

“Fun Facts” & Characters in *The Trials of Robin Hood* by Will Averill

Play has received excellent reviews from high school, community & regional theaters

Large cast with challenging roles

3 comedic stories combined into one play

3 different endings. . .audience “chooses” which story is true & the ending

~approx. 80 minutes

An intermission will be added

Ensemble dance added

Two characters need to sing some of their lines

Several gender-neutral roles

Variety of colorful Renaissance-period costumes – a few quick changes for some individuals double cast 😊

Planning for

Numbers in parentheses equal approximate number of speaking lines. This number is NOT indicative of actual stage time or significance of a role.

“There are no small acting parts only small actors.”

- **Lusty Robin Hood – strong, charismatic lead (133)/Silly Robin Hood is the not so bright character in 3rd RH story (23) –**

- **Lovelorn Robin Hood – Hopeless lover & leader of the Merry Women in 2nd story (80) /Tax Collector – crazy rich “bad” guy (2) /Townsmen –**

- **Maid Marian – heroine with good comic timing (81) –**

- **King Richard – regal ruler who has just returned from the Crusades & is trying to figure out what happened to his kingdom during his absence (63) –**

- **Friar Tuck – priest with a questionable past (22) –**

- **Little John – member of the Merry Men who first fights RH (10)/also plays a Peasant –**

- **King’s Deer – excellent dance; “scene-stealing” role (10)**

- **Archery Butt – human target (5)/Townsperson**
- **Janice – voice of the court; always accompanies the King (11)/Townsperson –**
- **Herald – voice of the court; always accompanies the King (12)/Clergyperson (2)/Servant –**
- **Lady Ellen – unhappy maiden pursued by Evil Lord Duncan (3)/Lady Lucy – poor lady who wishes to buy (3) –**
- **Nancy – Maid Marian’s Lady-in-Waiting; falls in love with Finn Lucky (4) / Sister Stephanie – a Kung-Fu fighting nun (2)**
- **Billy, – Maid Marian’s Lady-in-Waiting falls in love with Bart Common (4) / Sister Elena – a Kung-Fu fighting nun (2)**
- **Danni, – Maid Marian’s Lady-in-Waiting who fall sin love with Tobias (4) / Sister Agatha – a Kung-Fu fighting nun (1)**
- **Will Scarlet – Merry Woman, leader of the men (8) /Willla Scarlet – Lovelorn Robin of Locksley’s forester (29) / Scarlet Will – Ditzzy leader of Silly Robin Hood’s Merry Men(12) –**
- **Nathaniel Piper – A Merry Man (5)/Alan A Dale – Romantic character costumed as Ace Frehley – Kiss guitarist, vocalist preferred (11) –**
- **William Church – A Merry Man (9)/Archer –**
- **Daniel Boyle – A Merry Man (3)/Archer –**
- **Bart Common – A Merry Man (4)/Archer –**
- **Finn Lucky – Sheriff’s soldier who falls in love with Nancy (7)/Archer –**

- **Tobias - Sheriff's soldier who falls in love with Danni (4)/Archer -**
- **Much the Miller's Son - gambling townspeople (5) /Madge the Miller's Daughter - Kung-fu fighting defender of Lovelorn Robin Hood (5) -**
- **Evil Lady & Soldier to Sheriff of Nottingham -**
- **Edward of Locksley- father of all the Robin Hood's (21)/Lord Duncan- evil character who intends to marry Lady Ellen (12)/Townsperson - huge acting challenge for an individual willing to portray two diametric roles & join the ensemble at times -**
- **Esmerelda of Locksley-Robin Hood's mother; madly in love with Edward (7)/Abbess - Kung Fu leader of the nuns; associate of the Sheriff (14)**
- **Honest Dave the Tinker - traveling vendor of pots & pans (6)/Townsperson -**
- **Sheriff of Nottingham - main antagonist; an unjust tyrant who mistreats the Townspeople of Nottingham (92)**
- **Princess John - evil version of Prince John; placed in charge by King Richard & associate of the Sheriff, Soldiers & Guy of Gisborne (51) -**
- **Guy of Gisborne - cocky, macho man who proposes marriage to Maid Marian; talks RH into an archery competition; potential "scene-stealing" role (16)/soldier -**
- **Maximum of 8 Additional Ensemble Members to portray Townspeople, Soldiers, & Guards**

