

CHARACTERS

BILLY

HOPE

LORD EVELYN

MRS HARCOURT

WHITNEY

RENO

MOON

BONNIE

BISHOP (HENRY T DOBSON)

RENO'S ANGELS –

CHASTITY

VIRTUE

PURITY

CHARITY

ALL OTHER CHARCTERS WILL BE FROM THE CHORUS: 5 MEN 5 WOMEN ISH!!!

PURSER

CAPTAIN

CAMERAMAN

LING

CHING

REPORTER

STEWARD

DRUNK

OFF STAGE VOICE

PASSENGERS & SAILORS

BILLY CROCKER - Whitney's 'general manager' In love with Hope. Billy is Elisha Whitney's kind but inefficient General Manager, who is in love with Hope. He boards the ship without a ticket and adopts a number of disguises to avoid being caught. This actor must be charismatic, have good comedic timing and considerable charm. Enough to win the heart of a steady girl engaged to a good man, and to have stolen the experienced heart and garnered the lavish attentions of Reno. Must be very confident physically, and willing to be put in silly situations. Must be able to move quickly. Idealistic **25 – 35 years old**

HOPE HARCOURT- engaged to Sir Evelyn - in love with Billy. Hope is a wealthy and beautiful heiress. Maintaining the family status quo is very important to her and critical to the ones she loves. She has a sweet personality with a strong sense of morals and duty. She is willing to sacrifice love and marry to satisfy her mother's wishes. Hope has a sense of humour and can be mischievous. The ultimate leading lady, this character is sparkling and ladylike. **20-35 years old.**

LORD EVELYN OAKLEY – English Gentleman - engaged to Hope. Hope's aristocratic English fiancé. He is earnest, energetic, good natured, gullible and absolutely fascinated by American slang. Needs to have upper crust English accent **30-45 years old**

MRS HARCOURT - Mother of Hope – society matron - Hope's widowed, overbearing mother who is mainly concerned with money and social status. She married well but not to her one true love. Evangeline was born with a silver spoon in her mouth and accustomed to the good life. She ranges between refined lady and panic stricken to breathless receiver of renewed hope. **40 – 65 years old**

ELISHA J. WHITNEY – Wall Street Executive – lush. A successful Ivy league Wall Street banker. He is extremely near sighted and a gloriously functional drunk. He thinks he is always right, but is also capable of listening to reason and changing his mind. This character has a huge personality. **30 -60 years old**

RENO SWEENEY – Night Club singer - ex Evangelist A sexy and charismatic nightclub singer and former evangelist". Keeps her age to herself but is at least 30 and could be as old as 55ish (but- Vavoom!). For some unknown reason Reno has forsaken what was once her calling of evangelism, and has become a very successful nightclub headliner. Reno is confident, clever, philosophical, funny, persuasive, and extremely comfortable with herself physically and in every other way. She is practical and makes a good show of keeping it all together while romantic and tender-hearted underneath all her bravado. Reno is a consummate performer and a real showstopper. Must have comedic timing and be able to command the stage. In the beginning (and maybe forever – at least a little) she is in love with Billy. **30 – 55 years old**

MOON Public Enemy number 13 – Dr Moon – his disguise. This guy is a loveable, goofy gangster who is 'public enemy No 13', and travelling disguised as a priest. He desperately yearns to be public enemy No 1. Wily and quick-witted, yet somehow just this side of gullible, he is loyal and willing to go the distance for a friend. Comedic character . **30 – 60 years old**

BONNIE Gangster's Moll– travelling with MOON. traffic-stopping dame. Independent, modern, impulsive, courageous, boundless, immoderate, and driven by whatever gratifies her at the moment. She HAS to have the kind of physical presence that immediately causes every man within eyesight to notice her. Comfortable physically, she must be fresh and enjoyable in spite of her brazen ways, and be willing to play broad physical comedy. Lovably clueless, "joysey" accent **20 – 35 years old**

BISHOP (HENRY T DOBSON) – missionary - certain, stoic, benevolent, if a bit self-satisfied. **40 – 65 years old**

RENO'S ANGELS – backup singers in Reno's set - not very bright but sweet. **18 – 40 years old**

CHASTITY - wants to make enough money as a showgirl to go to veterinary school

VIRTUE - excellent showgirl, but charmingly and completely clueless in all other arenas.

PURITY - showgirl with a heart of gold. Secretly wants to marry her childhood sweetheart

CHARITY - looking for a millionaire. Her college degree didn't pay as much as her legs