

Audition Dates/Times

Friday, December 14, 2018 5:00-7:00pm
Sunday, December 16, 2018 2:00-4:00pm

Audition Location

Meadville Community Theatre
400 North Main Street
Oddfellow's Building
Meadville, PA 16335

Show Dates/Times

March 15 – March 24, 2019
Fridays & Saturdays 7:30pm; Sundays 2:00pm



Children ages 8 and up are welcome to audition. Please prepare a short song to sing. Monologues are optional. You may also be asked to do a cold reading from the show. Please see below for character descriptions.

Plot Summary

Directed by Sarah Wolford and Dan Winston, James and the Giant Peach is a fantastical tale of a boy, his insect friends, and their amazing journey across the ocean on a giant piece of fruit. A delightfully offbeat musical adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl adventure, featuring music and lyrics by Tony nominated songwriters Justin Paul and Benj Pasek and a book by Timothy Allen McDonald, James and the Giant Peach tells the story of James Henry Trotter, a young orphan whose parents were eaten by a rhinoceros, so he is sent to live with his dreadful aunts. Sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, James discovers a magic position which results in a tremendous peach, occupied by some not-so-normal characters. From the center of the gigantic fruit, James and the unlikely crew launch a journey of enormous proportions. Together they discover that while we are all born into a family, we then go on to create a family of our own. James and the Giant Peach is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

Character Breakdown

Ladahlord

A strange, magical storyteller. Often inserts himself into the story, in disguise, to help push the action forward.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: Bb2

James

A lonely young boy who lacks confidence. Having lost both his parents in a freak accident, he feels he belongs nowhere in the world. However, when given the right encouragement he becomes resourceful and innovative. A good friend.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Spiker

James' mean aunt. A thief and a scoundrel. Shrewd and opportunistic. Very tall and thin.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: F#3

Sponge

James' other mean aunt. Also a thief and a scoundrel, but not nearly as bright as her sister. Very corpulent, she often has her mind on food.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: F#3

Spider

A normal spider who has become human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. Her husband was killed and eaten by Spiker and Sponge. She is warm and friendly to James. This actor also plays Woman with Purse and Reporter 1.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Green Grasshopper

A wizened grasshopper who has become human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. An excellent musician. Has his eye on Ladybug. This actor also plays Man with Wallet and Garden Guild.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: C3

Centipede

An ornery centipede who becomes human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. Hates humans, in part because Spiker and Sponge fumigated his family. Prickly and rude, everyone thinks he is a pest. This actor also plays Buzz, the Hollywood agent.

Gender: Male

Age: 20 to 40

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: C3

Ladybug

A motherly ladybug who has become human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. Respectable and classy, she has a warm, caring heart. Has her eye on Grasshopper. This actor also plays Matron Nurse and Reporter.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Earthworm

An earthworm who has become human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. A bit of a scaredy-cat. He is neurotic and worried about everything, but is very friendly and brave when called upon. This actor also plays Bobby Cop and Bitzi Botana.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: C2

Ensemble

Gender: Both