

# Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

## Character Descriptions

### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

**JOSEPH:** Male, (High Tenor, Vocal Range Low A to High G). Eleventh son of Jacob and Jacob's favorite. Looking for a strong actor with a confident but charming personality. Must capture Joseph's emotional journey throughout the musical and show character progression from a confident arrogant young man to being broken and regretful and finally learning humility and forgiveness. Must have strong singing abilities, with rhythm sense, diction and articulation.

**NARRATOR:** Female, (Soprano with extended mix/belt range, Low F# to High G). The Narrators are host, and guides the audience through the story of Joseph and his brothers. They must be dynamic and vibrant actors that bring energy into their scenes. Narrators must also have chemistry with every character on stage, as well as each other. As they carry the show, they must be strong experienced vocalist, with sense of rhythm and ability to be clear and articulate.

**JOSEPH'S BROTHERS:** Males, Joseph's 11 brothers (Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin), are jealous of Joseph being their father's favorite son, sell him into slavery, and ultimately realize their wrongdoing. Need to have a lot of charisma and personality as they bring humor to the show! Must be strong dancers who can hold many harmonies and carry the show vocally.

**REUBEN:** the oldest, the one who is quickest to lie to Jacob. Sings: *One More Angel In Heaven*

**SIMEON:** the brother who is first able to openly admit that they created their own misery by selling off Joseph. Sings: *Canon Days*.

**JUDAH:** the first brother who lays down his life for his youngest brother Benjamin. Sings: *Benjamin Calypso*

**PHARAOH:** Male, (Baritone, Low B to High G#). This character is portrayed as Elvis. Must be able to act with humor and interact with the audience. His entire number on stage is a re-enactment of an Elvis concert. Must be comfortable and confident in his part. Must be a strong singer.

**POTIPHAR:** Male, plays about 50-70 yrs. old (Baritone, Vocal Range D to B). Potiphar is a rich, selfindulgent and sophisticated Egyptian capitalist who buys Joseph as a slave. He needs to be a strong actor who portrays arrogance.

**MRS. POTIPHAR:** Female, Strong Dancer. Mrs. Potiphar is an indulgent woman who likes to get her own way, and thinks first and foremost about her own personal gratification. She is razor sharp, beautiful and confident.

**JACOB:** Male, plays about 50-75 yrs. old (Baritone, Low A to C). Jacob is the father of Joseph and his 11 brothers. He clearly favors Joseph as the first son of his favorite wife, unwittingly causing the friction that exists between Joseph and his brothers. Jacob needs to be a good actor, who can sing and move reasonably well.

**BUTLER & BAKER:** Males, (Tenor). The Butler and the Baker both work for the Pharaoh. They are both decent men in precarious situations. They need to be excellent singers and honest actors.

**FEMALE ENSEMBLE:** Will play multiple roles throughout the show including wives to Jacob and his sons and citizens of Egypt. They sing and dance throughout the entire show. Looking for energetic singers who move well. Featured roles and solos will come from the ensemble.