

# BETHLEHEM

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# B & B

## Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **27**

Here is our suggestion to reduce the cast size without compromising the plot.

If you have a competent performer, the roles of Narrators can be reduced to one who reads all the lines.

The non-speaking characters of Innkeepers, Travellers and Stable Animals can be removed, but you will need a Donkey, The Star, a couple of Angels and the 3 Wise Men.

Some of the speaking characters appear in only one scene. This allows for the 'doubling-up' of parts played by your cast, thus reducing the number you need to fulfil all the main roles, as below:

Speaking Part	Also playing part/s
Officer #1 (Sc 2)	Traveller #1 (Sc 6, 7)
Officer #2 (Sc 2)	Traveller #2 (Sc 6, 7)
Gabriel (Sc 4)	Traveller #3 (Sc 6,7)

## Increasing the cast size

To **70+**

For this production, you can have **unlimited numbers of non-speaking characters** in the scenes where they appear. They could also feature prominently in the performance of the song associated with their particular scene:

Non-Speaking Part	Appearing in scene/s
Innkeepers	1, 7, 8
Donkey	4, 7
Travellers	6
Stable Animals	7
The Star	7
Angels	7
Shepherds	7
3 Wise Men	7

You could also have a dedicated choir seated to one side of the stage, to sing all songs – number unlimited.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions about staging this musical – we're always happy to help!