

Hitchin' CHARACTER INFORMATION / DESCRIPTIONS

(some actors may be cast as more than one character)

Walter Newman (37 lines “monologues”, 1 solo)

Character Age: 40's - 50's

Character Race: Caucasian.

Character Gender: Male

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Male.

Ability/movement: This role may provide the flexibility to accommodate differently abled individuals.

Character Description:

Clothing store owner and father of Matt. He is a workaholic who has become consumed by the demands of his job. Once a free spirit, he has forgotten what it was like to be young and idealistic.

Barb Newman (13 lines)

Character Age: 40's - 50's

Character Race: Caucasian.

Character Gender: Female

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Female.

Ability/movement: Must be able to walk short distances, some lifting and moving of small set pieces (table, chairs, rolling on/off set pieces etc.)

Character Description:

Walter's wife and Matt's mother. She is sympathetic to her son's needs to explore the world and though a loving wife to Walter, she is bored with their lack of spark.

Walt/Matt (157 lines. Multiple solos, *must* be a strong singer)

Character Age: 18 - Mid 20's

Character Race: Caucasian.

Character Gender: Male

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Male.

Ability/movement: On stage the entire play, in continuous movement. Must be able to walk, crouch, light dancing and moving of small set pieces (table, chairs, rolling on/off set pieces etc.)

Character Description:

Matt - College student, bored with being a student and wanting to taste life. He wants to find his own path and is loath to stay on the track his father has planned for him.

Walt - Walter at age 20. A very naive and trusting soul who has been sheltered from the world but is very open to experiencing it and those he meets on the road.

Lulu (22 lines, 1 solo, Oklahoman)

Character Age: 20's

Character Race: Any.

Character Gender: Female

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Female.

Ability/movement: In continuous movement throughout much of the show.

Character Description:

Lulu, a fearless and vivacious hitchhiker, embodies rugged charm and alluring independence. Despite her sassy demeanor, she carries scars from a challenging past in Guthrie, Oklahoma. Resilient and compassionate, Lulu's captivating stories reveal a complex woman behind the tough exterior. She leaves a lasting impression on Walt and the audience, symbolizing the spirit of the open road.

Sylvester (25 lines, 1 solo)

Character Age: 20 +

Character Race: Any.

Character Gender: Any.

Desired Actor Gender: Any.

Ability/movement: In continuous movement throughout much of the show.

Character Description:

Dark, cynical wordsmith and hitch-hiker. Walt's opposite in character and experience. They are mischievous and mistrusting by nature, very much the loner who pushes people away with their negativity.

Mary Erickson (16 lines, 1 solo)

Character Age: Mid 40+

Character Race: Caucasian

Character Gender: Female

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Female.

Ability/movement: This role may provide the flexibility to accommodate differently abled individuals.

Character Description:

A middle aged farm wife, maternal and lonely. She suffers from being in a marriage that has no intimacy and her children are estranged from her due to her husband's heavy hand and stern nature.

James Erickson (7 lines)

Character Age: Mid 40+

Character Race: Caucasian

Character Gender: Male

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Male.

Ability/movement: Minor mobility needs can be accommodated ie., cane, walker

Character Description:

A judgemental, middle aged dairy farmer who suffers from the loss of his first born son. He has basically disowned his other two children for the choices they've made and occupies himself with running the farm

Howie (32 lines, 1 solo)

Character Age: Mid 20's - Early 30's

Character Race: Any.

Character Gender: Male

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as male.

Ability/movement: In continuous movement throughout much of the show.

Character Description:

A hippie and former Peace Corps volunteer. He is radically opposed to the war in Vietnam and mistrusts the government in general, always questioning the status quo. A free spirit, he lives life on the edge of society and is presently rootless.

Jack (21 lines, 1 solo)

Character Age: 18 - Early 20's

Character Race: Any.

Character Gender: Male

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as male.

Ability/movement: In continuous movement throughout much of the show.

Character Description:

A young serviceman in his late teens. He has a chip on his shoulder and an "attitude". Life has not been especially kind to him and he has learned to look out for himself.

Edna (26 lines, 1 duet)

Character Age: 60+

Character Race: Caucasian

Character Gender: Female

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Female.

Ability/movement: Must be able to walk short distances, light dancing, some lifting and moving of small set pieces (table, chairs, rolling on/off set pieces etc.)

Character Description:

A widow with a lively, youthful personality and an adventurous soul. She has difficulty living alone due to her gregarious nature and is still a sensuous and desirable woman.

Marian (15 lines, trio, Brooklyn Accent)

Character Age: 20+

Character Race: Any

Character Gender: Female or Non binary

Desired Actor Gender: Female or Non binary portraying a lesbian

Ability/movement: Must be able to walk short distances, light dancing, some lifting and moving of small set pieces (table, chairs, rolling on/off set pieces etc.)

Character Description:

An unhappy and sour woman from Brooklyn N.Y.

She is very much a city dweller and disdains camping and outdoor life. She is neat and prim.

Georgia (19 lines, 1 solo)

Character Age: 20+

Character Race: Any

Character Gender: Female or Non binary

Desired Actor Gender: Female or Non binary portraying a lesbian

Ability/movement: Must be able to walk short distances, light dancing, some lifting and moving of small set pieces (table, chairs, rolling on/off set pieces etc.)

Character Description:

An earthy person from the southern U.S. She is the peacemaker of the group. Very much the flower child in deed and word, She has a soothing, gentle nature and is a healing force.

Debbie (8 lines, trio)

Character Age: 20+

Character Race: Any

Character Gender: Female or Non Binary

Desired Actor Gender: Female or Non binary portraying a lesbian

Ability/movement: Must be able to walk short distances, light dancing, some lifting and moving of small set pieces (table, chairs, rolling on/off set pieces etc.)

Character Description:

A brash woman, she is fierce in nature and is game to try anything or take anyone on. She cares nothing for appearances.

Policeman/Ensemble (8 lines)

Character Age: 30+

Character Race: Caucasian.

Character Gender: Male

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as male.

Ability/movement: In continuous movement throughout much of the show.

Character Description:

A state trooper who is distrustful of strangers and people who look "alternative".

Waitress/Ensemble (1 line)

Character Age: 30+

Character Race: Any.

Character Gender: Female

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Female.

Ability/movement: In continuous movement throughout much of the show.

3x Truckers/Ensemble (2 lines)

Character Age: 20's+

Character(s) Race: Any.

Character Gender: Male

Desired Actor Gender: Must present as or be willing to present as Male.

Ability/movement: In continuous movement throughout much of the show.

Protesters/Ensemble (3 lines)

Varying ages and genders.

May be duplicate cast with named characters.
