CHARACTER BREAKDOWN – GUYS & DOLLS, JR.

Nathan Detroit
Nathan Detroit is the heart and soul of Guys And Dolls JR. Your Nathan needn’t be a great singer, but should be a very good actor with excellent comic timing and able to handle a sizable role. Nathan’s big secret is that he wants to marry Adelaide; he just can't bring himself to admit it.

Miss Adelaide
Miss Adelaide is the classic "intellectually-challenged floozy." This actress doesn’t need to be a strong singer, but she must have a good sense of pitch. Adelaide needs to be funny and able to do a convincingly thick New York City dialect.

Sky Materson
Sky Masterson is the quintessential, "smooth-as-velvet" Broadway gambler; he's slick and charming. In today's terms he would be called "a player." Sky should have a strong voice capable of owning the stage when delivering "Luck Be a Lady." He has a soft spot for Sarah Brown.

Sarah Brown
Sarah Brown is the "girl next door" with an adventurous side that's waiting to escape. She is gently authoritative, the mirror opposite of Sky. Sky is her weakness. Sarah is about substance as much as Sky is about style.

Arvide Abernathy
Arvide Abernathy is Sarah Brown's grandmother and the bass drum player in the Mission Band.

Nicely-Nicely Johnson
Nicely - Nicely Johnson is walking, talking, Broadway comedy.

Benny Southstreet
Benny Southstreet and Rusty Charlie are the small-time gambler sidekicks of Nicely- Nicely Johnson. These are perfect roles for good actors who are naturally funny

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Harry The Horse
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Lt. Brannigan
Lt. Brannigan is the police officer that always plays the patsy and is outwitted by the Gamblers.

General Cartwright
General Cartwright is the formidable leader of the Save-a-Soul Mission organization.

Gamblers/guys
The Gamblers/Guys are the well-dressed "comic glue" of the show. Gamblers also include Angie the Ox, Liver Lips Louie, Society Max, and the Lookout.

**Hot Box Girls & Dolls**

The Hot Box Girls work in the club and are in the act "A Bushel and a Peck" where Miss Adelaide is the headliner. They represent a variety of colorful NYC characters.

**Master Of Ceremonies**

The Master of Ceremonies is the host at the Hot Box Club.

**Mission Band**

The Mission Band is the tireless group that can be comprised of as many performers as you wish. They are more about persistence than precision. The Mission Band includes Agatha, Calvin, Martha, and Bertha.

**ACTING AUDITION MATERIAL:**

Please chose one of the following to read for your audition. You do not need to memorize the scene.

**Side 1: NATHAN & ADELAIDE**

NATHE

Maybe you can borrow the thousand from Sky.

NATHE

Not Sky. With him that kind of money ain’ t lending money. It’s betting money. So why dont I bet him? Why dont I bet him a thousand on something?

NATHE

You would bet with Sky Masterson?

NATHE

I ain’t scared. I am perfectly willing to take the risk, providing I can figure out a bet on which there is no chance of losing. He likes crazy bets... Ooh! Look - run into Mindy's Restaurant and ask Mindy how many pieces of cheesecake he sold yesterday and also how many pieces of strudel.

BENNY

How much cheesecake, how much strudel -

NATHE

What do you want to know for?
Just find out! Now beat it - here comes Adelaide. If she hears I am running the crap game she will never set foot on me again.

(BENNY and NICELY run off as ADELAIDE ENTERS, carrying a small box which contains a man's belt and a small card. She is followed by THREE GIRLS from the Hot Box.)

ADELAIDE

Hello, Nathan dear.

NATHAN

Adelaide! Pigeon!

(Embrace)

ADELAIDE

(To Three Girls)
You go ahead, girls. Order me a tuna fish on rye and a chocolate sundae with tomato ketchup and mayonnaise.

GIRLS

Okay, Adelaide.

(THEY EXIT)

ADELAIDE

We gotta get back to the Hot Box.

NATHAN

You still rehearsing?

ADELAIDE

Yeah. That Charlie - he's been working us all day. Finally I says, "Look, Charlie, I'm starving! I gotta get outa here and get something to eat." And he says, "You don't want to eat. You just want to sneak out and meet that cheap bum, Nathan Detroit!"

NATHAN

(Outraged)
So what did you say to him?

ADELAIDE

(Proudly)
I told him. I says, "I'll meet whoever I want!" Nathan! Happy Anniversary!
(SHE hands him the box)

A present? For me?

NATHAN

(HE begins to open it)

I hope you like it.

ADELAIDE

(He looks inside)

A belt!

NATHAN

Read the card!

ADELAIDE

"Sugar is sweet, and so is jelly, so put this belt around your belly." That’s so sweet. Look, honey - about your present. I didn’t get one. I’m sorry.

(ADELAIDE gets in front of him - he puts his arms around her)

ADELAIDE

No, I kinda like it when you forget to give me presents. It makes me feel like we’re married.

NATHAN

Don’t worry, honey - one of these days I’ll be in the money, and you’ll have more mink than a mink.

ADELAIDE

Nathan darling, I can do without anything just so long as you don’t start running the crap game again.

NATHAN

The crap game! What an absurd thought!

(BENNY and NICELY ENTER)

BENNY

Psst!
(NATHAN turns to him)

NICELY
Yesterday Mindy sold twelve hundred cheesecake and fifteen hundred strudel.

NATHAN
More strudel than cheesecake. That's great!

ADELAIDE
Nathan! What is this?

NATHAN
Nothing, honey. Look, Adelaide, I'm expecting a fellow, and I know you're hungry...

ADELAIDE
Nathan, are you trying to get rid of me?

Side 2: Sky & Sarah

SKY
Do you take sinners here?

SARAH
Indeed we do!
(Sees him)
Didn't I see you a little while ago on Broadway?

SKY
Possibly. I have been wandering around, trying to get up the courage to come here.

SARAH
(Hands SKY pamphlets)
Here are two of our pamphlets. They will give you a good deal of comfort.

SKY
Thank you.

SARAH
And we're holding a midnight prayer meeting on Thursday, which I'm sure you will wish to attend.

I'm sure ... Miss Sarah...

How do you know my name?

Allow me to introduce myself: Sky Masterson.  
(SHE refuses to take his outstretched hand)

I hope you will not think I am getting out of line, but I think it is wonderful to see a pretty doll - uh - a nice-looking lady like you - sacrificing herself for the sake of others.

Here is another pamphlet that I think you should read.

(Gives him pamphlet)

Thank you.... Of course I will need a lot of personal help from you.

I'll be speaking at the Thursday prayer meeting.

I need private lessons. Why don't we have dinner or something?

I think not. Tell me, Mr. Masterson, why are you here?

I told you. I'm a sinner.

You're lying.
Well, lying's a sin ... Look, I'm a big sinner. If you get me, it's eight to five the others'll follow.

(SHE is silent)

Why don't you let me help you? I'll bet I can fill this place with sinners.

SARAH

I don't bet.

SKY

I'll make you a proposition. When is this big meeting of yours - Thursday? I will guarantee to fill that meeting with one dozen genuine sinners.

SARAH

And what's my end of the bargain?

SKY

Have dinner with me.

SARAH

Why do you want to have dinner with me?

SKY

I'm hungry ... Here!

(Gives her marker - SHE takes it)

SARAH

What's this?

SKY

Sky Masterson's marker for twelve sinners. If you don't think it's good, ask anybody in town. I.-O.-U. - one dozen sinners. I'll pick you up at noon tomorrow, for dinner.

SARAH

At noon?

SKY

It'll take us some time to get there.
To get where?

El Cafe Cubana, in Havana.

Havana?

Where else do you want to eat? Howard Johnson's? The plane gets us there in five hours and back the same night. And the food is great.

Please go away.

Somewhere in the world there must be a guy who might appeal to the Sergeant. I wonder what this guy will be like?

He will not be a gambler.

I am not interested in what he will not be ... I am interested in what he will be.

Don't worry..

Side 3: Nicely, Nicely

Tell me, what about Nathan Detroit? Is he got a place for his crap game?

He's still looking for a place.
NICELY

The heat is on.

HARRY

Well, tell him I'm loaded and looking for action. I just acquired five thousand potatoes.

BENNY

Five thousand bucks!

NICELY

Where did you acquire it?

HARRY

I collected the reward on my father.

(HARRY exits.)

BENNY

Everybody is looking for action. I wish Nathan finds a

(BENNY stops as BRANNIGAN enters he crosses to Benny.)

NICELY

Why, Lieutenant Brannigan! Mr. Southstreet, it is Lieutenant Brannigan of the New York Police Department.

BENNY

A pleasure.

BRANNIGAN

Either of you guys seen Nathan Detroit?

BENNY
Which Nathan Detroit is that?

BRANNIGAN

I mean the Nathan Detroit who’s been running a floating crapgame around here. You can tell him for me: I know that right now he’s running around trying to find a spot &

(NATHAN enters, not seeing BRANNIGAN.)

NICELY

Hi, Nathan!

NATHAN

Fellas, I’m having terrible trouble. Everybody’s scared on account of that lousy Brannigan, and I cant

BRANNIGAN

Something wrong, Mr. Detroit?

NATHAN

(a sickly grimace)
Oh, hello, Lieutenant. I hope you dont think I was talking about you. There are other lousy Brannigans.

BRANNIGAN

Detroit, I imagine you are having trouble finding a place for your crap game.

NATHAN

Well, the heat is on, as you must know from the fact that you now have to live on your salary.  

(BRANNIGAN glares and exits.)

NICELY

Did you find a place for the game?

NATHAN

I was just over to the Biltmore Garage. Joey says he might take a chance and let me use the place, if I give him a thousand bucks.
BENNY

A thousand bucks!

NATHAN

In cash.

BENNY

Nathan, can’t you do something?