

## JINGLE IN THE CITY

**Characters:** \*indicates a singing role

**The Orphans** – A group of five orphans from age 7 to 15 who have adopted each other as family (all orphan vocal ranges from *A below middle C to high E*)

**Georgie\*** Female, about 15 years old. The leader of this little band of homeless children; she's tough but has a tender heart. She sees it as her job to take care of the others.

**Stewart\*** Male, about 14 years old. Stewart's fear and loneliness come out as anger. He pretends to older and tougher than he is. (

**Harvey\*** Male, about 11 years old. Harvey is the clown of the group, often getting himself into and out of trouble.

**Clara\*** Female, about 10 years old. Clara misses her parents and believes that they will come to find her. She is caught between childlike innocence and the tough realities of her life. (

**Lily\*** Female, about 7 years old. Georgie's little sister is the youngest but most open of the group.

**The Honeycutts** – Mid 30's to 40ish, they are a childless couple with tender hearts. They own the store in which the children take shelter

**Jonas** A thin man with spectacles and a Mr. Rogers sweater; he is a respected member of the community and would love to be a father.

**Mrs. Honeycutt\*** A small and roundish woman, she is comforting and warm. (Vocal Range: *G below middle C to high E*)

**The Latvian Children** – Immigrants from Latvia, they are waiting for the parents to join them in America. They befriend and help the orphans.

**Oskar** Male, about 15 years old; willing to stand up to Georgie.

**Brigita** Female, about 17 years old; she is motherly toward the little girls.

**The Policemen** – They are eager but bumbling police officers. Think "The Three Stooges". (non-speaking roles)

**Officer Mole** The man in charge

**Officers Lawrence and Curtis**

### **Other Members of the Community –**

**Viola Pillow\*** Female, no specific age; the headmistress of the Manhattan School for Orphans, she is a proper society woman who has a tender heart for underprivileged children. (Vocal Range: *G below middle C to high E*)

**Mayor Tisdale** Male, no specific age; the mayor of NYC is a distinguished, proper man.

**Jerry Edwards** Male, no specific age; he's the radio announcer who acts as MC for the parade.

**Vendor and crippled** Brooklyn born and bred so he needs a Brooklyn accent; he pretends to be old

**Townpeople and Other Officers**—A group of 30-40 adults, both men and women

**Children and Teenage Hoodlums** – 15 to 20 roles for boys and girls from age 7 to 18