# Cinderella (Broadway Version) Audition Packet

Please review the entire packet in preparation for Musical Auditions on September 25-26. A sign-up sheet for Auditions will be posted on the Theatre Callboard on September 20.

- o **Sides:** Please prepare and memorize all Sides which feature Characters you would like us to see you perform. (It is recommended that you prepare all Sides in case we ask you to read for an additional Character.) *This is a fairy tale which requires polished, charming and energetic characters. It will benefit you to make strong choices and focus on vocal clarity and characterization.*
- o **Vocal Excerpts:** Please prepare all Exercepts which fall within your range. You may be asked to perform additional vocal exercises as needed. Spend time preparing characterizations, facial expressions and movements for your Vocal Excerpts to give us an idea of how you might play the Character while singing.
- o **Broadway Cast Recordings:** The original Broadway Cast (2013) recordings are available on YouTube. Make sure you are listening to the correct version as there are currently three versions of the Musical available to produce. The following link will take you to the correct version of the Overture: https://youtu.be/2SFB3s6ry4M

### CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

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**ELLA:** Though no one notices her beneath her rags and quiet demeanor, she is opinionated, charismatic, passionate, beautiful and funny. Idealistic and hopeful, she courageously challenges the prince to change the policies in his kingdom – and helps him discover who he truly is. Always her late father's daughter, she is determined to see the good in everyone despite her hardships and suffering. We see her blossom into a confident woman.

**TOPHER:** A misguided and lost prince who longs to do something important with his life. Though brave and heroic, he feels lonely and unfulfilled. Charming but NOT a stereotypical ladies man, he is thoughtful, appealing and innocent – with an unforced goofy streak. Moral, genuine and kindhearted, he is at a crossroads and must take control of his kingdom and his future.

**JEAN-MICHEL:** A feisty, passionate peasant determined to make a change for the starving class. Impetuous. A firebrand, but lacks authority and isn't taken seriously as a revolutionary. Has a crush on Gabrielle, though their courtship is forbidden because they are from different social classes.

**GABRIELLE:** Ella's stepsister and daughter of Madame. Encouraged by her mother and sister to value material wealth and social status, she unenthusiastically joins them in their abrasive behavior. Quietly passionate, empathetic, and witty, she is drawn to Ella and Jean-Michel. Ironically aware that she doesn't fit in.

**CHARLOTTE:** Ella's stepsister and daughter of Madame. Brash, self-centered, materialistic, snooty, loud, sassy, and bratty, she has a ridiculously high, but unfounded opinion of herself. She never passes up an opportunity to be the center of attention.

**MARIE:** A friend to Ella and the town's resident crazy lady and beggar woman, Marie is actually a fairy godmother in disguise. Wise, warm, otherworldly and charming. Marie rewards Ella for her kindness by making her dreams a possibility.

**MADAME:** Ella's selfish stepmother. The epitome of vanity and fashion. A ravenous social climber who values wealth, status, and material possessions above all else. Unapologetically dismissive and sometimes cruel, Madame schemes her way up the social ladder.

**SEBASTIAN:** The kingdom's Lord Chancellor. Though he is Topher's trusted advisor, he is devious and selfish. Using propaganda and dishonesty, he keeps Topher isolated and in the dark about his kingdom. Sebastian rules without regard for the lower class, or anyone other than himself – and truly believes he deserves to rule the kingdom.

**LORD PINKLETON:** The Lord Chancellor's right-hand man. Announces royal balls, banquets and even the weather to the villagers.

# SIDE A: Sebastian, Topher, Ella & Marie

The Prince and Sebastian are riding through the forest when they meet Ella

### **SEBASTIAN**

You there! Impoverished person! Fetch us some water!

### **ELLA**

Yes, sir.

# **TOPHER**

Don't talk to her that way. How do you know she's poor?

# **SEBASTIAN**

Look at her. She's filthy.

### **ELLA**

Here you are, sire.

### **TOPHER**

Thank you, young lady. That's very kind of you.

# **ELLA**

It's just water.

### **SEBASTIAN**

Give her some money.

# **TOPHER**

Really?

### **SEBASTIAN**

Yes! It's charity! You have things and she doesn't. You're going to give her some of your things, so she doesn't have a revolution and take all of your things.

### **MARIE**

Spare change, any spare change?

### **SEBASTIAN**

The moment charity is mentioned, out comes every lay-about!

### **TOPHER**

Here you are, old woman.

(MARIE reaches for TOPHER. SEBASTIAN draws his sword.)

# **SEBASTIAN**

Be careful, my Lord, many of the very poor have weapons.

# SIDE B: Madame, Gabrielle, Charlotte & Ella

Madame and her daughters arrive home from shopping

# **MADAME**

Cinderella! Help me with my parcels this instant! Cinderella, last stepdaughter, help me with MY package! (ELLA scrambles to do so.)

Careful! Careful! No one knows the extreme torture I am subjected to. Charlotte, Gabrielle, come daughters, come!

# **GABRIELLE**

We are here, Mama!

# **CHARLOTTE**

We are exhausted being as beautiful as we look.

# **MADAME**

Cinderella, idle girl, come help your stepsisters with their shrewd purchases. Into the house, daughters—the real ones.

# **GABRIELLE**

(Helping ELLA collect her packages.) Madame isn't always terrible. Sometimes she sleeps.

# SIDE C: Jean-Michel, Gabrielle & Madame

Jean-Michel calls on Gabrielle

# JEAN-MICHEL

Good evening, Madame. Gabrielle? Please forgive me for interrupting your momentous evening. For the ball tonight, I thought your might desire to take these wild flowers. I've picked them myself.

# **GABRIELLE**

Thank you, Jean-Michel. They're so beautiful.

# JEAN-MICHEL

(Hands second bouquet to MADAME.) For the mother of the most perfect girl in all God's creation. I have gathered these myself and—

# **MADAME**

(Throws bouquet out the door.) You are not welcome here! Out of my house!

# SIDE D: Marie & Ella

Marie is about to reveal herself as a fairy godmother

# **MARIE**

Don't wait for everything to be perfect, just go! Now, what else would you dream of?

# **ELLA**

Oh, a white gown, I imagine. A beautiful white gown sewn up with pearls. And jewels. And a tiara of diamonds.

# **MARIE**

And on your feet?

# **ELLA**

Why, the most beautiful grosgrain pumps, I'd imagine.

# **MARIE**

No. Better. The Venetian glass that your stepmother so loves in her trinkets and baubles. An entire pair of shoes made only of Venetian glass.

# **ELLA**

Oh, how silly. I'd be the envy of all. But how would I get to the ball?

# **SIDE E: Topher & Ella**

The Prince dances with Ella

# **TOPHER**

I'm not usually this way with someone I've just met. Events like this...I just feel like—what am I doing here?

# **ELLA**

I feel the same.

# **TOPHER**

Like such a phony.

# ELLA

So do I!

# **TOPHER**

You do?

# **ELLA**

Yes!

# **TOPHER**

Me too! My name is—

# **ELLA**

Topher, short for Christopher. Yes, I know.

# **TOPHER**

Have we met before?

# **ELLA**

Yes, and we are seeing each other for the first time right now.

# Cinderella

# **Audition Song Excerpts**

You should be prepared to sing all applicable selections. Practice tracks will be available.

# All Women

- o Prologue m.21-end
- o Ten Minutes Ago m.85-104

# Ella (Soprano)

o A Lovely Night m.9-36

# Marie (Soprano)

o There's Music in You m.1-16

# **Charlotte (Mezzo-Soprano)**

o Step Sister's Lament m.3-26

# All Men

- o Prologue m.21-end
- o Ten Minutes Ago m.21-51

# **Topher (Tenor/Baritone)**

o Me, Who Am I? m.5-31

# **Lord Pinkerton (Tenor)**

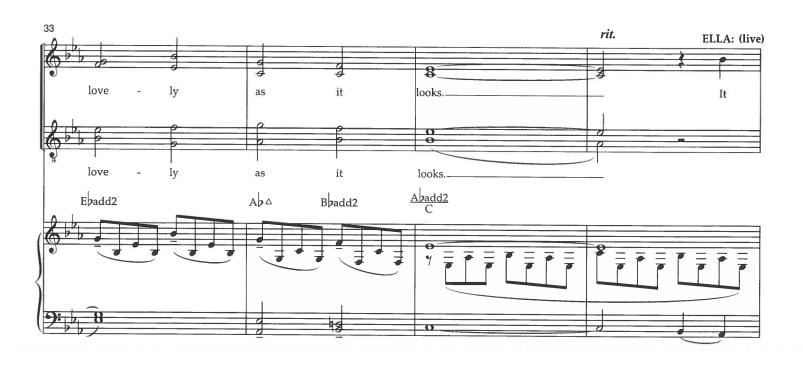
o The Prince is Giving a Ball m.1-23

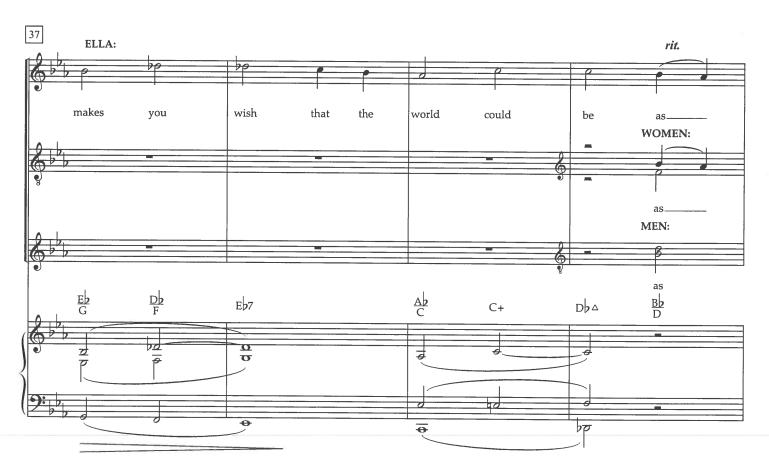
# **Callback Duets**

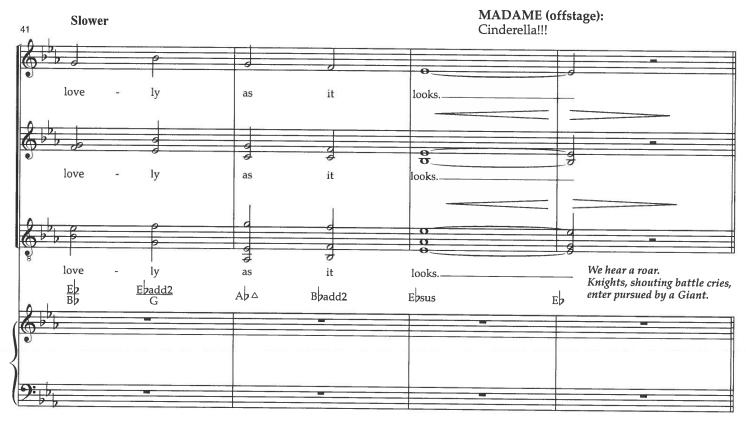
- o It's Possible m.53-74. Ella (Soprano) and Marie (Soprano)
- Loneliness of Evening m.22-54. Ella (Soprano) and Topher (Tenor/Baritone)
- Lovely Night Reprise m.8-32. Ella (Soprano) and Gabrielle (Soprano/Mezzo-Soprano)











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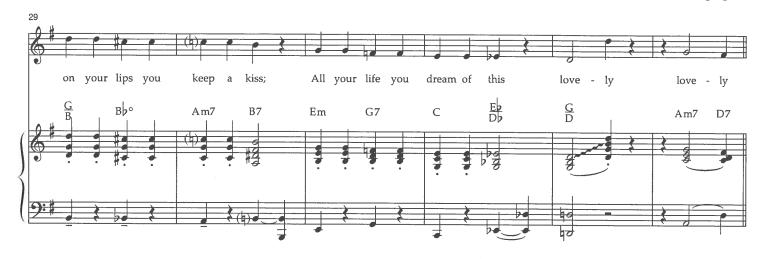


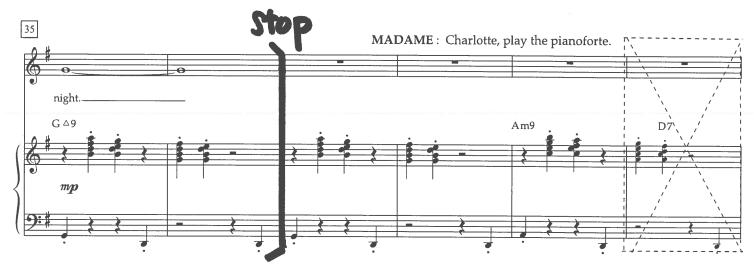


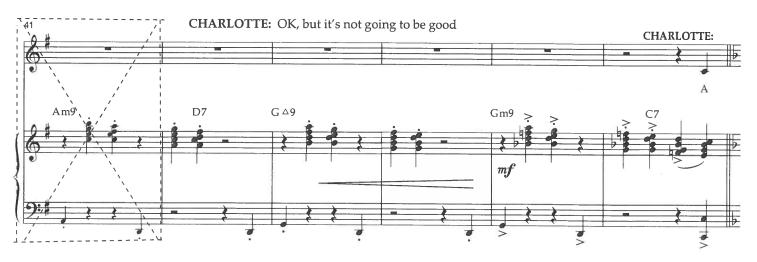
# **18 A LOVELY NIGHT**











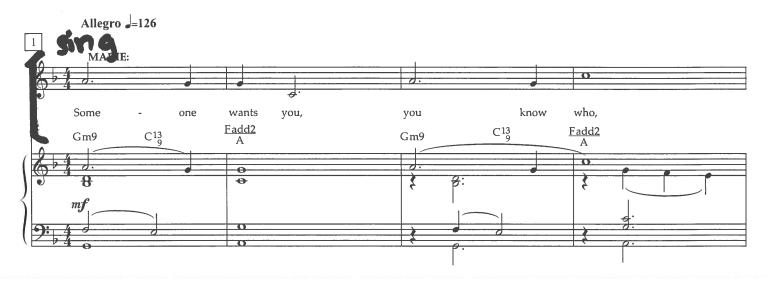
# 22. There's Music In You (Marie)

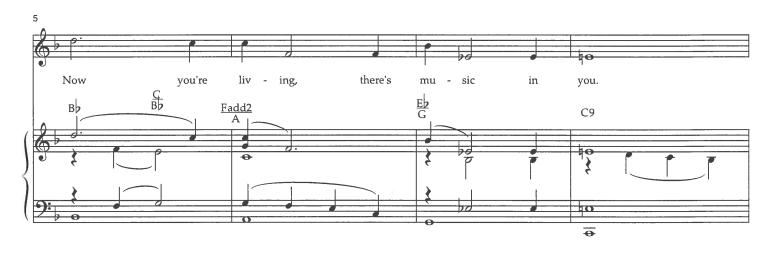


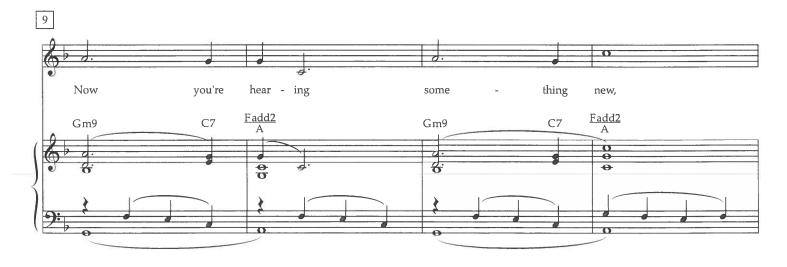
# 22 THERE'S MUSIC IN YOU

(2/12/13)

Music by RICHARD RODGERS Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II







# 15 STEPSISTER'S LAMENT

(1/21/13)

Music by
RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by
DSCAR HAMMERSTEIN I





# 02 ME, WHO AM I?

(2/5/13. r1)

Music by RICHARD RODGERS Lyrics by OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

[SEGUE from #01B To the Castle!]

TOPHER: Still. (GO)





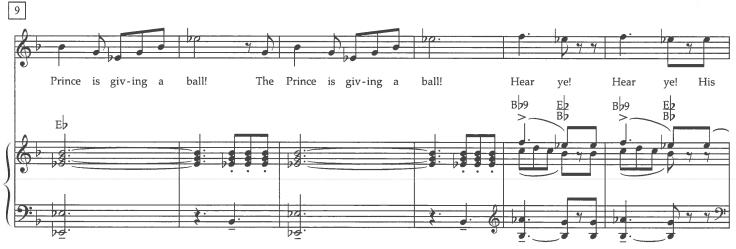


# 5 (part 2). The Prince is Giving a Ball (Lord Pinkleton)



# 05 part 2 THE PRINCE IS GIVING A BALL













# 18B A LOVELY NIGHT reprise

(1/31/13)

Music by
RICHARD RODGERS
Lyrics by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

GABRIELLE: If I promise to keep your secret of the prince, can you keep my secret of my forbidden love?

ELLA: I can. And Î will.

GABRIELLE: It's Jean-Michel. The firebrand.

**ELLA:** He is a good man. And seems angry for all the right reasons.

GABRIELLE: He wants to change the world and make it a better place. You gotta love a guy like that.

ELLA: You may one day get Jean-Michel. But I will never get Prince Topher.

If he saw who I truly was, he would have no interest in me.

GABRIELLE: That's not true. He would love you for who you are.

ELLA: I don't see how.

GABRIELLE: Well, if Madame ever saw me with Jean-Michel, why I shudder to think what she might do!

Are you sure you can keep my secret? (MUSIC GO)

