

## The Addams Family Jr- Show Information

### Synopsis:

Celebrate the wackiness in every family with the best-selling Broadway musical adapted for middle school-age performers! Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family whom her parents have never met. She confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before– keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

### Character Breakdown:

#### **Morticia Addams**

Morticia is the real 'head' of the Addams family, the matriarch. She is concerned her husband is hiding something, and will use all her wiles and tactics to lure his secret out. Although it may seem that Gomez has the most say in family dealings, Morticia's influence over him proves that she's really the one in charge. Elegant and gorgeous, Morticia sees only the good in everyone, and comes off as wiser for doing so.

#### **Wednesday Addams**

The goth daughter of Gomez and Morticia. Wednesday is a charming girl who has the same dry wit and sensibility of her mother, in an even more minor key. Wednesday finds love with a "normal" boy (Lucas) and wants to introduce his family to hers. She is stuck between sticking with the traditions of the Addams family and moving forward with her relationship. Experiences the youthful drama that comes with first love – and will do just about anything to get her way! Her dry sense of humor is reminiscent of her mother, but sometimes gives way into the manic episodes that show her humanity.

#### **Alice Beineke**

Mother of Lucas, devoted to her family so she puts aside her own desires. A typical suburban mom with typical suburban mom problems. Because of a cold relationship with her husband Mal, she has refocused her love on Lucas. She is prone to speaking in rhyme when upset.

### **Grandmama**

Grandmama Addams is a kooky elder, a feisty 102-year-old woman. Fun and quirky, but don't mess with Grandma. This disrespectful old lady is the mother of Gomez... she willingly helps with the dishes, cheats at solitaire and is roughly dishonest... foolishly good-natured, weak character... is easily fooled. Grandma acts as the wise, if sometimes wacky, sage of the family. She helps Pugsley through his problems, and has a strange sense of humor.

### **Pugsley Addams**

Wednesday's little brother, Pugsley is a danger-seeking, charming, funny, boy - who loves being tortured by his sister. Wednesday's relationship with Lucas has left Pugsley with separation anxiety. He wants to ensure he won't lose Wednesday to her new boyfriend so he takes matters into his own hands. An energetic monster of a boy... and a dedicated troublemaker.

### **Gomez Addams**

The father of the Addams family. Gomez takes great pride in his family and revels in all it means to be an "Addams." He struggles with having to keep his daughter's secret from his wife, whom he adores more than death. He is pulled in different directions in order to appease them both. Smart, comedic actor with tenor vocals. Husband to Morticia, if indeed they are married at all... a crafty schemer, but also a jolly man in his own way... though sometimes misguided... sentimental and often optimistic, he has full enthusiasm for his dreadful plots.

### **Uncle Fester Addams**

The narrator of the show, Uncle Fester serves as the musical's narrator. He is larger than life, an energetic, joyous, child-like presence. A vaudeville style comedian with tenor vocals. Uncle Fester is incorrigible and except for the good nature of the family and the ignorance of the police, would ordinarily be under lock and key. He likes to fish, but usually employs dynamite... he keeps falcons on the roof which he uses for hunting.

### **Lucas Beineke**

A hopeful romantic and the son of Mal and Alice Beineke, Lucas is the 'average' young man who has fallen in love with Wednesday Addams and plans to marry her. The love-torn teenager, Lucas experiences the youthful pain and drama of young love and struggles with the differences between his family and the Addams family. He writes poetry and appears to be a traditionalist, but he harbors an unexpected crazy and dark side, and appreciates the macabre... which is why he gets along so well with the Addamses.

### **Mal Beineke**

Mal is Lucas' stuffy father and an exasperated husband to his rhyming wife, Alice. A typical conservative suburban father that's cynical of life and especially the Addams family. Always looking out for his family. Has difficulty accepting his reality and pretends to be better than others.

### **Lurch**

Lurch is the Addams family butler, he knows all the family secrets. A man of very few words, Lurch mostly responds in drawn out groans — without becoming a cartoon version of himself. His movement is always very slow.

### **Ancestors Male & Female - Varying Ages and Vocal Ranges**

**Bride Ancestor**, after being left at the alter, she is looking for some revenge.

**Groom Ancestor**, after leaving his bride at the alter, he is forever running from her and her wicked plots.

**Stewardess Ancestor**, as one of the successful Addams Family members, she wants to make sure others in the family follow in her footsteps.

**Flapper Ancestor** A dancer from the 20's, she's here to have a good time and keep the party rolling.

**Conquistador Ancestor**, the Spanish conqueror of the family, he wants to rule the world and won't stop until he gets it.

**Caveman Ancestor**, Having little knowledge about current times, he finds himself scared of everything.

**Soldier Ancestor**, as the military man of the family. He likes rules and order. Sailor Ancestor can be a real pain and his goal is to straighten him out.

**Sailor Ancestor**, the carefree, sea loving family member who want's to find his way back to the ocean. Having some conflict with Soldier Ancestor might slow him down.

The ensemble roles are very important in The Addams Family. As descendants of the Addams lineage from various eras and locales, the Addams ancestors act as a backup chorus for multiple scenes and numbers.