

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Woods?

CAST OF CHARACTERS

FOREST SPRITES & CREATURES

Thistledown (Forest Sprite)
Wild Sage (Forest Sprite)
Willowisp (Forest Sprite)
BillCat (the Bobcat)
Freddy (the Fox)
Reggie (the Rabbit)
Bart (the Bat)

THE YOUNGER KIDS

Little Red
Young Hansel
Young Gretel
Young Goldi

FAMILY MEMBERS

Father (Hansel & Gretel's Father)
Mama (Red's Mother)
Papa: (Red's Father)
Bro: (Red's Brother)

THE LUMBERJACKS

Bobsy
Elmer
Jethro
Cletus
Herschel

THE OLDER KIDS

Hansel
Gretel
Goldi
Red

Evil Queen

Limburger

Magic Mirror (Sheldon)

Snow White

Baba Yaga/Bearba

Herald

Forest Animals

Dwarves 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

--**Roles open to 1st and 2nd Graders:** Dwarves, Forest Animals, Herald, The Younger Kids, Reggie, Bart

--**Roles open to 3rd Graders:** All above, plus Family Members, Forest Sprites, Freddy, BillCat, Limburger, The Lumberjacks

--**Roles open to 4th through 6th Graders:** All above, plus Evil Queen, Magic Mirror, Snow White, Baba Yaga/Bearba, The Older Kids

--**Roles requiring SOLOS/DUETS/TRIOS/Small Groups (Strong Singers):**

Baba Yaga/Bearba, Magic Mirror (Sheldon), Evil Queen, The Older Kids, The Lumberjacks, Forest Sprites

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Forest Sprites: Magical creatures that are 100s of years old, wise and knowledgeable, but also silly and fun-loving story-tellers

Freddy the Fox: Highly motivated by food and fun, occasionally naughty

BillCat the Bobcat: A little bit cheesy, takes charge

Reggie the Rabbit and Bart the Bat: Goofballs that love a good story

Young Red: Earnest, honest, brave, willful

Young Hansel & Gretel: Wary, nervous, good speakers (clear diction)

Young Goldi: A tornado (sassy and does what she wants)

Father: Wants to be heroic, but a little dim-witted

Mama: No-nonsense, worrier, brave deep-down

Papa: Traditional, doting father

Bro: Pun-loving hunter and reluctant big brother

Lumberjacks: Rock 'n' roll minstrels who mean well, but get caught up in the Queen's evil plan. Not the brightest, goofy, funny

Hansel and Gretel: Concerned with following the rules, staying safe, slightly sarcastic

Goldi: A grown-up, girl-y tornado, sassy, doesn't catch onto new things quickly

Red: Earnest, honest, brave, truth-seeker

Baba Yaga/Bearba: Red's Auntie, a woods witch who uses her powers to protect the forest. Sarcastic and funny, Baba Yaga also has a Bear form (Bearba) so this actor will switch back & forth between costumes

Evil Queen: the epitome of a selfish, preening, evil ruler, bent on world domination, a sorceress who can turn living things to stone

Magic Mirror- Sheldon: Sarcastic, hilarious come-backs, forced to do the Queen's bidding against his will

Limburger: Evil lackey of the Queen, former minstrel, the Queen turned him into a rat when he "ratted out" his fellow minstrels

Herald: LOUD and good enunciation

Forest Creatures: lots of different personalities, actual types of creatures/costumes to be determined (ideas are Frogs, Bats, Rabbits, Squirrels, Deer, Foxes and more); the Forest Creatures are Baba Yaga's familiars, helpers, and confidants

Dwarves: Really good at causing mischief and mayhem, a well-oiled machine, quick thinkers, won't tolerate evil-doers

**Some actors may be cast in two different roles, depending on the size of the roles*

**All who register should expect at least 1-2 speaking lines for their character(s)*

**Baba Yaga/Bearba, Evil Queen, Red, Goldi, Gretel, Snow White, (including YOUNG characters of these names) & Mama will all be portrayed by girls*

**Papa, Father, Bro, & Hansel, and Young Hansel will all be portrayed by boys*

**All other characters could be portrayed by girls or boys*