

DEAR EVAN HANSEN Character Descriptions

EVAN HANSEN The protagonist — a socially isolated teenager struggling with severe anxiety and depression. Well-meaning but deeply insecure, Evan longs for connection and belonging. A misguided lie spirals into an elaborate deception throughout the course of the show. Despite his mistakes, he has a sense of genuine sincerity to him.

Vocal Range: G2-C5

ZOE MURPHY Connor's younger sister and Evan's long-time crush. Zoe is quietly resentful of the chaos her brother's behavior brought to their family. She's guarded but warm, and her relationship with Evan forces her to wrestle with complicated grief.

Vocal Range: F3-E5

CONNOR MURPHY Troubled, volatile, and deeply misunderstood. Connor is the tragic figure at the center of the story and dies by suicide early in the show. Connor remains present in the show after his death, both symbolically and as a guiding figure and parallel to Evan.

This actor may be asked to understudy the role of EVAN.

Vocal Range: C3-G#4

CYNTHIA MURPHY Connor and Zoe's mother. Cynthia is warm and desperately hopeful — she latches onto Evan's false narrative about Connor because it offers her comfort and helps her to reach a place of acceptance about her son's death.

Vocal Range: F3-C5

LARRY MURPHY Connor and Zoe's father. He is more reserved than Cynthia and struggles to connect with Connor in life. The story sees him reckoning with his perceived failure through his new relationship with Evan.

Vocal Range: Bb2-G4

HEIDI HANSEN Evan's hardworking and loving single mother. Heidi is working long hours and putting herself through school in support of Evan, but her well-intentioned absence leaves him feeling further isolated. Her relationship with Evan is one of the most emotionally complex in the show.

Vocal Range: F3-Eb5

JARED KLEINMAN Evan's sardonic, self-described "family friend." Jared hides behind humor and cynicism as a defense mechanism, and almost accidentally plays a role in Evan's deception makes him one of the story's most conflicted supporting characters.

Vocal Range: D3-B4

ALANA BECK Driven, hyper-organized, and eager to be noticed. Alana throws herself into

honoring Connor's memory with genuine passion, but her motivations are complicated by her own struggles with being overlooked.

Vocal Range: F3-E5

SWINGS

These crucial performers will learn all material for their assigned role(s) and will be expected to cover in rehearsals and at performances if the principal actor is not able to perform. Swings will be given "put-in" rehearsals where they are able to run the full show for each of their tracks. Swings and Understudies will not be given dedicated performances but will perform as pit singers for all performances of DEAR EVAN HANSEN.

The configuration of Swing tracks below is subject to change based on the students accepted into PULSE.

SWING 1 Connor, Jared

SWING 2 Larry

SWING 3 Zoe, Alana

SWING 4 Cynthia, Heidi