# **Character Breakdown**

## Males (Singing)

**Tevye:** (M 40 – 60) a likeable, hardworking man with a sense of humor and deep connection to his Jewish roots. He is a loving father to 5 daughters. Deeply passionate, full of life. Strong actor with power. Baritorne.

**Lazar Wolf**: (M 35 – 65) the butcher. He is the wealthiest man in town. He wants to marry Tevye's daughter, Tzeitel. Feisty. Baritone

**Motel** (M 18 – 35) the tailor. He is meek, nervous and sensitive. He is in love with Tzeitel. Tenor.

**Perchik** (M 18 – 35) the tutor. A visitor to the town. A radical who challenges the traditions. Charismatic, in love with Hodel. Tenor.

**Fyedka** (M 18-35) the Russian soldier. A strong soldier who falls in love with Chava. High tenor. Dance skills a plus.

**The Rabbi** (M 40 – 80) the religious leader of the village. Baritone.

**Constable** (M 28 – 45) the Russian military official. He and Tevye have an understanding, but this doesn't stop him from doing his job.

## Males (Spoken)

Mendel, The Rabbi's Son;
Mordcha, The Innkeeper
Avram, The Bookseller
Nachum, The Beggar
Yussel, The Town Hatter male spoken 25 – 60
Russian Priest
Nachum male spoken 40 – 65
Sasha male spoken 18 – 30

### **Females**

**Golde:** (F 35 - 60) the wife of Tevye and the real head of the household. She loves her family. No nonsense, but great comedic timing. Vocal Range: Mezzo/Alto (A3 – Eb5).

**Yente:** (F 50 - 70) Vocal Range Soprano/Alto (F3 – F5). Yente is the village matchmaker. She is a widow and a meddling busy-body who makes it her business to know all of the town gossip. Seeking a strong comedic actress.

**Tzeitel** (F 18 - 30) eldest daughter. Strong willed. Strong actress, ballet a plus. Vocal range: Soprano/Alto (B3 to D5).

**Hodel** (F 16 - 25) the second daughter, in love with Perchick, a radical, optimistic young man. Strong actress, ballet a plus. Vocal Range: Soprano/Alto (B3 – E5).

**Chava** (F 16 - 25) third daughter. The scholar of the family wiho falls love and runs off with Fyedka, a Russian soldier. She breaks her father's heart. Ballet skills for the Chava ballet. Vocal Range: Soprano/Alto

**Shprintze**, 4th Eldest Daughter. Age Range: 9 – 13. Vocal Range: Soprano/Alto.

**Bielke,** Youngest daughter. Age Range 8 – 12. Vocal Range: Soprano/Alto

**Grandma Tzeitel** (F 50 – 80) is Golde's deceased grandmother who appears as a ghost in the Dream Sequence. She has a great solo in which she endorses the marriage of Tzeitel to Motel. Vocal range: Mezzo/Alto (C#4 – D5).

<u>Fruma-Sarah</u> (F 40 - 70) is a ghost figure in Tevye's dream. Requires a strong singer actress. This role will also be a villager. Fruma-Sarah is Lazar Wolfe's dead wife who appears as a ghost in the dream sequence to warn Tevye and Golde not to allow Tzeitel to marry her husband or dire results will befall the family. Her solo is a show stopper and the actor must carry this challenging solo. Vocal Range: Mezzo/Alto (C4 - Eb5).

## Female (Spoken)

Shaindel female spoken Motel's mother 40 – 60

<u>The Fiddler</u> (M any age) must be able to climb a ladder to stand atop a 'roof'. Must be able to play the fiddle, or fake it well.

#### **CHORUS ROLES**

Villagers, Russians, Dancers, Soldiers, Mothers, Fathers, Sons, Daughters – (M and F ages 6 – 80) these groups will be featured in songs, dances and scenes. NO AUDITION NEEDED