

Character Breakdown & Audition Requirements Per Character

MTM PLAYERS PRODUCTION OF YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU

- MARTIN VANDERHOF (GRANDPA): Age: 60s +. Patriarch of the family. Pragmatic, down-to-earth. Nothing bothers him. Left his job 30 years ago and never looked back. **Please use the monologue provided in the audition packet for this role instead of a prepared one.**
- PENELOPE SYCAMORE (PENNY): Age: 40s-50s. Martin's daughter and ipso-facto matriarch of the family. She can be a little flighty and forgetful. She has many hobbies including author and artist.
- PAUL SYCAMORE: Age: 40s-50s. Penny's husband. Eccentric. Produces fireworks for sale. Forgetful. Quirky.
- ALICE: Age: 20-30. Daughter of Penny and Paul, Granddaughter of Martin. She seems to be the only "normal" member of the family. Ingénue to Tony and his secretary. **Prepare a monologue, but be prepared to read from the side in the audition packet.**
- TONY KIRBY: Age 20-30. Ingénue to Alice and her boss. VP of his father's finance company, but does not like his job. Finds the Sycamore family intriguing. **Prepare a monologue, but be prepared to read from the side in the audition packet.**
- BOLUS KOLENKHOV: Age: 35+. Russian accent, Essie's ballet teacher. HIGH ENERGY!! Must be able to do simple dance moves. **Prepare a monologue, but be prepared to read from the side in the audition packet.**
- ESSIE: Age 20s. Penny and Paul's daughter and wife of Ed. Very eccentric. Taking ballet lessons from Kolenkhov. Must be able to do simple dance moves, but cannot dance very well. **Although not required, you may prepare a short 30-second ballet routine to show you can move.**
- ED: Age 20s. Husband of Essie. Quirky, simple. Plays a xylophone and runs a small printing press. **Knowing how to pluck out simple tunes on a xylophone-like instrument a plus.**
- RHEBA: Age 30s+. African American housekeeper of the Vanderhof/Sycamore household. Donald's girlfriend. Down-to-earth and smart.
- DONALD: Age 30s+. Rheba's unemployed boyfriend (African American) who helps out around the house. Dedicated to Rheba.
- MR. DE PINNA: Age-40+. Paul's fireworks partner. Visited the house one day and never left. Should be balding or have gray hair. Also eccentric.
- MR. KIRBY: Age 50s+. Tony's father. Workaholic. Conservative. Stuffy.
- MRS. KIRBY: Age 40s-50s+. Tony's mother. High society woman.
- OLGA: Age 40s+. Russian accent. High spirited. Related to Czar Nicholas. A waitress.
- HENDERSON/G-MEN: Age undetermined. Henderson is an IRS agent and 3 FBI agents are needed. (Henderson and an FBI agent roles can be doubled.) **Please use the monologue provided for Henderson instead of a prepared comic monologue.**