

DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **23**

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

The Villagers and Londoners (speaking) in Scene 1 can be reduced to three of each and their lines redistributed.

The Servants in Scene 7, 8 can be reduced to one reading all the lines.

Some of the speaking and non-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
Villager #1 (Sc 1)	Stallholder (Sc 4)
Villager #2 (Sc 1)	Puss (Sc 4,5,8)
Villager #3 (Sc 1)	Captain (Sc 7,8)
Londoner #1 (Sc 1)	Queen (Sc 7,8)
Londoner #2 (Sc 1)	King (Sc 7,8)
Londoner #3 (Sc 1)	Servant #1 (Sc 7,8)
Non-Speaking Parts	Also playing part/s
4 x Banquet Guests (Sc 7,8)	Londoners/Villagers in Scene

Increasing the cast size

To **80+**

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
Rats & Mice	3, 7, 8
More Villagers	1
More Londoners	1
Banquet Guests	7, 8

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!