

## The Tortoise and the Hare

### Character Descriptions

\*All characters may be cast as male or female

#### **TORTOISE**

A slow, but humble and wise Tortoise. Even though the Tortoise is slow, it takes a lot of energy from the actor to make sure the Tortoise looks like he's working hard whenever he walks. It also takes a lot of energy to make sure that the Tortoise is not flat and boring. Choose someone expressive with energy and body control, who can do a slow voice. Will have to sing a solo.

#### **HARE**

An arrogant and sassy Hare. Will need to be over the top and expressive. Will also have to be creative and do a lot of physical reacting while the other characters are talking. Choose someone loud and expressive who can bring a lot of energy and act over the top and snobby. Will have to sing 2 solos.

#### **BADGER**

The leader of the animals. Takes charge in trying to organize the race. Choose someone loud, who can command attention. Should be expressive and energetic, and able to act frustrated and overwhelmed.

#### **FOX**

A distinguished fox, who is looked up to by the other animals. Helps the Badger organize the race. Doesn't race the Hare, because she is scarred of losing and looking bad. Choose someone loud and expressive, who can take charge, and act distinguished.

#### **BEAVER**

A kind and responsible beaver. One of the Tortoises biggest supporters. Choose someone loud and expressive.

## **MOUSE**

A mouse who is always worried about looking silly or being embarrassed. Choose a smaller actor who can be loud, and expressive.

## **HORSE**

A wise horse who works for the farmer. Cannot race the hare, because she has other responsibilities. Will have to neigh at times in the lines. Choose an taller student who is expressive, and can do a neigh while they talk.

## **OTTER**

A quirky and excitable otter. Choose a student who can be loud and expressive with good comedic timing.

## **WEASEL**

A mischievous weasel. Jealous of all the attention the Hare is getting. Choose a student who can be loud and expressive and can act sly and a little mean spirited.

## **RACOON**

A mischievous racoon. Doesn't think the Tortoise can win. Choose someone who can be loud and energetic.

## **DEER**

A mature and spiritually minded deer. Choose a student with a mature presence who can be expressive and kind.

## **CROW**

A blunt crow. Not afraid to call it like it is. Choose a student who can be loud and blunt.

## **RABBIT**

A kind and supportive Rabbit. Choose someone who can be loud and encouraging, and can hop across the stage.

### **TV ANCHOR**

A tv news anchor. Loud and energetic and sometimes gets into fights. Choose someone loud and expressive.

### **REPORTER 1**

An excitable news reporter. Choose someone loud and energetic.

### **REPORTER 2**

A distinguished news reporter. Choose someone loud and expressive.

### **CAMERAMAN**

A cameraman who loves his camera. Choose someone who can be loud, and who can hold a Video Camera for a while without getting tired.

### **BUG 1**

A loud and deadpan bug. Choose a small student who can be loud.

### **BUG 2**

A loud and deadpan bug. Choose a small student who can be loud.

### **BUG 3**

A bug who sees how mean the Hare really is. Choose a small student who can be loud and expressive.

### **ANIMAL 1**

An animal who wants to see the Hare beaten in a race. Choose someone loud and expressive.

### **ANIMAL 2**

A mature and responsible animal. Choose someone loud, who can sound kind and responsible.

### **ANIMAL 3**

A frustrated animal. Choose someone loud who can sound frustrated.