

The Biz will be presenting the Award-Winning Musical, "CATS", with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and originally produced by Cameron Mackintosh.

Prior to your audition, you will need to print out and prepare all required audition material applicable to the role for which you are coming in to audition. Please see character breakdown. Please send in registration forms and you will be emailed a link to audition materials. Bring audition packet with you to the audition.

We are casting versatile dancers who are athletic with strong technique in ballet and jazz. Tap dancers and dancers with gymnastic skills are a plus, however, not

required. Singers be prepared to be taught a movement combination and you should come prepared with proper dance attire. Acting ability with good movement is required for all roles and there are some non-dancing character acting roles. Everyone MUST attend the open dance/movement auditions

## Old Deuteronomy (Featured Singer)

Male, Playing age 35 – 55. Old Deuteronomy is the beloved leader of the tribe. Seeking a mature actor with excellent high baritone/tenor vocals to G sharp. Must be able to express authority, dignity, wisdom, and humility – also great warmth and fun. Small amount of movement required.

# • Grizabella (Featured Singer)

Female, Playing age 35 – 55. Grizabella is a survivor, but she is vulnerable, and now outcast from the tribe. She was once very glamorous, but with age her beauty is fading. Sings 'Memory'. An exceptional singer/actress with sensational, powerful vocals needed. Must possess a wide dynamic vocal range with rich lower tones, and wonderful high belt to E flat.

## Bustopher Jones (Featured Singer)

Male, Playing age 35 - 55. Bustopher Jones is a sophisticated and upper class cat, respected be all. Gus is the theatre cat – a fragile old cat who in his dreams becomes a swashbuckling pirate, who fights to his death. A fantastic character actor/singer with excellent comedic skills to play these two distinct roles. Strong high baritone/tenor to G sharp and good movement skills needed.

# • Rum Tum Tugger (Featured Singer)

Male, Playing age 25 – 35. Rum Tum Tugger is the 'rock-star' cat, with a wild comedic sexuality. Must be a charismatic performer with a fantastic rock/pop voice with very strong falsetto, great presence and good dance skills. Ideally over 5'10" tall.

# Munkustrap (Featured Singer)

Male, Playing age 25 – 35. Munkustrap is the son of Old Deuteronomy, who takes the lead in his father's absence. Sings 'Old Deuteronomy' and 'The Pekes and the Pollicles'. For this role we require an excellent baritone singer with a commanding presence. Good movement skills required.

# • Bombalurina (Featured Singer)

Female, Playing age 25 – 35. Bombalurina is one half of the duo who sings 'Macavity'. Tall and statuesque, a lightly sexual female, who is also a fierce protector of the tribe. Must be an excellent and experienced dancer with fantastic extension, and also excellent mezzo vocals.

#### Demeter (Dancer/Vocalist )

Female, Playing age 21 - 30. Demeter is one half of the duo who sings 'Macavity'. A neurotic, but highly intuitive cat. An excellent and experienced dancer with very strong mezzo vocals.

## Skimbleshanks (Featured Singer)

Male, Playing 25 – 35. Skimbleshanks is the railway cat – a fastidious, neat and ordered cat, obsessed with punctuality and cleanliness, yet possessing a big heart and sense of exuberance. An excellent high baritone/tenor with strong movement skills required. Must have authority and a bright personality.

## Jellylorum (Featured Singer)

Female, Playing age 25 – 45. Jellylorum is practical and loving, a storyteller. Sings 'Gus the Theatre Cat' with Gus, and possibly also appears as 'Griddlebone' in 'The Ballad of Billy McCaw'. For this role we require an excellent soprano with a crystal clear top C. Very good movement and comedy skills required.

# Jennyanydots (Featured Singer)

Female, Playing age 25 – 45. Jennyanydots is the 'Gumbie Cats'. Motherly, an Edwardian 'do-gooder'. For this role we require a character actress and singer who must have tap dancing skills. Great comedy skills and good movement needed.

## Mr. Mistoffelees (Dancer/Vocalist)

Male, Playing age 20 - 32. Mr. Mistoffelees is the magician – impish, with an expansive personality. Must be a phenomenal and exciting principal dancer, with gymnastic skills and tricks a plus. Good high baritone vocals.

# Mungojerrie (Dancer/Vocalist)

Male, Playing age 20 - 25. Mungojerrie is one half of a notorious double act. He is cheeky, irreverent, young and full of energy. An outstanding mover with acrobatic skills, excellent singing voice with bags of personality.

# Rumpleteazer (Dancer/Vocalist)

Female, Playing age 20 - 25. Rumpleteazer is one half of a notorious double act. She is cheeky, irreverent, young and full of energy. An outstanding mover with acrobatic skills, excellent singing voice with bags of personality.

## Jemima/Syllabub (Dancer/Vocalist)

Female, Playing age 19 - 23. Young, curious and loves life. An excellent dancer. Must have a beautiful clear soprano with a choir boy purity, has solo vocal lines.

## Victoria (Dancer/Vocalist)

Female, Playing age 19 - 23. Victoria is young, uninhibited and inquisitive with a beautiful physique. An outstanding dancer with excellent classical training and technique required. Must have exceptional extension

#### Named Ensemble Roles (Dancer/Vocalist)

Males & Females, Playing age 20 - 30. Outstanding dancers with excellent ballet/jazz technique and training required. Some require excellent acrobatic skills – please highlight acrobatic skills on resume. All must be very strong vocally