, sometimes being a fairytale creature sucks pine-sap! Settle in, everyone. Might as well try to make the best of this. I don't know what choice we have. Wow, this place reeks!

LORD FARQUAAD: Listen cookie, you still haven't told me where the princess is. Oh, she's in a dragon-guarded castle surrounded by hot lava. Well that sounds dangerous. She's in the highest room in the tallest tower, you say? The Princess Fiona with fiery red hair. Ooo, Princess Fiona, she sounds perfect. Except for that dragon & lava thing. I'll have to find someone else to go rescue her. Captain, round up your men, summon the citizens and bring that cookie to the swamp. Thelonius, tell the royal coiffuer I need to get my hair pressed. We're going to get a queen.

GINGY: Ohhh gosh. Uh oh, what's happening now? Ohhh this is scary. Ohhh, geez. Ohhh nooo! Oh, it's you. (With disgust) Look what you've done to my legs! You're a monster! You say that the fairytale characters have poisoned your kingdom? It's not a kingdom because you're not a king! You want me to tell you where you can find a princess to marry? Bite me! Okay, well, maybe I have heard tell of a princess. From who? From the Muffin man. Do you know the muffin man? Who lives on Drury lane? Can I go now? No! Not the buttons! Not my gumdrop buttons!

FAIRYTALE CHARACTER/SUPPORTING/GUARDS/VILLAGERS/: Now wait a minute! Maybe that ogre wasn't the answer but something better will come along, and we have to wait for it, because that's what fairytale characters do. We wait for miracles. We wish upon stars. We just need to lay low until this all blows over. Down with Farquaad! Power to piggies and the big bad wolf, and the three bears and the sugar plum fairy!