## Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: 23
Here is our suggestion to reduce the cast size without compromising the plot.
The roles of the Children in Hospital can be reduced to three and the lines redistributed.

The non-speaking parts can be removed.
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 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Nurse (Sc 4) | Journalist (Sc 6) |
| Doctor (Sc 4) | Annie (Sc 6) |
| Child \#1 (Sc 4) | Tarek (Sc 6) |
| Child \#2 (Sc 4) | Amena (Sc 6) |
| Child \#3 (Sc 4) | Elias (Sc 6) |
| DJ Colin (Sc 4) | Rifat (Sc 6) |
| Grandma (Sc 5) | Layal (Sc 6) |
| Mum (Sc 5) | Liliane (Sc 6) |

## 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 |
| :--- | :---: |
| More Elves | 1 |
| The 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme' Crowd | 1 |
| Mums \& Dads (in disguise) | 2 |
| More Hospital Children | 4 |
| More Refugees | 6 |

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!

