

SNOW QUEEN CHARACTERS

Many of these characters will be double and even triple cast.

Gerda: The heroine of the tale, who succeeds in finding her friend Kai and saving him from the Snow Queen. Gerda is full of hope and bravery. The actress playing Gerda needs to be comfortable singing alone.*

Kai: A smart and confident boy who is stolen away from his dear friend, Gerda by the Snow Queen. The actor playing Kai needs to be comfortable singing alone.*

** Note: If you are interested in these roles, please be prepared to sing "Happy Birthday" unaccompanied at your audition.*

Grandmother and Grandfather: These charismatic storytellers are the audience's guides through the story of Gerda's quest to save her friend. The actors playing these roles must be comfortable memorizing extensive amounts of dialogue.

The Snow Queen: This heartless ruler travels throughout the world accompanied by a legion of living snowflakes. She uses her power to control the freezing wind and snow to lure Kai to her ice palace in the North Pole in the hopes he will remain with her forever.

Reindeer: Forced to serve the Snow Queen, kidnapped by the robbers, and eventually help Gerda to save Kai.

Raven: The Raven used to work as a royal messenger for the Prince and Princess. (S)he lost his/her job due to a vocal tic that the Princess found disruptive. The Raven redeems him/herself by helping Gerda reach the Snow Queen's castle.

Children: A group of kids who gather to hear the telling of the story. They are the first to engage the audience in the telling of our tale.

Flower Witch: She is likely as evil as the Snow Queen, but masks her intentions in cheerful banter. She lives in a garden where it is always Spring. She aims to have Gerda join her among her flowers.

Flowers: A group of flowers who quite possibly were captured by the Flower Witch as children and transformed into members of her eternal garden. Among them are several roses who help Gerda escape the Flower Witch.

Robbers: A raucous band of robbers who kidnap Gerda. They involve audience members in a simple dance. There will ideally be a violinist among this group and/or an accordionist.

Robber Queen: The evil leader of a band of thieves who kidnap Gerda. She is ruthless and speaks with a Cockney accent. She does have a soft spot, however, for her unruly child.

Robber Child: A bratty and spoiled child who keeps both the Reindeer and Gerda as his/her pets, but eventually has a change of heart.

Flurries: These members of the Snow Queen's army of snowflakes are as cold as they are beautiful. Dance/acrobatic experience will be extremely helpful for these performers. The Flurries need to be nimble and graceful, but also elegantly evil.

Shadow Figures/Dream Princess/Dream Gerda: There are two dream sequences in the play that involve various characters who operate both behind and in front of a shadow screen to tell the stories of each dream.

Prince and Princess: Wealthy and entitled rulers of a kingdom where Gerda travels in her search for Kai. The princess is suspicious, jealous, and initially eager to send Gerda to the dungeon. Eventually, the Prince convinces his Princess that Gerda is worthy of their assistance.

Guards: Sentries in the Princess' palace who do her bidding, despite how aggravating she is.

Goblin: A mischievous sprite who steals and breaks the Snow Queen's magical mirror. Acrobatic skills and a larger-than-life demeanor would be helpful for this role.

Swallows: A group of dim-witted, but kind and earnest birds who rescue Gerda from a river.

Sun: A hopeful and kind figure who encourages Gerda to persevere.

Clouds: The clouds' aim is to block out the sun.