

# The Lion King

## Recommended Grades for Auditions

### Character Listing

\*Please note – all grades listed indicate the appearance of each character and in no way limit auditions to a specific age group.

Character Name	Description	Recommended Grade for Auditions
Rafiki	Healer of the Pridelands; guides Simba through his journey; strong singer	Grades 6-12
Mufasa	Simba's father; leader of the Pridelands; commands respect	Grades 8-12
Sarabi	Simba's mother; commanding queen-like presence	Grades 8-12
Zazu	Mufasa's loyal assistant; often speaks the lyrics to the songs	Grades 4-12
Scar	Mufasa's brother; coldhearted and a villain; strong actor	Grades 8-12
Young Simba	Adventurous cub; strong singer and actor	Grades 3-6
Simba	Lion who mourns his father, wants to confront Scar; strong singer and actor	Grades 6-12
Young Nala	Young Simba's best friend; strong singer and actor	Grades 3-6
Nala	Simba's best friend; strong singer, actor and dancer	Grades 6-12
Sarafina	Nala's mother	Grades 8-12
Banzai	Hyena; outgoing and confident	Grades 4-12
Shenzi	Hyena; sassy, always laughing	Grades 4-12
Ed	Hyena; loud, cackling laugh	Grades 4-12
Timon	Meerkat; one of the funniest characters in the show	Grades 5-12
Pumbaa	Kindhearted warthog; loyal friend to Timon	Grades 5-12
Lioness Ensemble	Female hunters of the Pridelands; strong singers and dancers	Grades 3-12
Hyena Ensemble	Scar's army; strong singers	Grades 3-12
Ensemble Animals	Elephant, giraffes, wildebeest, antelope, rhinoceros, zebra, cheetah, birds, gazelles, buzzards, grasslands	Grades 3-12
Smallest jungle friends	Ladybugs, fireflies, mice, ants	Grades K-2