

THE GRAND DUKE – FALL 2010

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Rudolph (Grand Duke of Pfennig Halbpennig) - (Baritone, B3-E4) Ruler of the small country of Pfennig Halbpennig. He is a petty tyrant who is incredibly cheap, but likes pomp and ceremony. Betrothed in childhood to the Princess of Monte Carlo, yet plans to marry the wealthy Baroness Von Krakenfeldt.

Ernest Dummkopf (A theatrical manager) - (Tenor, D3-Ab5) Manager of the troupe of actors who are plotting to overthrow the Grand Duke. In love with Julia, who despises him.

Ludwig (His leading comedian) - (Baritone, Bb3-F4) Leading comedian in the acting troupe. Streetwise and rather off-the-cuff, happy go lucky and somewhat of a ladies' man.

Dr. Tannhauser (A notary) - (Baritone, D3-G4) A solicitor in Pfennig Halbpennig. Explains how the laws work in Pfennig Halbpennig.

The Prince of Monte Carlo - (Baritone, B3-E4) Eternally poor until he invents the game of roulette.

The Princess of Monte Carlo - (Non-singing) Betrothed to Rudolph in childhood. Somewhat of a 'valley girl' or spoiled royalty.

The Baroness Von Krakenfeldt - (Contralto, A4-E5) Wealthy woman looking to raise her social stature by marrying the Grand Duke. She's got wads of money, but is as cheap as Rudolph is.

Julia Jellicoe (An English Comedienne) - (Soprano, C4-A6) Queen of the divas. Speaks with a strong accent (German preferred) while all the other characters have none.

Lisa (A soubrette) - (Mezzo Soprano, C4-G5) Diva in training. Still young and innocent, she loves Ludwig and plans to marry him.

Members of Ernest Dummkopf's Company: With featured dialogue and/or singing parts. (These roles may be condensed into fewer named characters)

Olga

Gretchen

Bertha

Elsa

Martha

Chamberlains, Nobles, Actors, Actresses, etc.

Note: For those of you who are familiar with this operetta, we will not be casting anyone in the characters of the Herald, Ben Hashbaz, or Viscount Mentone. The Herald's song will be performed by the Prince of Monte Carlo. We are also cutting the duet with the Prince and Princess of Monte Carlo.