

IN TUNE

HAIRSPRAY — CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Short character descriptions and commonly listed vocal ranges for the Broadway musical.

CHARACTER	DESCRIPTION	VOCAL RANGE
Tracy Turnblad	Confident, determined, and big-hearted, Tracy dreams of dancing on the Corny Collins Show and challenging the prejudice around her.	G3–G5
Edna Turnblad	Tracy's loving, larger-than-life mother, who has lost confidence in herself but rediscovers her courage while supporting her daughter.	F3–G5
Wilbur Turnblad	Tracy's kind and playful father, who runs a joke shop and wholeheartedly supports his daughter and adores his wife.	A3–A5
Penny Pingleton	Tracy's sweet, quirky best friend, who begins to find her independence and falls for Seaweed.	A3–G5
Link Larkin	The charming teen heartthrob of the Corny Collins Show, whose growing feelings for Tracy lead him to question what really matters.	G3–A5
Seaweed J. Stubbs	A talented, confident dancer who befriends Tracy and helps Penny discover a world beyond her sheltered upbringing.	F3–D5
Little Inez	Seaweed's spirited younger sister, who dreams of dancing on television and proving her talent.	Not specified
Corny Collins	The charismatic host of the Corny Collins Show, whose polished on-air persona helps shape Baltimore's teenage pop culture.	D3–A4
Amber Von Tussle	Link's attention-seeking girlfriend and Tracy's rival, who expects to win the spotlight and Miss Baltimore Hairspray.	A3–F5
Velma Von Tussle	Amber's calculating mother and the show's producer, who uses her influence to preserve her narrow view of who belongs on television.	G3–E5
Motormouth Maybelle	Seaweed and Little Inez's bold, warm, and powerful mother, who uses her voice to stand up for equality and change.	F3–E5
Prudy Pingleton	Penny's strict and controlling mother, whose rigid beliefs clash with Penny's growing independence.	D4–B4
The Dynamites	A dynamic singing trio whose soulful harmonies and high-energy performances bring sparkle to the show.	Varies by production
Mr. Pinky	The flamboyant owner of a plus-size clothing boutique who helps Tracy embrace her style and confidence.	Production-dependent
Harriman F. Spritzer	A powerful sponsor and businessman whose priorities are tied to ratings, publicity, and commercial success.	Production-dependent
Ensemble	Performers who portray the Corny Collins' Kids, students, protestors, and other Baltimore residents throughout the show.	Various vocal ranges