

RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES

*A Children's Theatre Musical
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CAST/CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

(3 m, 4 w)

PLAYER

STORY #1

STORY #2

STORY #3

STEVE

WOLF

THUG

NARRATOR

CHARLIE

NARRATOR

GODFATHER

ERNIE

JOHN

TAILOR

KING

CECIL

MICHELE

BLUES BROS.

NARRATOR

MYRA

DEIRDRE

BLUES BROS.

SPEEDY

CALYPSO

NICOLE

EUNKE

PRINCESS

CALYPSO

MAUREEN

MOM/GRANNY

THUG

GOLDILOCKS

AUTHORS' NOTE: If necessary, the skits can be played by only five cast members instead of seven as shown above by eliminating the BLUES BROS., THUGS, and CALYPSO singers.

COSTUME PLOT

All actors should wear a base costume which, consists of either colorful sweatpants and sweatshirts, or blue jeans and colored T-shirts and sneakers. Because each actor plays several roles, it is important that the base costume is comfortable and non-restricting. It is up to the director's discretion as to whether the actors exit offstage to remove costume pieces between scenes or simply move UPS to do so before joining the narrator DS again.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD:

LITTLE RED: Red cloak

WOLF: Wolf ears, wolf nose, bear feet slippers, and big furry hands.

NARRATOR: Black jacket with colorful ascot.

GRANNY: White nightgown and frilly night-cap.

MOTHER: Kitchen apron.

TAILOR: Very colorful and lengthy jacket with lots of buttons and tape measures, etc.

BLUES BROS.: Dark sunglasses and black hats.

KING MIDAS AND THE GOLDEN TOUCH:

KING: Gold vest, large cape, crown.

SPEEDY: Shakespearean style jacket & hat.

PRINCESS: Floral dress.

GODFATHER: Black jacket, black tie, hat, large ring.

THUGS: Same as Blues Bros.

NARRATOR: Regal type hat or jester's cap.

GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS:

ERNIE: Bear ears, bear nose, bear feet slippers.

MYRA: Same as Ernie plus apron.

CECIL: Same as Ernie plus glasses.

GOLDILOCKS: Chef jacket and chef hat.

NARRATOR: Referee shirt, whistle (or wild, floral shirt.)

PROPERTIES

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD:

Basket of goodies, bag of tofu, berries, flowers, big plastic scissors, needle and thread, large sheet to hold up as screen.

KING MIDAS AND THE GOLDEN TOUCH:

Bag of gold coins, two baseballs, one regular and one gold; two goblets, one regular and one gold; two bunches of flowers, one regular and one gold; and two large pieces of gold cloth to throw over Speedy and Princess.

GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS:

Big pot^{**}; 3 bowls and spoons; piece of yellow yarn; newspaper; wooden spoon.

*^{**}This bowl should contain a little water and a piece of dry ice to make the "porridge" bubble over. This is an optional special effect. If dry ice is not readily available, applesauce is easy and safe to use.*

SCENERY

Scenery can consist of actual furniture or, if you are traveling with the show, simple boxes to represent chairs, tables, beds, thrones etc. will work. Actors should move scenery into place during the dialogue before each scene.

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(AT RISE: DEIDRE jumps on to stage energetically and looks at the audience.)

DEIDRE: Hey guys, come out here and look at all these people.
(SHE waves on the other ACTORS who come out from the wings.)

JOHN: What do you think they're doing here?

MICHELE: I have no idea, but I think they are looking at us.

NICOLE: Of course they are looking at us, we are the only ones
on the stage.

STEVE: She has a point there.

MICHELE: Be quiet.

MAUREEN: Hey, I've got an idea.

CHARLIE: What is it?

MAUREEN: Well, we just finished rehearsing a play, right?

CHARLIE: Yeah, so what's your point?

MAUREEN: So ... why don't we put it on for them?

NICOLE: You mean, give them a show ...

EVERYONE: RIGHT HERE?!

MAUREEN: Yes, here. I mean why not? If they like it, that
means everyone else will.

JOHN: She's got a point there. We could do the show for them,
and if it goes over well and they laugh at it

EVERYONE: We'll be a hit!!

STEVE: Great idea *(Underscore.)* Ladies and Gentlemen.
For your enjoyment, we proudly present to you ... the newest
sensation to hit the world of the theatre. Three tales that are
surely to please you.

DEIDRE: And we are ready to take you into the world of your
imagination. Are you ready?

EVERYONE: THEN HERE WE GO!!!

SONG - RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES

STEVE: *(Sings.)*

COME ALONG WITH US
WE'LL TAKE YOU ALL AWAY.
ON A TRIP TO FAR OFF PLACES
THAT ARE NOT THAT FAR AWAY.

STEVE/MICHELE:

THERE WILL BE GREEDY KINGS, TALKING BEARS,
AND LOTS OF SONGS TO SING.
A WOLF THAT'S ON A DIET,
WHAT AN UNUSUAL THING.

JOHN/DEIDRE:

AND IT WILL HAPPEN
RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES.

ALL:

YES, IT WILL HAPPEN
RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES.

JOHN/DEIDRE:

THERE'S A MORAL OR TWO,
AND A JOKE FOR YOU
AND AN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE.

ALL:

AND IT WILL ALL HAPPEN
RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES.

NICOLE:

WE'LL FLY UP TO THE SUN
SO JOIN US FOR THE RIDE.

MAUREEN:

IT'S TIME TO HAVE SOME FUN
THE TYPE MONEY CANNOT BUY.

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