

# Merrily We Roll Along Character Breakdown

Please note age ranges and genders listed for the roles denote the age and gender of the character. They are not a requirement for the performer portraying that part. We are looking for a cast of all ages, races, ethnicities, and gender identities.

## **Franklin Shepard**

His character ranges from an influential songwriter and film producer to an innocent, bright-eyed optimist in NYC. Talented and handsome but misled, tragic, and tormented.

Gender: male

Age: 25 to 40

Vocal range top: Bb4

Vocal range bottom: A2

## **Charley Kringas**

A stubborn, intense man with average looks. He ranges from a successful lyricist and Frank's long-time friend to a bright-eyed optimist creating his own opportunities in NYC.

Gender: male

Age: 25 to 40

Vocal range top: G#4

Vocal range bottom: A#2

## **Mary Flynn**

A middle-aged theatre critic. Her character arcs to the youthful, gorgeous 20-something living in NYC with best friend Frank. Sardonic, bitter, and witty.

Gender: female

Age: 30 to 45

Vocal range top: Gb5

Vocal range bottom: G3

## **Gussie Carnegie**

The flamboyant, self-invented actress. Her character begins at the end of her relationship with Frank, but throughout the show we see her grow more and more helplessly in love with him.

Greedy and seductive.

Gender: female

Age: 25 to 35

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: G3

**Beth**

A naive and insecure middle-American who is the mother of Frank's son. She arcs from a down-trodden housewife at her wits end to a hopeless romantic at the beginning of her engagement to the man of her dreams.

Gender: female

Age: 25 to 35

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: A3

**Joe Josephson**

Big-talking Broadway producer and husband to Gussie. He later becomes pathetic and poor.

Gender: male

Age: 35 to 50

Vocal range top: F#4

Vocal range bottom: A2

**Role to be filled by an ensemble member:****Meg Kincaid**

Starry-eyed starlet who is naive and ambitious. At the start of the show, she is Frank's newest fling.

Gender: female

Age: 18 to 25

Vocal range top: Gb5

Vocal range bottom: D4

**Frank Jr.**

The child of Frank and Beth. Fought over during his parent's contentious divorce.

Gender: male

Age: 6-10

Vocal range top: F, octave negotiable

Vocal range bottom: C, octave negotiable