

## *Up and Away* Character Descriptions

**Jerry Jessup** (early 30s): Bari/Tenor (F sharp belt, should have high G, but just to pop off the note; should have strong falsetto, should also have low A). A kind, intelligent, yet fearful man who is happy to never stray from the farm. Content with life as it is, Jerry is distrustful of outside forces and inherently nervous, but will stop at nothing to protect the ones he loves. Also plays King Alien, Blind Nun, Lester, Beekeeper, and T-Rex.

**Joe Jessup** (20s): Bari/Tenor (F sharp belt, should have high G, but just to pop off the note; high A belt if possible). A strapping farm boy with broad shoulders and good looks. Confident that he is meant for great things, his slightly dim wit and childlike enthusiasm don't always serve him well, but his handsome face and clueless charm don't hurt. Also plays T-Rex and Pumpkin Head.

**Susie Dare** (20s): Mezzo Soprano (high G, high belt is a plus, but not required, mix will work). A feisty, ambitious, and independent young woman who will do anything to become a news reporter, but underneath the drive and confidence, she has a sweet, charming interior that is equally at play. Also plays Beekeeper and T-Rex.

**Player 1:** Ronak Fairchild (40-50): Tenor (high G belt, must have strong falsetto to impersonate a female singer). An eccentric billionaire and philanthropist who seems just outrageous and mysterious enough to be your biggest ally or the most diabolical villain. Also plays Rebel, BCN Radio Announcer, Sarah Dapper Cracker, Vertigo, Conrad Jackson, Beekeeper, Cab Driver, T-Rex, Newsie 1, Newsie 3, Mr. Malfeasance, Henchman 1, Bank Teller 1 and Business Man.

**Player 2:** Mother Jessup (40-50): Alto (must have low F Sharp. High belt is a bonus). A very hard, unemotional, no-nonsense woman, born of the earth. When she speaks, even her emotionally wrought lines are delivered with no emotion whatsoever. Also plays Queen Alien, Sally Dapper Cracker, Blind Nun, Police Officer, Laverne, Widow Cranky, Alfred, Cat Lady, Newsie 2, Reporter, Blind Nun 2, Blind Nun 3, Henchman 2, Roxy Moron and Bank Teller 2.