## **ONCE UPON A MATTRESS CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS**

**MINSTREL** The cunning and likeable narrator of the story. He has an air of confidence, along with plenty of wit and charm.

Vocal Range: D4-Ab5 (opt. B5)

**WIZARD** The egotistical, ex-performer who directly serves the Queen. He is the Queen's right hand man and thinks of all the Princess' tests. He prides himself in his position and faithfully obeys all of the Queen's orders.

Vocal Range: A3-A4

**LADY LARKEN** A graceful, charming Lady in Waiting, in love with Sir Harry. She is very eager for Dauntless to marry so she can wed Harry before her little bundle arrives.

Vocal Range: B3-Ab5

**SIR HARRY** A handsome, manly (and slightly pretentious) knight, Harry must find a Princess to marry Dauntless so he can wed Lady Larkin. Chivalrous, brave, and a bit taken with himself. **Vocal Range: C4-F5** (opt. G5)

**QUEEN AGGRAVAIN** The domineering queen who controls the kingdom and her son with an iron fist and impossible standards for potential princesses.

Vocal Range: A3-B4

**KING SEXTIMUS THE SILENT** He is mute, due to a curse, but you always know what he is thinking. He is expressive, mischievous and playful with strong facial and physical comedy. **Vocal Range: E4-F#5** 

**JESTER** The court fool and the king's right-hand man. Must be agile and full of energy. **Vocal Range: C#4-Ab5** (opt. B5)

**PRINCE DAUNTLESS** A lovable prince who's never been allowed to grow up; sweet, innocent, and eager to finally find love. He is completely taken with Princess Winnifred.

Vocal Range: A3-E5

**PRINCESS WINNIFRED THE WOEBEGONE** A feisty, optimistic, and free-thinking princess from the swamp lands – an unconventional heroine. She wants to get married, but must go through the queen's unfair test to do so. Prince Dauntless falls madly in love with her. **Vocal Range: A3-F5** 

## THE FOLLOWING ARE FEATURED ENSEMBLE ROLES

Cast members in these roles may be asked to understudy one or multiple principal tracks

PRINCESS NO. 12 The first royal hopeful who fails the Queen's impossible test.

**SIR STUDLEY** A member of the royal court.

Vocal Range: A4-B4

**SIR LUCE** A member of the royal court.

LADY MABELLE, LADY ROWENA, LADY MERRILL, LADY LUCILLE Ladies in waiting.

**1ST, 2ND, 3RD KNIGHT** Knights in the royal court.

KITCHEN WENCH Works below stairs and is chased around the castle by King Sextimus.

**EMILY** A chambermaid.

**NIGHTINGALE** A royal pet that sings a lullaby to put Winnifred to sleep.

Vocal Range: F#4-G5

PANTOMIME CHARACTERS Silent performers who bring physical comedy and visual storytelling to life throughout the show.

KNIGHTS, LADIES, SOLDIERS, SERVANTS, MUSICIANS