

Shrek The Musical - Character Descriptions

NOTE: Other than Shrek, Fiona, Donkey and Lord Farquaad, nearly all of the other characters in this production are famous “storybook” characters. Many have solo lines of dialogue and in songs. Given the high number of characters and the available space on stage, many actors will play more than one role.

SHREK

Prides himself on being a big, green, terrifying ogre but we come to find out he has a huge heart. Shrek was kicked out at a young age to live alone until the fairytale creatures disturb him in his swamp. In an effort to regain his peace, he goes on a trip to save Princess Fiona. Excellent singer and actor.

FIONA

Princess Fiona has a transforming spell over her that turns her into an ogre every night when the sun sets. This spell can only be broken with a true loves’ kiss. Upon meeting Shrek, she finds that she has fallen in love with him. Excellent singer and actor with great comic timing.

DONKEY

A talking donkey on the run from Farquaad’s guards. After being saved by Shrek, he sticks by Shrek’s side and accompanies him on his trip to save Fiona from the far away castle. Excellent singer and comedic actor with a huge personality.

LORD FARQUAAD

A comically short, ruthless ruler of the huge castle of Duloc. In his pursuit of perfection, he attempts to rid the city of fairytale creatures. Farquaad wants to become a king but, because he is not of royal stock, he cannot until he marries a princess. Excellent singer and comedic actor. Performs the entire show on his knees.

PINOCCHIO

A fairytale creature who is constantly annoyed that no one recognizes him as a real boy. He leads the troupe of Fairytale Creatures in the musical numbers “Story of My Life” and “Freak Flag.”

FARQUAAD’S CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD / BISHOP

Lord Farquaad’s powerful, but comically cowardly, right-hand man. He has many hilarious lines and appears in “Here comes Lord Farquaad,” “What’s Up Duloc,” “The Ballad of Farquaad” and “This Is Our Story.” Also doubles as the Bishop, who attempts to marry Princess Fiona and Lord Farquaad at the end of Act 2. Strong actor with great comic timing.

DRAGON/SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

A female dragon that has been charged with guarding Princess Fiona in her isolated castle. When Shrek and Donkey arrive at the castle it is Shrek who goes to rescue the princess and Donkey who finds himself at the mercy of Dragon. Donkey becomes trapped by Dragon and becomes her prisoner of love. Dragon comes back at the end of the musical to help save the day with Farquaad. She sings "Forever" with her Knight back-up singers. Also doubles as the Sugar Plum Fairy who has featured lines and solos in "Story of my Life" and "Freak Flag."

PAPA OGRE / FARQUAAD'S 1ST GUARD

Shrek's father. Sings a beautiful duet with Mama Ogre to young Shrek in the opening number "Big, Bright, Beautiful World." Doubles as one of Farquaad's featured Guards for "Here Comes Lord Farquaad," "What's Up Duloc," "The Ballad of Farquaad" and "This Is Our Story."

MAMA OGRE / FARQUAAD'S GUARD

Shrek's mother. Sings a beautiful duet with Papa Ogre to young Shrek in the opening number "Big, Bright, Beautiful World." Doubles as one of Farquaad's Guards for "Here Comes Lord Farquaad," "What's Up Duloc," "The Ballad of Farquaad" and "This Is Our Story." Also plays one of the Knights who sings back-up to the Dragon in "Forever"

FARQUAAD'S GUARDS / DRAGON'S KNIGHTS

Featured guards who are part of Lord Farquaad's comedic crew. They sing in "Here Comes Lord Farquaad," "What's Up Duloc," "The Ballad of Farquaad" and "This Is Our Story." Also plays one of the knights who sings back-up to the Dragon in "Forever." Both have lines and solos.

WICKED WITCH / BLIND MICE

Fairytale creature with featured lines and solos in "That's the Story of my Life," "Freak Flag" and "This Is Our Story." Doubles as one of the Three Blind Mice who sing with Donkey in "Make a Move."

MAMA BEAR / BLIND MICE

Fairytale creature with featured lines and solos in "Freak Flag." Also featured in "That's the Story of My Life" and "This Is Our Story." Also doubles as one of the Three Blind Mice who sing with Donkey in "Make a Move."

HUMPTY DUMPTY / BLIND MICE

Fairytale creature with lines. In "That's the Story of my Life," "Freak Flag" and "This is Our Story". Also doubles as one of the Three Blind Mice who sing with Donkey in "Make a Move."

BIG BAD WOLF

Fairytale creature with featured lines and solos. In "That's the Story of MyLife," "Freak Flag" and "This Is Our Story."

YOUNG FIONA / ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Princess Fiona as a little girl. Sings a solo in “I Know it’s Today” with Teen Fiona and Fiona. Doubles as Alice in Wonderland in “Story of my Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This is Our Story.”

TEEN FIONA / FAIRY GODMOTHER

Princess Fiona as a teenager. Sings a solo in “I Know it’s Today” with Young Fiona and Fiona. Doubles as Fairy Godmother who has featured lines and solos in “Freak Flag,” “Story of my Life” and “This is Our Story”.

YOUNG SHREK / GRUMPY THE DWARF

Plays Young Shrek in “Big, Bright, Beautiful World” and then returns in Act 2 to play Lord Farquaad’s father, Grumpy the Dwarf (with several speaking lines). Also plays Grumpy the Dwarf in “Freak Flag.”

PAPA BEAR

Fairytale creature with featured lines and a solo. In “That’s the Story of my Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This Is Our Story.”

BABY BEAR

Fairytale creature with lines and a big solo in “Freak Flag.” In “That’s the Story of My Life,” and “This is Our Story.”

THREE LITTLE PIGS

Well...they’re talking/singing pigs! One has a solo in Freak. In “That’s the Story of My Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This Is Our Story.”

UGLY DUCKLING

Fairytale creature with lines and solos. In “That’s the Story of my Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This is Our Story”.

PETER PAN

Fairytale creature with lines and solos. In “That’s the Story of My Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This Is Our Story.”

SHOEMAKER’S ELF

Fairytale creature with lines and solos. In “That’s the Story of My Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This is Our Story.”

WHITE RABBIT Fairytale creature with lines. In “That’s the Story of My Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This is Our Story.”

MAD HATTER

Fairytale creature with a solo. In “That’s the Story of my Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This Is Our Story.”

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Fairytale creature. In “That’s the Story of my Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This Is Our Story.”

RAPUNZEL

Fairytale creature. In “That’s the Story of my Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This is Our Story.”

RAGGEDY ANNE & ANDY

Fairytale creature. In “That’s the Story of My Life,” “Freak Flag” and “This is Our Story.”