

THE COMMUNITY OF HUNGERFORD THEATRE COMPANY – TOWN SHOW 2008 – BLITZ!

Character	M/F	Age?	Description / Acting notes	Musical Notes	Acting Audition	Singing Audition
Mrs. Blitztein	F	55	Major role: A dominating widow (any build), who has brought up her large family single-handed by selling pickled herrings in Petticoat lane. A matriarchal figure and undisputed community leader.	Strong singer with good sense of timing. Leads several songs, some solo.	Pages 11-12 Pages 35-36 Pages 77-78, 86	No 1a <u>Our Hotel</u> from bar 36 (after Elsie "He'll cop it anyway"). No 13 <u>Bake A Cake</u>
Carol Blitztein	F	19	Major role: Her beautiful daughter, age 19 (or to match Georgie). The clever one of the family.	Wide vocal range required High & low	Pages 47-49	No 11 <u>Opposites</u> – to bar 36 (Sing both George & Carol for continuity) No 18 <u>Far Away</u>
Harry Blitztein	M	~ 21	Major role: Her brother. He is in the army and quite a lad for the girls.	Main song is Duty Calls at end of act 2	Page 35-36	No 26 <u>Duty Calls</u> Bars 1-40
Siddy Blitztein	M	12	The baby of the family.	-	Pages 20-21 (Read Siddy & Tommy)	No Singing Audition
Rachel Blitztein	F	21+	An older, married sister (any build).	-	-	No Singing Audition
Cissy Blitztein	F	22+	The eldest, married sister (any build).	-	-	No Singing Audition
Alfred Locke	M	50	Major role: A caustic cockney widower (any build), has a fruit stall next to Mrs Blitztein's. He is a rabid old contemptible from the first world war and is now Chief Air Raid Warden for the lane.	Only features in 2 songs – see audition songs.	Pages 5-6 Pages 84-85	No 2 <u>Tell him, Tell Her</u> bars 1-18 No 10 <u>As Long As This Is England</u> Bars 1-26
George Locke	M	~21+	Major role: Good looking son, in the same regiment as Harry B. He is shy with girls.	Needs to be a strong, confident singer.	Pages 47,48,49 Pages 73,74,75,77,78	No 11 <u>Opposites</u> – to bar 36 (Sing both George & Carol for continuity) No 23 <u>Who Wants To Settle Down</u> to bar 36
Frances Locke	F	13	His sister. She has cared for the Locke household since her mother died 5 years ago.	-	-	No Singing Audition
Ernie Nearmiss	M	60	Major role: A wizened colleague of Mr Locke's who has a dirty raincoat and out-of-date hearing aid. Was an old contemptible with Mr Locke. Makes a sparse living helping with the fruit stall and odd jobs.	Features in 2 songs – As Long As This Is England and Another Morning	Pages 78-79 Pages 84-85	No 10 <u>As Long As This Is England</u> Bars 1-26
Joyce Matthews	F	25-30	Featured role: A beautiful, well-spoken woman. Her husband is a warrant officer in the RAF, posted missing since Dunkirk. She is an ambulance driver and lives in the West End.	-	Pages 65-66	No Singing Audition
Elsie	F	~20	Featured role: Brassy girl (Could be big/blonde) who works in a munitions factory and is a part-time Air Raid Warden.	Needs a strong voice to lead song 15 – Leave It To The Ladies.	Pages 19-20 Pages 33	No 15 <u>Leave It To The Ladies</u> bars 1-18 sung as a continuous song
Tommy Blackwell	M	12	Small boy – Unknowingly becomes an orphan in the opening scene. Evacuee	-	Pages 20-21 (Read Siddy & Tommy)	No Singing Audition
Buddyboy	M	Any	Ageless man who has always been around east end. Livelihood unknown but everyone thinks he is a black marketer.	-	Page 51	No Singing Audition
Mr. Josephs	M	30+	A gentle Yiddish man, who sells bagels.	Leads singing in Petticoat Lane	-	No 19 <u>Petticoat Lane</u> Bars 6-20

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Mr. Murphy	M	25+	Loses home in air raid.	-	-	No Singing Audition
Mrs. Murphy	F	25+	His wife	-	Page 75	No Singing Audition
Peg Murphy	F	18+	Their daughter, who is Elsie's best friend and also a part-time Air Raid Warden	-	-	No 27 <u>Who's This Geezer Hitler</u> No 29 <u>The Day After Tomorrow</u>
Mr. Sen	M		A father. (Indian/Asian) - Loses home in air raid.	-	-	No Singing Audition
Mrs. Sen	F		His wife	-	-	No Singing Audition
Rajah Sen	M	11	Their son - evacuee	-	-	No Singing Audition
Ping-Hi	M	25+	Chinese laundry man	Short lead in <u>As Long As This Is England</u>	-	No 27 <u>Who's This Geezer Hitler</u> No 29 <u>The Day After Tomorrow</u>
Billy Ping-Hi	M/F	11	His child - Evacuee	-	-	No Singing Audition
Mr. Finkelstein	M		Yiddish man, works as a Presser.	Short lead in <u>As Long As This Is England</u>	-	No 27 <u>Who's This Geezer Hitler</u> No 29 <u>The Day After Tomorrow</u>
Mr. O'Hara	M	25+	Irishman, works as a Docker	Short lead in <u>As Long As This Is England</u>	-	No 27 <u>Who's This Geezer Hitler</u> No 29 <u>The Day After Tomorrow</u>
Mary O'Hara	F	10	His daughter - evacuee	-	-	No Singing Audition
Mrs. Smith	F	50+	Old lady	-	-	No Singing Audition
Mrs. Higgins	F		A mother	-	-	No Singing Audition
Alfie Higgins	M	10	Her son - evacuee	-	-	No Singing Audition
Bird	M	30+	Right hand man of Buddy Boy. Gregarious. A weasel.	-	Page 83	No Singing Audition
Policemen / Firemen	M	25+	Various appearances	-	-	No Singing Audition
School Teacher	F	25+	Miss Dunstan - Administers the evacuation	-	-	No Singing Audition
Several other "few line" / "single singing line" / non speaking roles for adults and juniors				Musical audition for any other parts with small singing roles	-	No 27 <u>Who's This Geezer Hitler</u> No 29 <u>The Day After Tomorrow</u>