

# Cast Requirements for

## “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

### Prologus

Introduces the audience to the comedy they are about to see. (Same actor who portrays Pseudolus in Act 1 and Senex in Act 2).

Gender: Male

Age: 30 to 50

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: A2

### Senex

An old man and father to Hero and husband to Domina.

Gender: Male

Age: 45 to 70

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: B2

### Domina

Senex's wife. A shrewish woman who dominates to the point of answering herself the questions she asks of others. Loves her husband deep down, but is outwardly controlling, demanding, and manipulative.

Gender: Female

Age: 40 to 50

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: B3

### Hero

The young son of Senex and Domina. He falls in love with Philia and agrees to give Pseudolus his freedom if he can help Hero woo her. Practical, privileged, romantic.

Gender: Male

Age: 20 to 30

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: B2

### Hysterium

The chief slave in the House of Senex. Believes he is in control, but is actually Pseudolus' puppet to carry out his schemes. Anxious, conservative, loyal. He desperately wants everything to be in order.

Gender: Male

Age: 40 to 55

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: D4

### **Pseudolus**

A Roman slave, owned by Hero, who seeks to win his freedom by helping his young master win the heart of Philia. Quick-witted, scheming, childlike spirit.

Gender: Male

Age: 30 to 50

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: A2

### **Erronius**

An old man, searching for his lost children.

Gender: Male

Age: 45 to 70

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: B2

### **Miles Gloriosus**

The archetype of the braggart soldier. A captain in the Roman army to whom Marcus Lycus has promised Philia. Commanding, boastful, manly and strong.

Gender: Male

Age: 25 to 35

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: B3

### **Lycus**

The owner of the house of Courtesans. Always out to make a profit, but also wants to provide good on what his business offers.

Gender: Male

Age: 40 to 50

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: A3

### **Philia**

A virgin in the House of Lycus whom we also find out is Erronius' daughter. She is promised to Miles and vows to give him bodily what he has paid for, but loves Hero and promises he will always have her heart. Young, pretty, devoted. An archetypal ingénue.

Gender: Female

Age: 18 to 30

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: B3

6 Courtesans: Vibrata, Tintinabula, Panacea, Vibrata, The Geminae (twins), Gymnasia

Age: Late teens to 30(ish)

Must be able to carry a tune

Strong dance ability

The Proteans: (assume the roles of soldiers, eunuchs, townspeople, etc)

(need at least 3 – could possibly utilize a few more)

Age: Varied

Must be able to carry a tune, move well and improvise