

WHAT ON EARTH IS CHRISTMAS?

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **21**

Here is our suggestion to reduce the cast size to **21** without compromising the plot.

The roles of Aliens can be reduced to as few as three, with the lines redistributed.
The roles of Nativity Narrators can be reduced to one who reads all the lines.

The non-speaking characters can be removed.

Some of the speaking characters appear in only 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
Daisy (Sc 1)	Great Granny (Sc 3) and Sprout #1 (Sc 4)
George (Sc 1)	Fork (Sc 4)
Mum #1 (Sc 1)	Stuffing (Sc 4)
Dad #1 (Sc 1)	Pig in Blanket #1 (Sc 4)
Alice (Sc 2)	Carrot #2 (Sc 4)
Mum #2 (Sc 2)	Roast Potato #1 (Sc 4)
Sam (Sc 2)	Roast Potato #2 (Sc 4)
Shopkeeper (Sc 2)	Roast Potato #3 (Sc 4)
Customer (Sc 2)	Turkey (Sc 4)
Christmas Tree (Sc 2)	Sprout #2 (Sc 4)
Daniel (Sc 3)	Narrator #1 (Sc 5)
Lucy (Sc 3)	Donkey #1 (Sc 5)
Dad #2 (Sc 3)	Donkey #2 (Sc 5)
Mum #3 (Sc 3)	Donkey #3 (Sc 5)

Increasing the cast size

To **90+**

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
Children with wrapped presents	1
Mistletoe-bearers	3
More Sprouts	4
Traditional Nativity Characters	5
More Donkeys	5

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!