HAIRSPRAY

You can't stop the beat in this big and bold musical about one girl's inspiring dream to dance.

The 1950's are out and change is in the air! *Hairspray*, winner of 8 TONY Awards including Best Musical, is a family-friendly musical piled bouffant high with laughter, romance, and deliriously tuneful songs.

It's 1962 in Baltimore, and the lovable plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has only one desire -- to dance on the popular Corny Collins Show. When her dream comes true, Tracy is transformed from social outcast to sudden star. She must use her newfound power to dethrone the reigning Teen Queen, win the affections of heartthrob Link Larkin, and integrate a TV network, all without denting her 'do!

**Director/Producer:** Deborah Bradshaw  
**Musical Director:** Roz Metcalf  
**Choreographer:** Jill Graves  
**Technical Director:** Chris Totora  
**Company Manager:** Linda Scully

**Audition information**

**AUDITION:** August 24 from 4:00 – 8:00

Actors will be asked to sing, followed by dance combinations. Be prepared to stay until the dance combinations are complete.

Those auditioning must be 15 years or older (with the exception of Little Inez – auditioners for that role should be 10+) and should be prepared to sing from the show or in the style of the show. Auditioners will also be asked to perform a dance combination that will be taught at the audition AFTER the singing. Please supply sheet music if your audition selection is **not** from *HAIRSPRAY*. Accompaniment will be provided. NO CD’s

Vocal Selections from *HAIRSPRAY* to be used for audition:

*Good Morning Baltimore, The Nicest Kids in Town, Mama, I’m a big Girl Now, I Can Hear the Bells, It Takes Two, Welcome to the 60’s, Run and Tell That, Big, Blonde and Beautiful, Timeless to Me, Without Love, I know Where I’ve Been and You Can’t Stop the Beat*

**CALLBACKS:** August 25 by appointment only. Callbacks will be reading and singing.

*Please direct questions to:*

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Character Breakdown

Tracy Turnblad  
Our story's unsuspecting protagonist, she is large and in charge. Confident, talented, and incredibly determined. A romantic with a good heart and desire to cut up the dance floor. Always on top of the latest trends.  
Female, 15-20 yrs old  
Range: G3 - G5

Corny Collins  
The charismatic host of the Corny Collins' Show. Good looking and smooth talking, he is a genuinely nice guy both on and off camera.  
Male, 25-35 yrs old  
Range: D4 - A5

Edna Turnblad  
Tracy's big and blonde mother. She is a working housewife who has lost her confidence and dream to be a plus-size clothing designer. Boisterous and commanding. Played by a male in drag.  
Male, 30-50 yrs old  
Range: F3 - G5

Penny Pingleton  
Tracy's best friend and dorky sidekick. Not the brightest girl, but she has good intentions. Bursting to get free of her mother's dominating control, she falls for Seaweed with childlike curiosity.  
Female, 15-20 yrs old  
Range: A3 - G5

Velma Von Tussle  
Amber's mother and the director of Corny Collins' show. She is a devious taskmaster and snobby racist. The former Miss Baltimore Crabs will go to any length to ensure her daughter is the next big thing.  
Female, 45-55 yrs old  
Range: G3 - E5

Amber Von Tussle  
Link's girlfriend and Tracy's nemesis. She is pretty, thin, shallow, snobby, and racist. Can't dance but is expected to win Miss Baltimore Hairspray. Always feels the need to be the center of attention.  
Female, 15-20 yrs old  
Range: A3 - F5

Link Larkin  
The star heartthrob on Corny Collins' show. He is extremely attractive and talented. Hoping to get his big break with a recording contract, he unexpectedly falls for Tracy.  
Male, 15-20 yrs old  
Range: G3 - A5

Seaweed J. Stubbs  
Tracy's classmate and friend, who is discriminated against due to his skin color. He is cocky but surprisingly lovable. Talented in song and dance. He falls for Penny.  
Male, 15-20 yrs old  
Range: F3 - D5

Little Inez  
Seaweed's younger sister, who tries to audition for The Corny Collins Show but is turned away because she is black. Spunky, tough, streetwise, outgoing, older than her years. Belt, Vocal Range: middle C to E above C
Motormouth
Seaweed and Little Inez's mother, she also appears as the Guest DJ on the Corny Collin's Negro Day show. Big, blonde, beautiful and proud of it. She is sassy and confident.
Female, 40-50 yrs old
Range: F3 - E5

Wilbur
Tracy's simpleminded and kind father. He owns a joke shop and supports his daughter in spite of everything else. He also loves his wife, Edna, very much.
Male, 55-65 yrs old
Range: A3 - A5

Prudy Pingleton
Penny's strict mother. Very conservative, controlling, and closed minded.
Female, 40-50 yrs old
Range: D4 - B4

Ensemble
Corny Collins' Kids (Tammy, Brad, Brenda, Sketch, Shelley, Etc.); Students; Hookers; Protestors