



## CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

*Note: Ages listed are a guide to the ages of the characters but are flexible in casting, especially for the key 'high school' characters. Do not be put off by younger or older age ranges; feel free to audition for parts you feel you can perform well.*

**Tracy Turnblad:** A “pleasantly plump” teenager with big hair and a big heart, who dreams of fame and stands up to racially integrate The Corny Collins Show. *(age 16 – 19)*

**Edna Turnblad:** Tracy’s kind, overprotective, plus-sized mother. Edna runs a laundry business out of her home. (This role is played by a male). *(age 35 – 55)*

**Wilbur Turnblad:** Tracy’s goofy father, who owns the Har-De-Har Hut joke shop and is still madly in love with his wife, Edna. He encourages Tracy to follow her dreams. *(age 35 – 55)*

**Corny Collins:** The slick and cocky host of “The Corny Collins Show.” *(age 25 – 45)*

**Amber Von Tussle:** Bratty, selfish resident teen queen of “The Corny Collins Show,” willing to do anything to win the “Miss Teenage Hairspray” pageant. *(age 16 – 19)*

**Velma Von Tussle:** Amber’s scheming mother, and producer of “The Corny Collins Show,” who pushes her daughter to seek the stardom that she never had. *(age 35 – 55)*

**Penny Pingleton:** Tracy’s perky, devoted, lovable, and slightly dorky best friend. *(age 16 – 19)*

**Prudy Pingleton:** Penny’s overprotective and often close-minded mother. *(age 35 – 55)*

**Link Larkin:** Teenage heartthrob and one of “The Corny Collins Show” Council Members, who falls in love with Tracy. *(age 16 – 19)*

**Motormouth Maybelle:** The owner of a downtown record shop and the host of “Negro Day” on “The Corny Collins Show,” who calls herself “big, blonde and beautiful.” *(age 35 – 55)*

**Seaweed J. Stubbs:** Motormouth Mabel’s son, a hip “Negro Day” dancer who falls in love with Penny. *(age 16 – 19)*

**Little Inez:** Seaweed’s sassy younger sister, who auditions for “The Corny Collins Show” but is turned away because she is black. *(age 11 – 16)*

Additional roles include:

**Corny's Council Members:** Approximately 8-12 Caucasian dancers/singers with a few lines  
(ages mid-teens to early 20s)

**Motormouth's Kids:** Approximately 8-12 Afro-American dancers/singers with a few lines  
(ages mid-teens to early 20s)

**The Dynamites:** Three Afro-American women – strong singers with some dancing.  
(ages late teens – 50)

**The Prison Matron:** Guarding the gals in The Big Dollhouse. (age 30 – 55)

**The Gym Teacher:** Butch female dodge-ball enthusiast. (age 30 – 55)

**Mr. Pinky:** Owner of “Mr. Pinky’s Hefty Hideaway” who gives both Tracy and Edna a Pinky Perfect makeover. (age 30 – 60)

**Principal:** Patterson Park High School’s leader. (age 30 – 60)

**Mr. Harriman F. Spritzer:** The President of Ultra Clutch Hairspray (age 30 – 60)

**Adult Chorus:** Approximately 4-8 male and female chorus (age 20+)

**AUDITIONS FOR ROLE OF "EDNA":**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 27 at 7:00 PM, Heritage Center, 117 S. Fountain Ave., Springfield**

**AUDITIONS - ALL CHARACTERS:**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 28 at 9:00 AM, Heritage Center, 117 S. Fountain Ave., Springfield**

CALLBACKS (as required): SUNDAY, APRIL 29 at 1:00 PM, Heritage Center

Auditions are open to the public, and previous theater experience is not required. Those auditioning should prepare a 1-2 minute vocal selection and bring sheet music. A piano accompanist will be provided; a cappella vocals and karaoke track accompaniment are not permitted. A short dance combination will be taught at the audition.

Rehearsals will begin Monday, May 14; performances are scheduled for July 19-22 at the Summer Arts Festival. The production is being produced by the Springfield Arts Council and Springfield Civic Theatre.

Director – Tim Rowe; Music Director – Chris Moore; Choreographer – Rebecca Reid