



**THEATRE  
UNDER  
THE STARS**

## **TUTS 2025-2026 SEASON | CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS**

### **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

- ☐ First rehearsal is 10/6
- ☐ Tech 10/14-10/20
- ☐ Previews 10/21-10/22
- ☐ Opening 10/23
- ☐ Closing 11/2

#### **Chip Tolentino**

An athletic, social, boy scout and champion of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, he returns to defend his title, but he finds puberty hitting at an inopportune moment. C4 - B5. Male presenting character.

#### **Logainne Schwartzandgrunenierre (Schwartz)**

Logainne is the youngest and most politically aware speller, often making comments about current political figures. She is driven by internal and external pressure, but above all by a desire to win to make her two fathers proud. She is somewhat of a neat freak, speaks with a lisp, and will be back next year. A3 - F5. Female presenting character.

#### **Leaf Coneybear**

The second runner-up in his district, Leaf gets into the competition on a lark and finds everything about the bee incredibly amusing. He is home-schooled and comes from a large family of former hippies. He has severe attention deficit disorder and spells words correctly while in a trance. A3 - A5. Female presenting character.

#### **William Barfee**

A Putnam County Spelling Bee finalist last year, he was eliminated because of an allergic reaction to peanuts and is back for vindication. His famous "Magic Foot" method of spelling has boosted him to spelling glory, even though he only has one working nostril and a touchy, bullying personality. He develops a crush on Olive. E4 - B5. Male presenting character.

#### **Marcy Park**

A recent transfer from Virginia, Marcy placed ninth in last year's nationals. She speaks six languages, is a member of all-American hockey, a championship rugby player, plays Chopin and Mozart on multiple instruments, sleeps only three hours a night, hides in the bathroom cabinet, and is getting very tired of always winning. She is the poster child for the Over-Achieving Asian, and attends a Catholic school called "Our Lady of Intermittent Sorrows." She is also not allowed to cry. C4 - E5. Female presenting character.

**Olive Ostrovsky** A young newcomer to competitive spelling. Her mother is in an ashram in India, and her father is working late, as usual, but he is trying to come sometime during the bee. Having found comfort in its words and vastness, Olive made friends with her dictionary at a very young age, helping her to make it to the competition. She starts enormously shy and shyly blossoms. B3 - F5. Female presenting character.

**Rona Lisa Peretti**

The number one realtor in Putnam County, a former Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion herself, and the returning moderator. She is a sweet woman who loves children, but she can be very stern when it comes to dealing with Vice Principal Panch and his feelings for her. Her interest in the competition is unflagging and drives it forward.

B3 - F5

**Douglas Panch**

The Vice Principle. Frustrated with his life, he finds the drive of the young spellers alien to him. After five years' absence from the Bee, Panch returns as judge. There was an "incident" at the Twentieth Annual Bee, but he claims to be in "a better place" now, thanks to a high-fiber diet and Jungian analysis. He is infatuated with Rona Lisa Peretti, but she does not return his affections. Male presenting character.

**Mitch Mahoney**

The Official Comfort Counselor. An ex-convict, Mitch is performing his community service with the Bee, and hands out juice boxes to losing students. He has no idea how to offer comfort but does find himself wishing he could find a way to make the kids feel better. E4 - A5. Male presenting character.

**Carl Dad**

Schwarzy's main trainer, the more intense and competitive of Schwarzy's fathers. Normally played by actor playing Leaf. G3 - D5.

**Dan Dad**

The more laid back and ineffectual of Schwarzy's fathers. Normally played by the actor playing Mitch. G3 - D5.

**Jesus Christ**

Deity invoked by a speller in need. Normally played by the actor playing Chip.

**Olive's Dad**

A fantasy version of Olive's dad coming to the bee from work. Normally played by the actor playing Mitch. E4 - B5.

**Olive's Mom**

A fantasy version of Olive's mom at her Ashram in India. Normally played by the actor playing Rona. D4 - E5.



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## TUTS 2024-2025 SEASON | CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

### WHITE CHRISTMAS

- First rehearsal is 11/18/25
- Tech 12/2/25-12/7/25
- Previews 12/9/25-12/10/25
- Opening 12/11/24
- Closing 12/24/24

#### **Bob Wallace:**

(35-40) A former army captain and half of the song-and-dance duo Wallace and Davis, Bob is a world-wise, cynical yet charming individual with a strong sense of loyalty and duty. He falls for Betty, the elder of the Haynes sisters. His key songs include "Happy Holidays," "White Christmas," "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep," and "How Deep is the Ocean." Male presenting character.

#### **Phil Davis**

(30-35) Phil, the other half of the duo, is Bob's complete opposite - a fun-loving, adventurous, and somewhat mischievous individual who's always on the lookout for a good time and romance. He's instantly smitten with Judy Haynes. His main songs include "The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing," "Sisters (Reprise)," "I Love a Piano," and "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep." Male presenting character.

#### **Betty Haynes**

(30-35) Betty is the older Haynes sister. She's independent, pragmatic, and protective of her younger sister Judy. Despite her skepticism, she finds herself falling for Bob. Her featured songs include "Sisters," "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep," "Love, You Didn't Do Right By Me," and "How Deep is the Ocean." Female presenting character.

#### **Judy Haynes**

(25-30) Judy is the more vivacious and adventurous of the Haynes sisters. She's a romantic at heart and often the driving force behind many of their decisions, including the one to follow Bob and Phil to Vermont. Her key songs include "Sisters," "The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing," "I Love a Piano," and "Snow." Female presenting character.

#### **General Henry Waverly**

(50-60) The General is a stern, authoritative figure with a gruff exterior but a kind and caring heart. He's the owner of the failing Vermont Inn and was the commanding officer of Bob and Phil during World War II. He doesn't have any solo songs, but his character plays a significant role in the plot. Male presenting character.

**Martha Watson**

(45-50) Martha is the General's lovable and nosy housekeeper. She's a Broadway performer in retirement and still has a flair for the dramatic. She has a heart of gold and only wants what's best for the General. Her main songs include "Let Me Sing and I'm Happy" and "Falling Out of Love Can Be Fun." Female presenting character.

**Susan Waverly**

(9-12) Susan is the General's curious and intelligent granddaughter with dreams of becoming a performer. She's wise beyond her years but still has a childlike innocence about her. She sings "Let Me Sing and I'm Happy." Female presenting character.

Ed Sullivan Show Announcer/ Mike Nulty/ Regency Room Announcer (Off-Stage Voice-taped)

Snoring Man/Ezekiel Foster/Quintet\*

Also seeking Chorus Parts and/or Specialties to play the following:

Rita

Rhoda

Tessie

Jimmy

Quintet\*

Mrs. Snoring Man

Train Conductor

"Let me Sing and I'm Happy" Specialty (4)

Sheldrake's Secretary (Offstage Voice-taped)

Regency Room Dancers (3)



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### **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET**

First Rehearsal: 2/10/26

Tech: 2/17/26

Previews: 2/18/26

Opening: 2/19/26

Closing: 3/1/26

#### **ELVIS**

20s; male presenting character; actor/singer/guitar player to portray Elvis in his 20s at the beginning of his career. Must be familiar with his music and able to play guitar; should sound and look somewhat like Elvis without being an “impersonator.” Please prepare an Elvis Presley song (or a song in that style or from the era) and accompany yourself on the guitar. In the production, Elvis sings: “Memories Are Made Of This,” “That’s All Right,” “Long Tall Sally,” “Peace In The Valley,” “Party,” and “Hound Dog.”

#### **JERRY LEE LEWIS**

20s-early 30s; male presenting character; actor/singer/pianist; he was rock ‘n’ roll’s legendary piano prodigy and celebrated “Last Man Standing.” Must be a superb piano player, able to play like Jerry Lee Lewis; fun, energetic; comic skills a plus. Please prepare a Jerry Lee Lewis song (or song in that style or from the era) and accompany yourself on the piano. In the production, Jerry Lee Lewis sings: “Real Wild Child,” “Great Balls Of Fire,” and “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On.”

#### **CARL PERKINS**

Mid 20s; male presenting character; actor/singer/guitar player (lead guitar); he was the American pioneer of rockabilly music and best known for his song “Blue Suede Shoes.” Must be an excellent lead guitarist. Please prepare a Carl Perkins or Elvis Presley song (or song in that style from that era) and accompany yourself on the guitar. An amp will be provided. In the production, Carl Perkins sings: “Matchbox,” “Who Do You Love?,” “My Babe,” and “See You Later, Alligator.”

#### **JOHNNY CASH**

Late 20s-late 30s; male presenting character; actor/singer/guitar player to portray Johnny Cash at the dawn of his epic career. Must be familiar with his music and able to play guitar; tall; should sound and look somewhat like Johnny without being an “impersonator.” Please prepare a Johnny Cash song (or song in that style from that era) and accompany yourself on the guitar. In the production, Johnny Cash sings: “Folsom Prison Blues,” “Sixteen Tons,” “I Walk The Line,” and “Riders In The Sky.”

#### **SAM PHILLIPS**

Mid-30s-40s; male presenting character excellent actor; “Father of Rock ‘n’ Roll” and founder of Sun Records who discovered Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and many others including Roy Orbison and B.B. King; a towering and charismatic figure in American music; for the auditions, actors will be asked to prepare sides from the show.

## **DYANNE**

20s-early 30s; female presenting character Excellent actor and singer; she was an aspiring singer and Elvis's girlfriend; ahead of her time and assertive, she's a great singer with a wide range; sings solos and back-up throughout the show; sings "Fever" in her alto range and covers the high soprano part of "Riders In The Sky" (Johnny Cash song); for the auditions, actors will be asked to prepare a song from the era. In the production, Dyanne sings "Fever" and "I Hear You Knockin'."



## TUTS 2025-2026 SEASON | CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

### BEAUTIFUL, THE CAROLE KING MUSICAL

First Rehearsal: 4/28/26  
Tech: 5/12/26-5/17/26  
Previews: 5/19-5/20/26

Opening: 5/12/26  
Closing: 5/31/26

#### **CAROLE KING**

An aspiring singer/songwriter. A unique, appealing, funny and vulnerable girl from a Jewish family in Brooklyn. Talented, good natured, unassuming, and often the peace maker in difficult situations. A reluctant star with no pretense and a passion for music. Age: 18 to 30 (Vocal range: Eb3 to Eb5). Female presenting character.

#### **GERRY GOFFIN**

Carole's boyfriend, songwriting partner and eventual husband. Innately sympathetic, wounded and tortured. An ambitious artist always striving for more.  
Age: 18 to 30 (Vocal range: D3 to A4). Male presenting character.

#### **BARRY MANN**

A songwriter who becomes romantically involved with Cynthia. He is good natured, appealing & neurotic. Ambitious, but likeable. Age: 18 to 30 (Vocal range: C3 to A4). Male presenting character.

#### **CYNTHIA WEILL**

A songwriter who becomes romantically involved with Barry. Carole's best friend. She is sophisticated, smart & chic with a quick wit. Although self-confident and sarcastic, she is also extremely likeable. Age: 18 to 30 (Vocal range: G3 to E5). Female presenting character.

#### **ENSEMBLE/DON KIRSCHNER**

an influential music publisher and producer. He is a fast talking, energetic force of nature. Powerful, direct & sometimes intimidating, but he has a real affinity for his writers and artists. A hit maker. Age: 40 to 60 (Vocal range: A2 to C#4). Male presenting character.

#### **ENSEMBLE/GENIE KLEIN**

Carole's Jewish mother. Once an aspiring playwright, she has been broken down by life & her husband's infidelity. Protective of Carole and unforgiving of her husband's mistakes. Age: 40 to 50. Female presenting character.

#### **ENSEMBLE**

Strong singers who move to play Drifters, Shirelles, and other various parts in the show. Also, actors who play instruments.