

## Character Breakdown

### **Alex**

Alex, the lion, is the main attraction at the Central Park Zoo and undoubtedly “The King of New York City.” He’s a fun-loving fella whose devotion to steak is matched only by his devotion to his friends. He needs to be a great singer and actor but most importantly, someone who has that magnetic quality of a showman.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: A3

### **Marty**

Marty is a zebra with dreams of exploring beyond the confines of the Central Park Zoo and into the wild. He should be a solid singer and actor who also possesses a sweet disposition. You want your audience to root for Marty. He should be a perfect complement to Alex.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: A3

### **Gloria**

Gloria, the hippopotamus, is a bold young lady with a maternal streak that shines when she’s with her three closest friends: Alex, Marty and Melman. This a great part for a performer who can act, sing and who can serve as the caretaker of the group.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: Eb4

### **Melman**

Melman is a kind-hearted giraffe who is a bit of a hypochondriac. He’s always just a little bit nervous, but when it comes down to it, he’ll rise to the situation. He is a performer who can sing well but more notably, can carve out this comedic part with strong acting choices.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: Db5

Vocal range bottom: E3

### **The Penguins**

The Penguins are a group of birds on a mission: bust out of the zoo and return home to Antarctica. Skipper serves as the captain of the group, giving orders with ease and command. Kowalski is Skipper’s second-in-command and a dutiful one at that. Rico is the brute of the group and can karate chop anything in sight. Private’s primary job in the group is to maintain the cute and fuzzy disguise. These four primary roles will need to work well together. This is a fun opportunity for young performers.

Gender: Both

## **The Zookeepers**

The Zookeepers introduce the crowds to all the sights and attractions of the Central Park Zoo. Zookeeper Zelda, Zookeeper Zeke and Zookeeper Zoe are perfect parts for proficient musicians and actors who can express a real excitement and passion for the animals. Zelda has a large solo in the opening.

Gender: Both  
Vocal range top: G4  
Vocal range bottom: B3

## **Mason**

Mason is a chimpanzee with a bone to pick: though highly intelligent, his species seems to get a bad reputation for being simpleminded, and he takes that quite personally. This is a great acting role for a performer who can make bold choices from the get-go.

Gender: Male

## **The Lemurs**

The Lemurs are a wild band of creatures native to Madagascar trying desperately to avoid being eaten by the cat-like creatures called the Fossa. King Julien is their leader and the perfect part for the comedian who can sing, dance, act and has intuitive comedic timing. Maurice is King Julien's assistant who is not so welcoming to Madagascar's new inhabitants. This part is perfect for an actor who can convey distrust and disinterest while still being a powerful second-in-command to King Julien. Mort is the littlest of the Lemurs, who can barely speak, but is a sweet performer who possesses a sense of comedy. Lynn, Lew, Lee and Lars are fun smaller roles for young actors with bold personalities.

Gender: Both  
Vocal range top: B4  
Vocal range bottom: A3

## **The Fossa**

The Fossa are cat-like predators with an appetite for Lemurs! The Fossa Leader is the biggest and baddest of the Fossa and is feared by most of the creatures in Madagascar. This role needs an actor who has a great imagination for creating a larger-than-life creature who can strike fear with one look. The rest of the Fossa ensemble will need to create a dominating pack of predators.

Gender: Both

## **Servers**

Servers #1, #2 and #3 are imagined servers in Alex's dream when he starts to desire meat desperately! We need three performers who can both dance and sing well and work as a unit well together.

Gender: Both  
Vocal range top: D5  
Vocal range bottom: D4

### **The Lionesses**

The Lionesses are a group of lady lions and Alex's background singers and dancers. These are great featured roles for dancers.

Gender: Female

### **Camaraman, Candy Hammernose, Passerby, Old Lady, Police Officer #1 and #2, Animal Control Officers, Newspaper Man and Ship's Captain**

Camaraman, Candy Hammernose, Passerby, Old Lady, Police Officer #1 and #2, Animal Control Officers, Newspaper Man and Ship's Captain are all great cameo roles with speaking lines. Remember! No role is too small, and each one serves to create the larger picture of the world of *Madagascar JR.*, so a colorful group of characters is needed in these fun roles.

Gender: Both

### **New Yorkers and Animals**

The New Yorkers and Animals are two separate ensemble groups that are essential for setting up the world of the Central Park Zoo. These groups need to be bold, specific and full of energy to kick off the show with a bang!

Gender: Both