

## ALADDIN – CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

### Aladdin (Adult/young adult, female principal boy)

A poor lad who can be found anywhere but helping his mother in the laundry. Constantly seeking adventure and getting himself into trouble. Shows strength of character throughout the story - he is the hero of our pantomime! Looking for someone who can portray the 'Jack the lad' kind of character when he is poor, as well as suit being prince like when he comes into money and riches, so that the Emperor/Empress will think that he really is a prince and allow him to marry the princess. Must be a confident singer and mover onstage.

### Abanazer (Adult male villain)

A wicked sorcerer from Egypt. Scheming, manipulative and bad tempered. A commanding stage presence and strong singing voice are essential. The actor must be able to handle touches of sarcastic humour, as well as still getting the boos from the audience.

### Widow Twankey (Adult dame)

Aladdin's poor widowed mother who must elicit the sympathy of the audience and perform a song. A strong comedy character, who works closely with her other son Wishee-Washee, and interacts aplenty with the audience.

### Wishee Washee (Male adult/juvenile/young adult comic lead)

Aladdin's daft brother. Must be able to handle comedy and interact with the audience. Works closely with the Dame and may be required to sing.

### Princess Yasmin (Adult/young adult, principal girl)

Yasmin is the most beautiful female in China. Fed up with her controlled life as a princess and wishes to marry someone she loves for who they are, as opposed to the money they own. Romantic lead, required to sing and move well.

### So-Shy (Female adult/juvenile/young adult)

The Princess Yasmin's handmaiden. May be required to sing.

### Genie of the lamp (Adult male/female)

The all powerful genie who has been trapped in the magic lamp for centuries. He/she holds the key to Aladdin's dreams through granting wishes. Looking for someone who can handle subtle humour and add a little bit of drama, they must win the audience over. Required to sing.

### Slave of the ring (Adult/juvenile/young adult, male/female)

The spirit of Abanazer's magic ring. From Leeds?

### Emperor/Empress of China (Adult male/female)

The ruler of all China. Wants his/her daughter to marry a rich prince, as the country is running out of money. Forbids the citizens of Peking to gaze upon her beauty, otherwise they will be executed. May be required to sing.

### Ping Pong the Policeman (Adult/juvenile, male/female) – no audition piece available

On the lookout for Aladdin.

### Prime Minister of Peking (Adult male/female) – no audition piece available

Second in command to the Emperor/Empress, makes the royal announcements.