

Audition Character notes for Romeo 'n Juliet

Romeo (young male): At first, Romeo calls after his friends, who are leaving, that they don't understand what he is going through. Then Juliet enters above, and Romeo is moved by seeing her again. He first saw her at a party earlier the same evening, and he really likes her. He talks about whether he should say something to her.

Juliet (young female): Juliet saw Romeo at a party and really liked him. Here, she is alone, talking about how sad it is that they cannot be together because of their family names. If he would give up his name, she suggests, she would be his.

Lady Capulet (female, 30+): Juliet's mother. She is talking to Juliet, to convince her that it is time to get married, and that Paris, a young man, is the right choice. When Juliet hesitates, she hatches a plan to have Juliet check out Paris at the party tonight, and see for herself.

Lord Capulet (male, 30+): Juliet's father. He is caught in a moment where Juliet's cousin, Tybalt, has been killed, and the plans he had for his daughter are not going smoothly. He talks to Paris, a suggested husband for his daughter, and makes promises to see his original plan through.

Mercutio (young, any gender): Romeo's dear friend. Mercutio is teasing Benvolio in this scene, mocking him for being too quick to quarrel. Mercutio is one of the big comic roles in this play. This is an opportunity to show how wild this role can be.

Friar (almost any age, but older than Romeo) : This is Romeo's confidante. In this scene, the Friar talks with Romeo. Romeo is desperate, and wants to harm himself. The Friar must change his mind. He stops Romeo, then tries to cheer him up, then suggests a plan.

Nurse (female, 30+): This is Juliet's head caretaker. Think of a southern nanny who loves her ward as any mother would. Here, she is being teased in town by Romeo's friends. She fights back, giving the young people a lot more than they expected. Then she acts as if Romeo has given a lot more than he actually does. She is a bit of a gossip.

Prince (any age, any gender): The Prince is in charge of an area that has been distressed for too long. Here the Prince lays down the law, and threatens the people against continuing their troubling behavior. It is a short and sweet speech, and a good choice for those looking for a smaller role.