

# CORALINE – the Musical ~. CAST Descriptions

We are seeking people of all ethnicities, abilities, and genders over the age of 8 years old to audition for any and all roles. While a preferred age group is listed next to each character, this is subject to change.

Please also be prepared to also sing 16 bars of a song similar to the style of the show. (*unconventional song choices are encouraged*)

## **Characters:**

**Coraline Jones – (Child/Young Teen)** The young heroine and explorer, she is clever, curious, resourceful, and brave. Coraline is often irritated by rain, crazy grown-ups (as they all seem to be), and not being taken seriously because of her young age and quiet demeanor, though perhaps her biggest annoyance is that everyone mistakes her name for Caroline (everyone in the real world at least, except the mice and her parents).

**Mother – (Adult)** Coraline's mother works at her house on the computer. She is very busy most of the time, and sometimes a little inattentive, but she loves and cares about Coraline. She is pretty, nice, helpful, and outgoing, though Coraline considers her to be rather boring.

**Father – (Adult)** Coraline's father works at his house on the computer which he spends most of his time on his job. He cares about Coraline very much and is kind, gentlemanly, brave, and helpful. But, like her mother, she finds him rather boring.

**The Cat – (Any Age)** A black cat from Coraline's world. The cat acts as a mentor to Coraline and guides her through her journey. He claims to have no name, explaining that cats do not need names to tell each other apart. Unlike many of the characters in the novel, he does not have an "other world" counterpart, saying that unlike other creatures in the world, cats can "keep themselves together". He moves freely from one world to the next, although he can talk in the Other Mother's world. He is very sarcastic and helpful towards Coraline and defiant of the Other Mother but seems to tremble at the thought of being stuck in the Other Mother's world.

**The Other Mother – (Adult)** The creature that created much of the 'Other' world and the main villain of the novel. She looks a little like Coraline's real mother. She can be very menacing but is able to hide it easily

**The Other Father – (Adult)** A creation of the Other Mother, who was used to try to help trick Coraline into staying in the Other Mother's world. Like her real father he has a study and sits there during the day and will not talk to Coraline for long. He is much more fun than Coraline's real father and always tries to be cheerful and fun in front of Coraline. In reality the Other Father is sad and nervous.

**Miss Spink and Miss Forcible – (Adults or Older Teens)** A pair of retired actresses, who live in the flat under Coraline's. They own many aging Scotties, such as Hamish, Angus and Jock, and talk in theater jargon, often referencing their time as actresses. In the other world they are young, pretty, and perform unendingly in front of many different dogs. Miss Spink and Miss Forcible and their Other World counterparts may be played by the same actors as Mother and Father

**Mr. Bobo – (Adult or Older Teen)** A retired circus performer living in the flat above Coraline's; he is commonly referred to as the Crazy Old Man Upstairs. He claims to be training mice to perform in a mouse circus. His counterpart in the Other World trains rats and is in fact made of rats.

## **Ensemble Roles: (All Ages)**

The Ensemble of Coraline will play roles such as:

The Three Ghost Children, Other World Dogs, Other Toys, Rats, Bats, and Mice.

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