

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: 25

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 roles of Courtiers, Hunters and Evil Boffins can all be reduced to three and the lines redistributed.

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
The Good Queen (Sc 1)	Snoozy (Sc 5,7,8)
Courtier #1 (Sc 1)	Evil Boffin #1 (Sc 6)
Courtier #2 (Sc 1)	Evil Boffin #2 (Sc 6)
The Woodcutter (Sc 4)	The Prince (Sc 8,9)
Non-Speaking Parts	Also playing part/s
4 x Courtiers	4 x Animals/Princes

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 scenes:

Non-speaking part	Appearing in scene/s
More Courtiers	1, 9
Woodland Animals	2, 4, 8
More Evil Boffins	6
Prince's Entourage	8
Wedding 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!