

South Pacific

Character Descriptions

Female Roles

Ensign Nellie Forbush

- Nellie is also central to the show's success. She must be a simple girl from rural Little Rock but be savvy enough to catch Emile's eye. She is young, beautiful and very much an optimist. She is a sweet natured girl that any of the rough and worn sailors would also fall for. Central to the show's success is the relationship with Emile De Becque. It must be believable in both age and chemistry.
- Age range - mid-twenties
- Mezzo

Bloody Mary

- She is a shrewd Polynesian looking woman who delights in selling island souvenirs to the US sailors. She is tough on the outside but has a heart of gold. Her main agenda is finding the perfect man for her beautiful young daughter. She looks like she has always lived on the island.
- Age range - 35-50
- Mezzo

Liat

- This is Bloody Mary's daughter. She is not rough on the outside, like her mother. She is beautiful and sweet. She doesn't speak much English and her charm and beauty engage all men especially Lt. Cable
- Age range - 20ish

Nurses

- I would love to cast both singers who can dance and dancers that can sing. Perhaps 5 of each. They are Nellie's friends and work, play sing and dance around her.
 - Dinah – Mezzo; A nurse. Nellie's best friend
 - Janet – Mezzo; A nurse

Male Roles

Emile de Becque

- Central to casting...this character is a wealthy plantation owner hailing from France and living on the South Pacific Island. He is a very dignified and cultured man. A handsome face and physique are important as Nellie falls in love with him easily. He is honest and sincere but also very shrewd. Central to the show's success is the relationship with Nellie Forbush. It must be believable in both age and chemistry.
- Baritone
- Age: Middle-aged...35 to 50

Joe Cable

- Joe is a young good looking officer from the states sent to work on a secret mission. He is smart and very brave and central to the story he falls in love with Bloody Mary's daughter Liat. Joe is a typical US officer with the brave exterior and soft interior. Must be handsome.
- Tenor

Luther Billis

- He is a mediocre entrepreneur who, like Bloody Mary, thrives on selling island trinkets. He is a sweet character that comes off gruff to the guys but is truly a loveable teddy bear. He is the friend to all the men and nurses. He is a typical woman-chasing sailor.
- Age -20 – 35

Sailors/Seabees/Officers

- Needed are both aged seasoned officers and young and fresh faced boys. All need to sing and the sailors need to dance.
 - Professor - Helps the men with their Latin
 - Stewpot – Baritone; Carpenter’s mate, second class
 - Lt. Buzz Adams – Baritone; Flies an important mission and lives to tell the story
 - McCaffery – Baritone, A sailor and radio operator
 - Yeoman Herbert Quale – Baritone; A sailor
 - Capt. Brackett - Pompous yet competent, he's the highest ranking officer on the island.
 - Commander Bill Harbison - Brackett's executive officer, second in command

Henry

- Emile’s Native Servant

Children’s Role

Ngana and Jerome

- Emile's children (one boy, one girl) from a Polynesian wife who has died. Both are of a mixed race. They are central to the story as Nellie upon meeting them decides that she can no longer love Emile.
- Age - 7 and 10
- Sing a sweet folk type of French song