

## Billy Elliot Character Breakdown

### **Billy Elliot**

A boy who stumbles upon a ballet class and develops a passion for dance. To him, dance is a way to feel whole and free himself from the problems of life. He finds himself stuck between appeasing family and chasing his newfound love.

Gender: Male

Age: 10 to 13

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: E3

### **Dad**

Billy's stoic father. A widowed miner struggling with maintaining a household in lieu of a work strike, he is still deeply scarred by the death of his wife. Billy's dancing initially sends him into a rage but he learns to support his son.

Gender: Male

Age: 35 to 45

Vocal range top: Eb4

Vocal range bottom: A2

### **Debbie Wilkinson**

The ballet teacher's daughter. A bit stand-offish and argumentative, her childhood crush on Billy leads her to constantly discourage him.

Gender: Female

Age: 9 to 12

### **Ensemble**

Miners (Big Davey, George, Lesley); Ballet Girls (Angela Robson, Tracey Atkinson, Keeley Gibson, Tina Harmer); Police Officers; Royal Ballet School Members (Clipboard Woman, Posh Boy, Posh Son, Dancer)

### **Grandma**

Billy's eccentric grandmother. She is forgetful and a little aloof. Despite her inattention, she harbors a bitter resentment towards her dead abusive husband but has found solace through dance.

Gender: Female

Age: 60 to 75

Vocal range top: F#4

Vocal range bottom: F#3

### **Michael**

Billy's careless and fun-loving best friend. He lives in the realm of expressing oneself, going so far as to commonly dress in women's clothing.

Gender: Male

Age: 10 to 13

Vocal range top: B4

Vocal range bottom: A#3

### **Mrs. Wilkinson**

The local ballet teacher who eventually becomes Billy's mentor. Hardened and mouthy, she actually has capacity for caring when she sees promise in Billy. Believes in the power of personal expression through dance.

Gender: Female

Age: 40 to 50

Vocal range top: Bb5

Vocal range bottom: Gb3

### **Tony**

Billy's brother. A lazy but passionate miner. Hotheaded and scrappy with seemingly no regard of respect for his father, although he shares his disapproval of dance.

Gender: Male

Age: 18 to 25

Vocal range top: F4

Vocal range bottom: D3