

Cast Notes – Cinderella

Gladys, the Fairy Godmother

The 'goodie'. Weaves her magic spells to make everything come right for Cinderella.

Gloria, her sister (a bad, but incompetent Fairy)

Starts on the 'dark side' trying to weave a spell to make Griselda immortal – but is incompetent and it all goes wrong. Comes good in the end, of course.

Puck, a peripatetic Pixie

Opens the show and needs to be an extrovert. Could be male or female. Does Gladys's bidding, when not asleep.

Baron Hardup

The hen-pecked husband to a harridan.

Cinderella, his daughter by his first wife

Principal girl. Needs to be a realistic partner to the Prince.

Nasturtium & Petunia, the Baron's stepdaughters

The Ugly Sisters – you can't separate them, but who would want to?

Usually played by men as 'dame' parts, although we did once cast them successfully using two quite glamorous young ladies. Needs 'attitude' and – dare I say it? – just a bit of over-acting..

Griselda, their mother, the Baron's second wife

A 'baddie'. If you don't get hissed and booed, you're not trying hard enough!

Buttons, the Baron's handyman

A sympathetic character who tries to comfort Cinderella. Could be slightly in love with her, but we know he won't get her in the end (aaaah!)

Squire Welwyn

He's after the rent or he'll repossess the house. A thorn in the Baron's side.

Baldock, the squire's bailiff

Think Baldrick from Black Adder.

Prince Charming, heir to the throne

Principal boy. Thigh-slapping not mandatory but encouraged. Marries Cinderella in the end (but you knew that).

Dandini, aide to the Prince

Another 'principal boy'. Among other things, takes the slipper round the town and organises the cast walkdown at the end.

Alice, becomes friendly with Dandini

Often played by a chorus member – marries Dandini in the end.

Coachman/Chauffeur

A one-line part: "Mam'selle, your coach awaits you". [He was a frog before the Fairy Godmother waved her wand]

Senior Chorus

Some speaking parts as well as the usual singing and dancing.

Junior Chorus

Fairies and elves helping Gladys. Speaking parts, singing and dancing.