

Character Breakdown

Ariel

Ariel, the heroine of our story, is a little mermaid who longs to be human. Ariel has some beautiful solos and must be a strong singer, but must also be a dynamic performer to be able to convey meaning through gesture once she loses her voice.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Prince Eric

Prince Eric is the adventurous prince who captures Ariel's heart. Prince Eric has a few small solos, but it is more important to cast a strong actor in this role who is charming with a sensitive nature.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Sebastian

Sebastian is the meticulous and anxious crab who tries to keep Ariel safe while getting to lead some of the most memorable songs in the show! We need a strong singer who can also handle Sebastian's emotional range. Sebastian can be played by a boy or girl.

Gender: Both

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: A3

Flounder

Flounder is Ariel's sincere and sensitive best friend who is loyal to the end. This spunky fish also has a show-stopping solo in "She's in Love." Flounder can be a girl or a boy with an unchanged voice. This may be a wonderful role for a younger performer who is ready to take the next step into the spotlight.

Gender: Both

Vocal range top: Db5

Vocal range bottom: G3

King Triton

King Triton rules the sea and is a force to be reckoned with. This non-singer needs to command the stage as a strong leader but also show the tenderness of a parent. We need a mature performer who feels comfortable playing father to Ariel and the Mersisters.

Gender: Male

Mersisters/Princesses

The six Mersisters will double as the six Princesses. The Mersisters (Aquata, Andrina, Arista, Atina, Adella, Allana) are Ariel's siblings and full of personality and sass. These are great roles to showcase talented singers and dancers who can create and play six distinctive characters. The six Princesses try everything they can to win the heart of Prince Eric. Since none of them possesses the voice Prince Eric is searching for, we need actresses who can create an exaggerated and comedic personality through song.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Ursula

Ursula is the manipulative sea witch who tries to overthrow King Triton. She is cunning and devious and will stop at nothing to get what she wants. We need a mature performer who can bring out this villain's humor while finding texture in Ursula's complexity. Ursula's songs can be challenging, so we will be looking for a singer who will feel comfortable with these solos.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: C#5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Tentacles

The Tentacles are extensions of Ursula, perhaps the poor unfortunate souls who are now trapped in her lair. We are looking for performers who work well together and can move as a unit.

Gender: Both

Vocal range top: C#5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Flotsam and Jetsam

Flotsam and Jetsam are Ursula's slippery spies. These electric eels are sinister and sneaky, so we are looking for performers who can be underhanded and devious while still being heard on stage. Flotsam and Jetsam can be played by boys or girls.

Gender: Both

Vocal range top: C#5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Scuttle

Scuttle is the know-it-all seagull who serves as Ariel's expert on humans. He is funny and off-beat. We are looking for a performer with good comedic timing who is willing to have fun with Scuttle's eccentricities.

Gender: Both

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Gulls

The Gulls are Scuttle's flock of zany "back-up singers" who help explain human stuff to Ariel. While there are three principal gulls written in the score, we may add more to serve our production.

Gender: Both

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Grimsby

Grimsby is Prince Eric's prim and proper valet. He is rigid in personality and constantly trying to guide Prince Eric towards the throne. While Grimsby does have some singing to do, strong acting trumps singing ability for this role.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: E4

Chef Louis

Chef Louis is the over-the-top head chef in the palace. He is always wild and frenetic. This is an excellent featured role for a comedic performer.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: A3

Chefs

The Chefs are Chef Louis's assistants. The music in "Les Poissons" can be challenging, so good choral singers are a plus for this group.

Gender: Both

Carlotta

Carlotta is the headmistress in Prince Eric's palace and Ariel's greatest human ally. This non-singing role needs to be warm and maternal to make Ariel feel welcome.

Gender: Female

Pilot

The Pilot is the head sailor on Prince Eric's ship. This nautical expert who entertains the sailors with wild tales of the sea presents an opportunity to highlight a developing performer. The Pilot has a few speaking lines, but his singing voice is most important.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Sailors

The Sailors are the crew of Prince Eric's ship. They are eager for adventure and ready to tackle a storm. They can be played by boys or girls.

Gender: Both

Seahorse

The Seahorse is the court herald for King Triton. This non-singing part is a good role for a young performer with a clear speaking voice.

Gender: Both

Sea Chorus

The Sea Chorus is responsible for creating each world within the show. We are looking for performers who can move gracefully and are capable of being part of a scene without drawing focus. This can also be an opportunity to showcase some of your more skilled dancers. The Sea Chorus might double as Merfolk, Sea Creatures and/or Lagoon Animals.

Gender: Both

Sea Creatures

The Sea Creatures are the ensemble under water animals in King Triton's court. They can include as few or as many performers as your production permits. There are several moments to showcase both dancers and singers in "Under the Sea."

Gender: Both

Merfolk

The Merfolk of King Triton's Court and can double as Sea Creatures.

Gender: Both

Lagoon Animals

The Lagoon Animals try to convince Prince Eric to kiss Ariel. This ensemble can double as the Sea Creatures.

Gender: Both