# WHAT A YEAR! 

## Reducing the cast size

## Minimum Cast Number: 20

Here is our suggestion to reduce the cast size without compromising the plot.
The roles of Children can be reduced to four and the lines redistributed.
We have allowed for three extra children to share their experiences in Scene 5. This can be reduced to as few as you want.
The non-speaking characters can be removed.
Some of the speaking characters only appear in one scene. This allows for the 'doubling-up or 'tripling-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 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Mum (Sc 1) | Daughter \#1 (Sc 3) and Scientist \#2 (Sc 6) |
| Son (Sc 1) | Dad (Sc 3) |
| Daughter (Sc 1) | Mum (Sc 3) |
| Dad (Sc 1) | Son (Sc 3) |
| Iris the Virus (Sc 2) | Expert \#1 (Sc 4) |
| Nurse (Sc 2) | Expert \#2 (Sc 4) |
| Doctor (Sc 2) | Expert \#3 (Sc 4) |
| Bus Driver (Sc 2) | Rock Singer (Sc 4) |
| Shop Worker (Sc 2) | Rock Guitarist (Sc 4) |
| Construction Worker (Sc 2) | Scientist \#1 (Sc 6) |
| Teacher (Sc 2) | Prof Hans (Sc 6) |
| Daughter \#2 (Sc 3) | Prof Pam (Sc 6) |

## Increasing the cast size

To 100+
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 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Home-schooling parents \& children | 1 |
| Superheroes | 2 |
| Shoppers | 3 |
| Scientists | 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!

