

# Hansel and Gretel

## Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **13**

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

Firstly, the roles of Birds can be reduced to three, the Robbers can be reduced to four, the Trees reduced to four and the Goblins reduced to four, with their lines redistributed.

Furthermore, 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
Bird #1 (Sc 2)	Tree #1 (Sc 4)
Bird #2 (Sc 2)	Tree #2 (Sc 4)
Bird #3 (Sc 2)	Tree #3 (Sc 4)
Stepmother (Sc 1,2)	Tree #4 (Sc 4)
Robber #1 (Sc 3)	Goblin #1 (Sc 5,6,7,8)
Robber #2 (Sc 3)	Goblin #2 (Sc 5,6,7,8)
Robber #3 (Sc 3)	Goblin #3 (Sc 5,6,7,8)
Robber #4 (Sc 3)	Goblin #4 (Sc 5,6,7,8)

## 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 Birds	2
More Robbers	3
More Trees	4
Party Guests	9

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!