

THE LITTLE MERMAID Character Descriptions:

- **ARIEL** - Female. A defiant teenage mermaid with big dreams of a better world. This role requires strong vocals, a sincere performance with big energy and subtle nuances.
- **PRINCE ERIC** - Male. A headstrong prince in his late teens who would rather sail the ocean than rule his kingdom. This role requires strong vocals, a sincere performance with big energy and subtle nuances.
- **GRIMSBY** - Male. Prince Eric's closest advisor and right-hand man, Grimsby is an older gentleman who believes in living by the rules and doing what is right. This role requires an exaggerated character performance with moments of sincerity and sweetness (British accent ideal).
- **KING TRITON** - Male. Ariel's genuinely concerned parent wants nothing but the best for Ariel and is afraid that her interest in a dangerous world she doesn't understand will get her hurt or killed. This role requires a powerful performance that sometimes reveals a softer side.
- **SEBASTIAN** - Male or Female. King Triton's court composer and Ariel's appointed guardian, Sebastian is anxious, artistic, and a showy crab. This role requires an exaggerated character performance with strong humor and physical commitment. (mild Caribbean accent, not a caricature)
- **FLOUNDER** - Male or Female. Ariel's best friend, an adorable little fish that she treats like a younger sibling. Energetic and eager. This role has a large solo in the song "She's in Love," and requires a sincere, open, and enthusiastic performance.
- **SCUTTLE** - Male or Female. Ariel's seagull friend who pretends to be an expert on everything human, but is all sparkle and no substance. This role requires an exaggerated character performance with strong physical commitment and dancing.
- **URSULA** - Female. A devious sea octopus. Ursula is a confident and powerful woman who considers herself to have been treated very unfairly by King Triton. This role requires an over-the-top villainous character performance with exaggerated physicality, but it is important that the performer remember that Ursula considers herself a victim.
- **FLOTSAM AND JETSAM** - Male or Female. A pair of nefarious electric eels who work for Ursula and help lure unfortunate souls to her lair. These roles require an extremely physical performance, as well as the ability to work together seamlessly.
- **MERSISTERS** - 6 Females. AQUATA, ANDRINA, ARISTA, ATINA, ADELLA, and ALLANA are Ariel's older sisters. A fun-loving, gossipy, self-promoting group of mergirls. Requires strong vocals, good comic timing, movement skills and big, fun energy.
- **CHEF LOUIS** - Male or Female. The head chef in Prince Eric's castle, obsessed with seafood. This role requires an over-the-top comedic performance with exaggerated physicality and a ridiculous French accent. Sings "Les Poissons."
- **PRINCESSES** - 6 Females. Princesses who are competing to win Prince Eric's hand in marriage. Big, over the top personalities.
- **CARLOTTA** - The head of Prince Eric's household staff, Carlotta is a motherly servant who takes Ariel under her wing.

FEATURED ENSEMBLES (Performers may be cast in one or more ensembles):

- **SAILORS** - The crew of Prince Eric's ship. Confident personalities.
- **SEAGULL POSSE** - Must be fearless character actors. Very strong singers and dancers.
- **SEA CREATURES** - Sea-dwelling fish and other underwater critters. Strong singers and movers.
- **CHEFS** - These light-footed cooks appear with Chef Louis. Strong movers.