

*A Funny Thing Happened
on the Way to the Forum*
Character Breakdown

MEN

Pseudolus – This role has been cast.

Prologus - Age: 30 to 50, Vocal Range: A2 – A4

Introduces the audience to the comedy they are about to see.
(Same actor who portrays Pseudolus in Act 1 and Senex in Act 2).

Senex - Age: 45 to 70, Vocal Range: B2 – G4

An old man and father to Hero and husband to Domina.

Hero - Age: 20 to 30, Vocal Range: B2 – G4

The young son of Senex and Domina. He falls in love with Philia and agrees to give Pseudolus his freedom if he can help Hero woo her. Practical, privileged, romantic.

Hysterium - Age: 40 to 55, Vocal Range: D4 – G5

The chief slave in the House of Senex. Believes he is in control, but is actually Pseudolus' puppet to carry out his schemes. Anxious, conservative, loyal. He desperately wants everything to be in order.

Erronius - Age: 45 to 70, Vocal Range: B2 – G4

An old man, searching for his lost children.

Miles Gloriosus - Age: 25 to 35, Vocal Range: B3 – F5
The archetype of the braggart soldier. A captain in the Roman army to whom Marcus Lycus has promised Philia.
Commanding, boastful, manly, and strong.

Lycus - Age: 40 to 50, Vocal Range: A3 – F5
The owner of the house of Courtesans. Always out to make a profit, but also wants to provide good on what his business offers.

WOMEN

Domina - Age: 40 to 50, Vocal Range: B3 – F5
Senex's wife. A shrewish woman who dominates to the point of answering herself the questions she asks of others. Loves her husband deep down, but is outwardly controlling, demanding, and manipulative.

Philia - Age: 18 to 21, Vocal Range: B3 – G5
A virgin in the House of Lycus whom we also find out is Erronius' daughter. She is promised to Miles and vows to give him bodily what he has paid for, but loves Hero and promises he will always have her heart. Young, pretty, devoted. An archetypal ingénue.

ENSEMBLE

Courtesans, Proteans, Soldiers