

Harold Hill

Harold Hill is a man with charisma and charm. He is con-man in every sense of the word. He travels to River City, Iowa and convinces a usually very untrusting town and that a Boy's Band is what they need. Always an outsider, he never gets personally involved in his schemes, but this time he falls for the town's beautiful librarian, which presents a huge emotional dilemma for the other-wise cool, calm swindler!

This is predominantly a role in which precise rhythmic singing is paramount.

Voice Type: Baritone

Vocal range top: F4

Vocal range bottom: Ab2

Marian Paroo

Marian is a different twist on the traditional leading lady. The character progresses greatly during the show, starting as an uptight librarian and transforming into a beautiful and trusting woman. She is a loving daughter and sister, but is very reluctant to let others in her life, especially Harold Hill. After much resistance she falls for Harold and shows great strength in protecting the man she loves. She must also have an air of confidence that draws Harold and your audience to her.

Marian must be a very strong singer and actor, and able to move well

Voice Type: Soprano

Vocal range top: A5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Marcellus Washburn

Marcellus is the classic sidekick to Harold Hill. He is a "nice" con-man. He does not come off as slick as Harold, but in his "heyday" could keep up with the best of them. Marcellus leaves "the profession" and settles down in River City where he meets his sweetheart Ethel Toffelmeyer (the pianola girl). When Harold sweeps into town Marcellus reluctantly teams up with his old pal, Harold for one last con.

This role requires a solid actor/singer with great comic timing. He should be able to move well.

Vocal type: Tenor/Light Baritone

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: G3

Mrs. Paroo

Mrs. Paroo is the conscience of River City. As mother to Marian and Winthrop, she is strong and sensible and stands up for her family and what she believes in. As head of the Paroo household, she is always quick to offer advice to her daughter and gently pushes her to think of her future (Harold Hill). This role requires a singing actor who can show both a serious and light side.

She must be able to speak with an Irish Brogue.

Vocal Type: Mezzo

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: Ab3

Winthrop Paroo

Winthrop is Marian's younger brother. He is a shy, impressionable boy who is mesmerized by Harold Hill and all he has to offer. This role should be played by a solid, young actor and singer. Some dance ability is required. Winthrop also needs to be able to speak with a believable lisp. Over the course of the show Winthrop must transform from a shy child to an outspoken child.

Vocal Type: Young boy voice (Alto range)

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Mayor Shinn

Mayor Shinn is exactly that...River City's mayor. He takes his role as the city's leader very seriously. He is a boisterous man who is easily frustrated and finds most people and situations to be bothersome. The actor playing Mayor Shinn certainly needs a good sense of comic timing, but should be able to perform the role very seriously. Mayor Shinn does not have to sing or dance.

In all aspects, Mayor Shinn must compliment her wife, Eulalie.

Vocal Type: N/A

Eulalie Mackecknie Shinn

Eulalie is the wife of Mayor Shinn. She too, takes her role as "the mayor's wife" very seriously. She is very devoted to her women's club and the town's social standing. She is also easily swayed by Harold Hill's charm. Eulalie is a great role for a comic actress. If Eulalie takes herself seriously she will be hysterical. This role does require some singing and dancing, or at least "posing. In all aspects, Eulalie must compliment her husband, the mayor.

Vocal Type: Mezzo

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: D4

Ewart Dunlop

Ewart is one of the school board/barbershop quartet members who reports directly to Mayor Shinn. Each member is a bit stuffy, not overly bright and also very easily swayed by Harold Hill's ability to sell. All quartet members must be strong singers who can hold their vocal part and possess good acting/comic ability. Ewart is married to Maud Dunlop.

Vocal Type: 2nd Tenor

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: C#3

Oliver Hix

Oliver is one of the school board/barbershop quartet members who reports directly to Mayor Shinn. Each member is a bit stuffy, not overly bright and also very easily swayed by Harold Hill's ability to sell. All quartet members must be strong singers who can hold their vocal part and possess good acting/comic ability. Oliver is married to Alma Hix.

Vocal Type: Baritone

Vocal range top: F4

Vocal range bottom: C#4

Jacey Squires

Jacey is one of the school board/barbershop quartet members who reports directly to Mayor Shinn. Each member is a bit stuffy, not overly bright and also very easily swayed by Harold Hill's ability to sell. All quartet members must be strong singers who can hold their vocal part and possess good acting/comic ability. Jacey is married to Mrs. Squires.

Vocal Type: 1st Tenor

Vocal range top: B4

Vocal range bottom: F3

Olin Britt

Olin is one of the school board/barbershop quartet members who reports directly to Mayor Shinn. Each member is a bit stuffy, not overly bright and also very easily swayed by Harold Hill's ability to sell. All quartet members must be strong singers who can hold their vocal part and possess good acting/comic ability.

Vocal Type: Bass

Vocal range top: C4

Vocal range bottom: F#2

Alma Hix

Alma is one of the core members of the Pick-A-Little Ladies. She believes she is an upstanding citizen and takes her role as such very seriously. She is easily swayed by Harold Hill's charm. This role requires a good comic actor with a solid voice. Alma is married to Oliver Hix.

Vocal Type: Mezzo

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: D4

Maud Dunlop

Maud is one of the core members of the Pick-A-Little Ladies. She believes she is an upstanding citizen and takes her role as such very seriously. She is easily swayed by Harold Hill's charm. This role requires a good comic actor with a solid voice. Maud is married to Ewart Dunlop.

Vocal Type: Mezzo

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: D4

Mrs. Squires

Mrs. Squires is one of the core members of the Pick-A-Little Ladies. She believes she is an upstanding citizen and takes her role as such very seriously. She is easily swayed by Harold Hill's charm. This role requires a good comic actor with a solid voice. Mrs. Squires is married to Jacey Squires.

Vocal Type: Mezzo

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: D4

Ethel Toffelmier

Ethel is Marcellus's girlfriend. She's described by Marcellus as "a nice comfortable girl and the bosses' niece." Ethel has some acting, some singing, and some dancing. Ethel is also one of the solo Pick-a-Little ladies.

Vocal type:

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: D4

Charlie Cowell

Charlie Cowell is a brash, loud travelling salesman who has been hell bent on catching Harold Hill red-handed for years! He is determined to reveal the con-man for what he really is...a two-bit hustler who preys on the kindness of others. Charlie is a role for strong actor with a dynamic speaking voice. He should be a bit of a ham and have a good sense of comic timing.

*Charlie may also be in the ensemble.

Vocal Type: N/A

Tommy Djilas

Tommy is the teen heartthrob in the show. His love interest is Zaneeta Shinn, the Mayor's daughter. Needless to say this relationship keeps Tommy under the Mayor's microscope. He joins Harold Hill's quest to create a band. He assists Harold in convincing the townspeople that a band is what the town needs. This role requires a solid actor and very good dancer. Some ensemble singing.

Zaneeta Shinn

Zaneeta is the Mayor's oldest daughter and Tommy Djilas' love interest. She is a rebellious teenager who is always testing her father's patience. Zaneeta should be a solid actor and a good dancer. Some ensemble singing.

Amaryllis

Amaryllis is the slightly bratty girl who studies piano with Marian Paroo. She has a secret crush on Winthrop. Amaryllis should be played by a good actor. Basic piano skills/knowledge is a plus for this role.

Vocal Type: Young female voice (Alto range)

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Gracie Shinn

Gracie is Mayor Shinn's youngest daughter and Zaneeta's little sister. She is a good kid.

Gracie is basically an ensemble role with a few singing and speaking lines.

Vocal Type: Young female voice (Alto range)

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: C4

ENSEMBLE

The Ensemble is comprised of adults, teens and young children to play small roles, townspeople, traveling salesmen, teen dancers, Wa Tan Ye girls and the band.