

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE – A LIVE RADIO PLAY

CHARACTERS

STAGE MANAGER

FREDDIE FILMORE (ALSO CALLED ANNOUNCER) – The actor playing Joseph and others

JAKE LAURENTS – The actor playing George

SALLY APPLEWHITE – The actress playing Mary

LANA SHERWOOD – The actress playing Violet and others

HARRY “JAZZBO” HEYWOOD – The actor playing Clarence and others

MARY HATCH – George’s girl

ROSE BAILEY – George’s mother

HARRY BAILEY – George’s kid brother

OLD MAN GOWER – A druggist

BERT – A cop

VIOLET BICK – A small-town siren

HENRY F. POTTER – The richest and meanest man in all the county

BILLY BAILEY – George’s uncle

PETE – George’s son

ZUZU – George’s daughter

CLARENCE – George’s guardian angel

JOSEPH – The superintendent of angels

YOUNG GEORGE – George as a child

YOUNG HARRY – Harry as a child

BOYS

YOUNG VIOLET – Violet as a child

YOUNG MARY – Mary as a child

GEORGE BAILEY – A typical American dreamer

PETER BAILEY – George’s father

ERNIE – A cab driver

SAM WAINWRIGHT – An entrepreneur

OLD MAN COLLINS – An eavesdropper

BOARD MEMBERS

DR. CAMPBELL – On the board of the Bailey Bros. Building & Loan

MATILDA – Secretary at Bailey Bros. Building & Loan

RUTH DAKIN BAILEY – Harry’s wife

MRS. HATCH – Mary’s mother

ED – At the run on the bank

CHARLIE – At the run on the bank

MAN (AT RUN ON BANK)

MRS. THOMPSON – At the run on the bank

SCHULTZ – A German at the Martini house dedication

MARTINI – An Italian bar/restaurant owner

HORACE THE TELLER – At the bank

SADIE VANCE – The state bank examiner

JANIE – George’s daughter

TOMMY – George’s son

MR. WELCH – A schoolteacher’s husband with a temper

RESTAURANT PATRONS

MAN (AT MARTINI’S)

NICK – A bartender

BRIDGE KEEPER

BINKY – A bouncer

COP

SHERIFF

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The following breakdown is for five actors (3 men and 2 women). ***This is one possible option.***

The underlined names are those of the radio performers who are performing *It's a Wonderful Life*.

FREDDIE FILMORE

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JAKE LAURENTS

GEORGE BAILEY (AND YOUNG GEORGE)

SALLY APPLEWHITE

MARY HATCH (AND YOUNG MARY)

LANA SHERWOOD

VIOLET (AND YOUNG VIOLET), ROSE BAILEY, MATILDA, RUTH, MRS. HATCH, MRS. THOMPSON, SCHULTZ, ZUZU, JANIE, SADIE VANCE

HARRY "JAZZBO" HEYWOOD

HARRY (AND YOUNG HARRY), BERT, CLARENCE ODDBODY, SAM WAINWRIGHT, MARTINI, DR. CAMPBELL, CHARLIE, MAN (at run on bank), HORACE THE TELLER, MR. WELCH, TOMMY, SHERIFF

All five actors also provide ad-libs from the following crowds:

BOYS, BOARD MEMBERS, CROWD AT RUN ON BANK, RESTAURANT PATRONS, CROWD AT PARTY.

The voice of the STAGE MANAGER is also used and can be performed live or pre-recorded.