



# Audition Packet

Please read the synopsis & character descriptions below. Come to auditions prepared with a song and monologue, both in the style of the show and 1-minute each. Please come prepared to sing with a backup track on your device; no accompanist will be provided, and no a capella is allowed. Break a leg!

## Synopsis

Disaster! takes place in 1979 Manhattan during opening night of the Barracuda, the first floating casino and discothèque in New York. The characters gather to gamble and dance, unaware of impending natural disasters, and the building's lack of safety measures compounds these catastrophes. Notably, the casino's structure was built on a fault line, which causes earthquakes throughout the show. The plot follows several characters' dynamics and interactions throughout the opening night as they deal with various plot elements reminiscent of 1970s disaster cult films such as *The Poseidon Adventure* and *Airport 1975*.

## Character List

**Ted Scheider (Presenting gender - Male, Age - Adult, Vocal range top - G4):** A professor and "disaster expert" who tries to warn the others of the impending doom. Non-emotional. Dry. A serious, professorial type.

**Tony Delvecchio (Presenting gender - Male, Age -Adult, Vocal range top - Ab4):** The deceitful owner of the casino. A very unscrupulous but attractive and (sometimes) charming middle-aged man. A schemer.

**Chad Rubik (Presenting gender - Male, Age - Adult, Vocal range top: B4):**

A flirtatious caterer at the casino who was previously engaged to Marianne. A handsome and winning man. Pretends to be a player, but is really still heartbroken over the loss of his first love. Tenor with a great rock and pop voice.

**Scott (Presenting gender - Male, Age - Adult, Vocal range top: B4):** Friend of Chad's and also a caterer at the casino. Goofy guy. A nerd who wants to be cool. Tenor with a sweet voice.



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**Marianne Wilson (Presenting gender - Female, Age - Adult, Vocal range top - F#5):** Reporter and ex-fiancée of Chad. She left him to pursue her career. An attractive and focused journalist. Insecure underneath it all. Great, high-pop belt.

**Jackie Noelle (Presenting gender - Female, Age- Adult, Vocal range top - D5):** An aging but still sexy former showgirl, current lounge singer, and mother. She is hoping that Tony will propose. Dumb but honest. Goldie Hawn-esque.

**Ben and Lisa Noelle (Presenting gender - Any, Age - 10-13, Vocal range top - D5):** Jackie's smart boy and girl twins. Played by one young actor. Honest and direct. Amazing pop voice. Sings up to a high D. With vibrato! A young Michael Jackson/Andrea McArdle.

**Levora Verona (Presenting gender - Female, Age - Adult, Vocal range top - E5):** A washed-up singer hoping to hit it big in the casino. A flamboyant and glamorous faded disco diva. Pushy and sassy but in love with her sweet dog.

**Sister Mary Downey (Presenting gender - Female, Age - Adult, Vocal range top - B5):** An awkward, judgemental nun with a gambling addiction.

**Maury Winters (Presenting gender - Male, Age - 50-65, Vocal range top - G4):** The lovable and jolly devoted husband of Shirley.

**Shirley Winters (Presenting gender - Female, Age - 50 to 65, Vocal range top- B4):** Lovable and jolly Jewish woman. Maury's wife. Dancing a plus. Comedic role.

**Jake (Presenting gender - Male, Age - Adult):** The personal bodyguard of Tony.

**Ensemble (Presenting genders - ALL, Age - Adult):** Able to play various glamorous party guests/character roles. Great comedic chops, good dance ability and great voices needed.

**If needed, callbacks will take place on Thursday, March 9 from 7-10 PM.**