

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Character List

1. Pseudolus – Male slave, baritone (30-50). Quick-witted, scheming, childlike spirit and good comic timing.
2. Hysterium – Male slave, baritone (age open but must be mature). Nervious, easily excitable. Comic part.
3. Hero – Young male lead, tenor (18+). Son of Senex and Domina. He falls in love with Philia and agrees to give Pseudolus his freedom if he can help Hero woo her. Practical, privileged, romantic, innocent and naive.
4. Philia – Young female lead (18-21). In love with Hero. Young, pretty, devoted, innocent and naive to the point of being dumb. An archetypal ingénue.
5. Sennex – Older male (45-70) Father to Hero and henpecked husband to Domina. Bit of a dirty old man. Comic part.
6. Domina – Middle age female (40-50). Domineering wife of Sennex. Comic part.
7. Lycus – Mature male (40-50). The snaky, slimy, lecherous owner of the house of Courtesans. Comic part.
8. Miles Gloriosus – Male Roman army Captain (25-35). Commanding, boastful, vain, pompous, manly and strong. Comic part.
9. Erronius – Old man (45-70). Senex's elderly, near-sighted, confused and befuddled neighbour who has been searching for his two children, kidnapped in infancy by pirates. A relatively small part but essential to the plot, with some funny, scene stealing entrances.
10. The Courtesans – 6 women (age open). Must be able to dance well with possible gymnastic moves. Each has an individual character dance.
11. Proteans – 3-6 men and/or women (age open). Choristers who play multiple roles (slaves, citizens, soldiers, and eunuchs). On Broadway, three people played all of these roles but can be expanded to more.