



## PRE- AUDITION INFORMATION

**Pre-Auditions** will be held *Monday, June 3, 2019* beginning at 6:00 PM at SonRise Community Church. (5609 E. Mount Houston Rd. Houston, TX 77093.) Please email [performingartssummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:performingartssummercamp@gmail.com) to schedule an audition time.

**Video Audition** is acceptable ONLY if the child is unable to attend pre-auditions. Video must be submitted to [performingartssummercamp@gmail.com](mailto:performingartssummercamp@gmail.com) *by Monday, June 3, 2019.*

**Callbacks** All information regarding callbacks will be communicated to performers via parent email.

## EXPECTATIONS

Before your child decides to audition, please make sure that they are ready to commit to the show and to the expectations required of all performers.

- Performer must be on time for scheduled audition time.
- Performer must show energy and excitement during auditions.  
(GIVE US YOUR BEST)
- Performer must have some singing, dancing and acting ability.
- Performer must regularly attend theater class during summer camp.
- Performer must commit time outside of camp hours to become familiar with the script.

**BREAK A LEG!**

# THE GREATEST SHOW

## CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

**Young Phineas** – Admires Young Charity.

**Young Charity** – Young Phineas T. Barnum childhood crush.

**Phineas T. Barnum** – an ambitious showman and entrepreneur. Founder of Barnum American Museum.

**Charity Barnum** - The wife of Phineas T. Barnum.

**Lettie Lutz** – a bearded lady with a powerful voice.

**Ann Wheeler** - an acrobat and trapeze artist.

**W. D. Wheeler** - an acrobat and Anne Wheeler's older brother.

**The Lord of Leeds** - a 500 lb. man

**Charles Stratton** - a dwarf performer who is also known by his stage name General Tom Thumb.

**Phillip Carlyle** – A society man who has produced plays and partners with Barnum.

**Jenny Lind** - A famous Swedish Opera singer.

**Queen Victoria** – The queen of England.

**Philo Barnum** - A tailor and the father of P. T. Barnum. No speaking parts.

**Benjamin Hallett** - father of Charity and disapproving father-in-law of Barnum.

**Benjamin Hallett Wife** - No speaking part. An extra in Scene 7

**Mr. Carlyle** – Phillip Carlyle father.

**Mrs. Carlyle** - Phillip Carlyle mother.

**Housekeeper** – Women who trains young Charity Barnum on proper etiquette.

**Announcer** - Announces when Phineas T. Barnum and his troupe arrives at Buckingham Palace and Jenny Lind's arrival.

**Audience Members** - On stage during Scene 6 and Scene 7. Must know how to sing and dance.

**Head of the Thugs** - Leader of the gang of thugs.

## CHARACTER LINES

*Performer may select up to 2 characters. Please be prepared to deliver each line during audition.*

### Young Phineas

*Line 1*        It's my fault, sir. I made her laugh.

*Line 2*        How did you get out?

*Please prepare to sing the following song:*

Greatest Showman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NyVYXRDIAns&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=7&t=0s>

A Million Dreams: (Male Lead)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSQk-4fddDI&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=7>

### Young Charity

*Line 1*        My father is sending me to Finishing school. I don't know what my future will be.

*Please prepare to sing the following song:*

A Million Dreams: (Female Lead)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSQk-4fddDI&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=7>

### Phineas T. Barnum

*Line 1*        Welcome everyone! The reason you're here today is because I am putting on a show and I need a STAR! As a matter a fact....I need each and every one of you!

*Line 2*        Oh...well if you've heard of me way over here, I must be doing something right!

*Line 3*        Thank you. Who would have thought? An insignificant man like me who was clearly destined to lead an insignificant life.

*Please prepare to sing the following song:*

A Million Dreams: (Male Lead)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSQk-4fddDI&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=7>

Come Alive:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BURBISYPmBU&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=9>

### **Charity Barnum**

*Line 1* Letter of termination? Well I didn't think you were long for that job anyway.

*Line 2* Ten thousand dollars? Now , you know the bank will ask you for substantial collateral.

*Line 3* The Queen Victoria? Is this real?

*Please prepare to sing the following song:*

A Million Dreams: (Female Lead)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSQk-4fddDI&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=7>

### **Lettie Lutz**

*Line 1* That's enough time for us to meet Ms. Lind and enjoy the party, right?

*Line 2* Oh my God....the Museum is on fire!!!

*Line 3* Oh be quiet Barnum. You just done get it. Our own mothers were ashamed of us. Hid us our whole lives. Then you pulled up out of the shadows. And now your giving up on us too. Maybe you are a fraud. Maybe it was just about making a buck. But you gave us a real family.

*Please prepare to sing the following song:*

This Is Me: (Female Lead)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEJd2RyGm8Q&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=14&t=0S>

## Anne Wheeler

*Line 1* Of course, I've always wanted to go to the theater.

*Line 2* You know I don't think it's fair that Mr. Barnum has left us to go on tour with Ms. Jenny Lind.

*Line 3* It's not just them. You wouldn't understand. You've never had anyone look at you the way your parents looked at me. For people like my brother and I, we are looked down on all the time because of the color of our skin.

*Please prepare to sing the following song:*

Rewrite The Stars: (Female Lead)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdjR2lvIfJ4&list=PLryFAtGMmAfoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=11>

## W. D. Wheeler

*Line 1* And I'm W. D. Wheeler.

*Line 2* You know people aren't going to like it? If you put us on stage.

*Line 3* Yea...are we all invited? You know some societies are not accepting of people like me.

## The Lord of Leeds

*Line 1* I prefer not to say.

*Line 2* 500 pounds.

*Line 3* 750 pounds it is!

## Charles Stratton

*Line 1* You want people to laugh at us.

*Line 2* Well you're not exactly reaching the top shelf yourself sweetheart.

*Line 3* We figured we will find you here. Somewhere feeling sorry for yourself.

### Phillip Carlyle

*Line 1* P.T. Barnum.....yes...with the circus. People leave your shows a great deal happier than when they came in. Which is more than I can say for my plays.

*Line 2* Well I don't always agree with the decisions Mr. Barnum's makes, but he is a very smart man. I'm sure he knows what he's doing.

*Line 3* You know Barnum, when I first meet you I had an inheritance, acclaim, and invitation to every party in tow . And now thanks to you all that is gone. However, all that is left now is friendship, love and work that I adore. You put joy into my life.

*Please prepare to sing the following song:*

Rewrite The Stars: (Male Lead)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdjR2lvIfJ4&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=11>

### Jenny Lind

*Line 1* Of course, you're the American. I believe I might of have heard of you.

*Line 2* Mmmm....and have you heard me sing?

*Line 3* Well.. I think that's enough entertainment for one night. Now would every please raise their glasses to Mr. Barnum. Who have shown once and for all that a man station is limited only by his imagination.

*Please prepare to sing the following song:*

Never Enough:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKEMBN\\_JdCE&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=12](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKEMBN_JdCE&list=PLryFAtGMmAFoByqjKJHI5VIMEjRMysTGv&index=12)

### Queen Victoria

*Line 1* The honor is mine Mr. Barnum.

*Line 2* And I've heard all about your little colonel from my friends in America.

*Line 3* You're even smaller than I imagined..

### Benjamin Hallett

*Line 1* Charity come here! Your dress... Is this how we taught you to behave?

*Line 2* That was a breath-taking performance you gave on tonight.

*Line 3* All that fortune...and still just the tailor's boy.

### Mr. Carlyle

*Line 1* Ann Wheler doesn't look like the type of girl you generally date.

*Line 2* Phillip you're embarrassing us. Being a part of the Barnum Circus is one thing but parading around with the help...

### Mrs. Carlyle

*Line 1* Oh, Phillip how are you son?

*Line 2* And who might this be?

*Line 3* It seem you have forgotten your place son.

### Housekeeper

*Line 1* Pinky up, arm extended, elbow out. Sip never slurp.

*Line 2* Keep your cup leveled...now gently lower your cup.

*Line 3* Shall we do it again... pinky in the air, arm extended...gracefully

### Announcer

*Line 1* Your Majesty...Phineas T. Barnum and his Oddities from America.

*Line 2* Ladies and Gentlemen...Ms. Jenny Linn.

*Line 3* Ms. Lind this way please.

## Head of the Thugs

*Line 1*        Hey Ringmaster!

*Line 2*        This is our town son. We think you should leave. You and your freaks. And your spooks.

*Line 3*        Let's burn it down.

## SONG LIST

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