

Character Descriptions (Ages 17 and up.)

Funny Girl is based on incidents in the life of Fanny Brice shortly before and after World War I. Fanny Brice was a singer, comic, and had a career that spanned many years. The action takes place in several theatres both onstage and backstage, on New York's lower East Side, in Baltimore and Long Island.

Fanny Brice - Determined to be an entertainer in spite of everyone telling her otherwise. Very High energy and talented. Fanny loved hard and worked hard eventually having success. She is comical, and talented vocally. Ages 20's to 40ish.

Mrs. Brice - Fanny's mother. Hardworking owns a tavern on Henry Street. Supports Fanny 100 percent in her dream to entertain and to succeed but she keeps Fanny grounded. Mrs. Brice is proud yet humble and is not afraid to brag a little to her Lady friends.

Mrs. Strakosh- Polker Playing close friend to Mrs. Brice. Brags about her own daughter who is married. Not afraid to give her opinion. Cares very much about Fanny but it comes across as critical at times.

Mrs. O'Malley- Another of Mrs. Brice's Polker friends. Mrs O'Malley pitches in and helps. Not very verbal but loves to hang with the Ladies.

Mrs. Meeker- Is meek, but faithful to the polker group and hangs with the ladies at the Tavern.

John, Stage Manager- Just keeps things running on Stage throughout Fanny's Career.

Emma- is Fanny's loyal attendant at the theatre and friend. Emma holds a confidence and treats Fanny professionally and respectfully.

Tom Keeney- Is the Owner of Keeney's Music Hall. Does not like Fanny at first but changes his mind later. He does not think Fanny has the talent he wants for his shows. He is very blunt about it and in no certain terms lets her know it. Rejecting her at first he reconsiders and Fanny's personality and talent win him over.

Eddie Ryan- He first meets and then helps Fanny get her first job at Keeney's Music Hall. Eddie's role rehearses with the cast in the different shows , vocals, dance. Eddie has an interest in Fanny as more than friends and Fanny does not. They remain close friends and Eddie always has Fanny's best interest at heart. Eddie also has a friendship with Mrs. Brice family and friends.

Nick Arnstein - Loves the ladies holds quite a reputation as a ladies man. He is a professional gambler and has gambling and business interests in the works constantly. He likes being free but then he meets Fanny and his life changes dramatically. He wears beautiful suits and tuxedos and has the best of everything.

Florenz Ziegfeld Jr.- Mr. Ziegfeld famous and well known for the Ziegfeld Follies. Ziegfeld hires Fanny for the Follies. He is famous and well known and he likes things a certain way and is the Big Boss. Fanny enters his life and Ziegfeld himself becomes a friend to Fanny.

Mr. Renaldi-Businessman and friend to Fanny- invites Nick into a partnership when he is having financial difficulties.

8 additional women- Bubbles, Polly, Maude, Jody, Cathy, Vera, Jenny, Mimsey the above are chorus girls and other. They will sing, dance and be assigned talking roles and be busy throughout the production.

8 additional Men- Heckie, workman, director, Ziegfeld Tenor, Adolp, Paul, Ben, Trombone Smitty, Five Finger Finney, Snub Taylor, tickets, announcer for Train station. The above will be in chorus numbers. They will sing, dance and be assigned talking roles and be busy throughout production

