

A-la-la-la-la-laddin

CHARACTER LIST

The play has been written with 33 speaking parts, though this can easily be adapted and larger roles shared (see p15 of book for guidance).

There are also numerous characters who could double up as part of the ensemble, with or even without minor costume changes. All characters could be played both by boys and girls, with names altered to suit if felt necessary.

Friends & Family	Royal Household	Miscellaneous
Aladdin	Princess Zahra	Musharraf
Habiba	Sultan	Genie
Nyla	Grand Vizier	Fatima
Kalil	Kadin	Merchant 1
Rafiq	Aisha	Merchant 2
Jamir	Laila	Merchant 3
Rashad	Amrin	Merchant 4
Mahmood	Soraya	Merchant 5
Masud	Salma	
Nadir	Guards 1-6	

See page 15 of the book for information on adapting the play for smaller/larger casts.

See below for character profiles and line tallies.

MAIN CHARACTER PROFILES & NUMBER OF LINES

Name	Character	Lines
Aladdin	Eager to improve his lot in life without having to work for it, Aladdin is a dynamic and engaging young man who finally wins the heart of the princess when he learns to trust in the real him.	99
Sultan	The Sultan is a jovial ruler and a larger-than-life character who wants the best for his daughter, but tends to judge things (and people) on their appearance rather than what lies within.	68
Princess Zahra	Trapped in a life without free will, Princess Zahra is determined to make her own choices and will fight for the right to do so, even if that means giving up on her royal privileges.	54
Musharraf	The villain of the piece, Musharraf is a cunning, calculating, conniving sorcerer, who traps Aladdin in a cave and leaves him to die.	53
Grand Vizier	The Sultan's chief adviser, the Grand Vizier is ambitious both for himself and for his son, Kadin. As such, when Aladdin appears on the scene he is far from happy about a possible rival for the princess's hand in marriage.	34
Guard One	How Guard One ended up as a soldier in a play is a mystery: he loves sharing news of his life outside of the story, and what a bizarre life he leads.	25
Kalil	Aladdin's closest friend, Kalil is an astute young man, plenty of fun, but with a sensible head on his shoulders.	25
Habiba	Aladdin's mother is strong-willed, strong-tongued, and quite strong in general actually. She can be quite tough on Aladdin, but really does care about him.	23
Aisha	Aisha is one of the princess's female attendants but also under the pay (and control) of the Grand Vizier, revealing information to him about the princess's movements and thoughts.	17
Genie	The genie of the lamp is a spirited soul and enjoys granting wishes, though what he would really like is his own freedom.	16
Guard Two	Guard Two is a stickler for the rules and spends most of the play trying to stop Guard One from talking.	15
Nyla	Habiba's best friend and confidante, Nyla is cut from the same cloth and is constantly bemoaning her own layabout son, Jamil.	9
Guard Three	Guard Three is a friendly and positive character who shows interest in others.	8
Mahmood	Mahmood is one of Aladdin's friends and a street-wise and shrewd individual.	7

Kadin	Son of the Grand Vizier, Kadin is eager to marry the princess and enjoy all the advantages of being a prince, without really caring what the princess herself is like.	6
Fatima	Fatima has worked in the market for most of her life but would far rather be retired with a holiday home on the coast. She has plenty of opinions and speaks them freely.	5
Jamir	One of Aladdin's friends, Jamir may not be the brightest and is certainly not the most conscientious, but he breezes through life pretty easily.	5
Laila	Laila is one of the princess's attendants. She isn't the sharpest tool in the box, but she has plenty of heart and a positive approach to life.	5
Nadir	Nadir is a confident and quick-witted member of Aladdin's friends.	5
Amrin	Amrin is a friendly and thoughtful attendant to the princess.	4
Salma	Salma is a spirited young woman who adores shopping and loves nothing more than buying things with her father's money.	4
Soraya	Soraya loves life at the palace and is a loyal and attentive attendant (as you would hope!) to the princess.	4
Guard Four	Guard Four is quite literal and isn't, perhaps, the brightest spark, but he means well.	3
Guard Five	Guard Five is a supportive and pleasant character.	3
Masud	Masud is a friendly and funny member of Aladdin's friends.	3
Merchant 1	A self-serving market-stall holder who will happily swindle his/her customers.	3
Guard Six	Guard Six always has a kind word for his friends and has a sensible and realistic approach to things.	2
Rashad	One of Aladdin's friends, Rashad is a relaxed and easy-going character.	2
Merchant 2	A market-stall holder	1
Merchant 3	A market-stall holder	1
Merchant 4	A market-stall holder	1
Merchant 5	A market-stall holder	1

ENSEMBLE

Try to have as many people as possible in the ensemble, especially for the songs, including any characters without speaking lines in a particular scene. Costume changes are unnecessary unless someone is playing two very different parts that require differentiating.