

# **'Birdie' Character Descriptions**

## **Leading Roles**

**Albert Peterson (Bari/Tenor):** He's the high-strung and somewhat insecure president of Almalou Records who pays more attention to his mother than to his girlfriend (who is his secretary). Albert may be pathetic, but as an actor: charming, loveable and comedic.

\*\* Tap dancing skills are a huge plus for IA's version of the show.

**Rose Alvarez (Alto):** Albert's secretary and girlfriend who puts up with a fairly dysfunctional relationship with him. Rose is smart and spirited yet she hides her true self in order to be the dutiful assistant to Albert...until she's had enough.

\*\* Rosie should be a good dancer. Note: IA will NOT be doing the Shiner's Ballet scene.

**Conrad Birdie (Baritone):** The "Elvis-style" rock star who is headed into the army. He's rude. He's arrogant. The actor must be able to sing and move like a rock star. Physicality and vibe of Birdie is key.

**Kim MacAfee (Soprano):** 15 year-old, self-possessed girl, who considers herself more mature than her "Conrad-Crazy" girlfriends but finds she has plenty to learn about the world. The actress needs to be a confident soprano (who enjoys high notes).

\*\*Dance skills are a plus; this actress will not be required to kiss anyone.

## **Supporting Roles**

**Mr. Harry MacAfee:** The frustrated father of Kim and Randolph who feels his stature as a parent is continually challenged. The actor needs to be believable as a real dad and have impeccable comedic timing. Singing, but no dancing required.

**Mae Peterson:** Albert's mother, who never stops parenting Albert. Mae is the queen of the overbearing, guilt-tripping mother. This role does not sing, but requires a strong comedic actress with a great Brooklyn accent.

**Hugo Peabody:** Kim's devoted, and slightly nerdy boyfriend who is jealous of Conrad Birdie.

**Ursula Merkle:** Kim's number-one confidant. Ursula is a little quirky, high-energy, and busting with vitality. Solo singing.

**Mrs. Doris MacAfee:** The tireless, caring mother of Kim and Randolph who knows just how to handle her irritable husband. Featured Singing.

**Randolph MacAfee:** Kim's younger brother who refuses to get lost in the chaos that nearly takes over the MacAfee family. Actor will have some solo singing.

**Gloria Rasputin:** The gum-chewing, lame-brained, dancing secretary who is Mae Peterson's choice to replace Rosie as Albert's fiancé.

### **Ensemble Featured Roles**

**Margie, Nancy, Helen, Alice, Penelope Ann, Deborah Sue:** have solo singing and lines

**Harvey Johnson:** a teen boy with a powerful voice crack

**Charles Maude:** Owns "Maude's Roadside Retreat"; sings the tenor part in the male quartet.

**Maude's Quartet:** sings with Albert to Rosie at Maude's

**Sad Girl:** a featured tap dancer in Put on a Happy Face

**Mayor of Sweet Apple:** a comic feature; also appears on the Ed Sullivan Show

**Mayor's Wife, Edna:** a comic feature; also appears on the Ed Sullivan Show.

**Ed Sullivan:** from backstage; vocal impersonation

**Reporters, Policeman, Parents, Stage Manager**

**NYC Teen Girls:** featured tap dancers