

## **MAX UNDERSTOOD CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

**Max**, 7 years old. Autistic, big eyes, angelic, uncoordinated, jumps and flaps, is an escape artist, an obsessive compulsive, extremely bright, trapped behind the wall of his disorder. Surprisingly sweet singing voice.

**Mom**, his mom, 30-ish. Trying not to buckle under the weight of her stresses, searching for her son, her lost self, and her off-course marriage. Soprano.

**Dad**, his dad, 30-ish. Bewildered at the life he finds himself in, trying to do right, searching for his son, his lost self, and his off-course marriage. Baritone.

**Homunculus “Munc” Jones**, a gardener, a philosopher, a spirit-guide. The guy with the leaf blower. Wise, gentle, practical, magical. Unusual gravitas. Baritone

**Fin**, a girl, a little older than Max. Bossy, powerful, then sweet and lyrical. A misunderstood bully who needs a friend. Soprano.

**Albert**, a boy, 12-14. Book-ish, awkward, then cuts loose. Probably an Asperger’s kid. Unusually smart, happy to rattle off facts and lists. His inner hip-hop artist waiting to get out. Baritone. Can rap.

**Peg**, a girl, 12-14. Heavy-set, into clothes. Teased about her weight, but secretly, she can fly! Alto or mezzo-soprano.

**Note:** the three kids, Fin, Albert, and Peg could be played by adults. Max should always be played by a real kid.