

# Lead Character Descriptions-Lil' Abner- Sept., 2025

Audition songs, scenes, or specialty dances will be on our website by **Mon. September 8<sup>th</sup>** for any students interested. **Audition Prep night is Tues. September 23, followed by auditions on September 24.** Listed below are all characters with a brief description. Please read through them all, and **choose one or two roles** you are interested in auditioning for. We encourage you to **GO FOR IT!**

***Many of the Lead roles are demanding of your time and require work at home, so please consider the extra time on Wed. evenings BEFORE you choose to audition.***

***\*\*Please note- Many lead roles in THIS SHOW are only in one or two scenes. Feel free to ask Elizabeth about some of the smaller roles if you are interested in attending "some" Wed. evenings.***

*Lil' Abner is from the Deep South with each character from the town of Dogpatch having a strong southern accent, and a "Hillbilly twang". Watch **Hee Haw** or **Beverly Hillbillies** for some inspiration! **You can also watch the old movie from 1959, it's hilarious!***

- Scarlett:** (A group girl) Loud, expressive & bright! She has a few lines and is an energetic dancer.
- Triplet girls:** (A group) Scarlett's 3 sisters who are energetic too! Great dancers & must react well.
- 3 Young Scraggs:** (A group boys) Unthinkable, Unwashable, Unbearable Dirty, itchy, sloppy, and sing a group trio in the opening song. They are also featured in the wedding, at the end.
- Lead Dogpatchers:** (A or B group boys/girls) They will sing the opening part of "Typical Day" with the older kids. Strong singers with expressive personality, facial expression, and move well.
- Dogpatch Girls:** (B group) Strong dancers, enthusiastic, expressive who have one fantastic, special dance.
- "Pone" Scouts:** (B group boys) Strong, clean movements, kooky hillbilly Boy Scouts in a special dance.
- Romeo, Clem, Alf Scragg:** (B group kids) Daisy Mae's cousins on the "bad" side of the family, with Romeo as their leader. Dirty, itchy, and sloppy, with long beards! These three Scraggs sing a group trio in the opening song, and have a light amount of lines throughout the show. They must project and enunciate so the audience can understand what they say.
- Necessary Actors:** (B group kids) These kids have a great scene where they bring "*specific items*" to the Scientist, Mr. Finsdale- hoping that he will find their city of Dogpatch to be "*Necessary*", and not blow up their town. Loud voices, expressive, and believable.
- Uncle Unbearable Scragg:** (C group boy) Dirty, itchy, and sloppy! Leader of the Scragg pack! This is a non singing role. He needs to project, so the audience can understand his dialogue.
- Speedy McRabbit:** (C or D group boy) Eager to start the Sadie Hawkins Day Race, and jumps the gun. A non singing role. No auditions needed, audition for another Lead role.
- Dr. Finsdale:** (C group male/female) A brilliant scientist who is always busy with experiments and crazy ideas. He's kind of forgetful, but his excitement about discovering new things is very contagious to his fellow scientists, and the people in Dogpatch. Clever, a bit scattered, and surprisingly funny. Dr. Finsdale sings a fun song at the top of Act 2 with the other Scientists, and he has many lines to memorize. (Biggest C group role)
- 3 Lead Scientists:** (C group, male/female Dr. Smithborn, Dr. Krogmeyer, Dr. Lipspitz) Nerdy and intelligent scientists, who follow the orders of their leader, Dr. Finsdale. They sing a group song together, and also have a nice amount of lines in Act 2.
- 3 Other Scientists:** (C group male/female) Nerdy scientists who work with the 3 Lead Scientists listed above. They have extra stage time with the Lead Scientists. They do not have any speaking lines, but sing and dance with the 3 Lead Scientists. Audition for Lead scientist
- 4 Lead Cronies:** (C group boys) Abner's lazy, simple-minded and dazed friends he fishes with. They have a light amount of lines in one scene, and will sing "*Druthers*" with the C & D boys.
- Secretaries:** (C group girls) The secretaries of General Bullmoose- who sing together in harmony. Enthusiastic, sophisticated and devoted over-achievers. They must have strong rhythm, good pitch, and sharp movements.

- Available Jones:** (C or D group male) This Salesman not only sells anything and everything, but makes deals as well, as long as he names the price. Convincing, loud, promising, a little greedy, and extremely persuasive. Has a substantial amount of lines, non-singing role.
- Evil Eye Fleagle:** (C or D group, male) A crafty trickster who's every move is sly like a weasel, and impossible to predict. Known for outsmarting others, he possesses a chilling talent that is unique and terrifying, that leaves others at his mercy. This character can freeze someone- dead in their tracks, during the Sadie Hawkins day Race, using the "Triple Whammy". We are looking for an actor who brings a fun, menacing presence in their voice (New York accent), and expressions and movements that are quick and funny.
- C Group Dance Crew:** (**C group** male/female) Dancers that are featured in the *Sadie Hawkins Race/Dance!* Hard working, capable, expressive dancers who may do partner work. Will rehearse 1-2 x per month on Wed. evenings.
- Lonesome Polecat:** (D group, male) A Hillbilly who is proud of his creation of his strong tonic, "*Kick-a-poo joy juice*". He sings a small solo in the opening song, and is in many other scenes and songs with the people of Dogpatch. He is also featured in the Sadie Hawkins Race.
- Hairless Joe:** (D group, male) A Hillbilly who is proud of his creation of his strong tonic, "*Kick-a-poo joy juice*". He sings a small solo in the opening song, and is in many other scenes and songs with the people of Dogpatch.
- D Group Dance Troop:** (**D group** male/female). Dancers are featured in the *Sadie Hawkins Race/Dance*. Hard working, skillful, well versed dancers who will do partner work. Auditions will be on a Mon eve, at the end of October. They will rehearse 2 x per month after D group.
- Lil Abner:** (D group, male) He was raised drinking Mammy's special *Yokumberry Tonic*, which makes him big, buff, and handsome. He is simple minded, kind-hearted, charming, and loves his single lifestyle. Despite his affection for Daisy Mae, a mysterious reluctance prevents him from committing to her. He sings many songs in the tenor range, and must hold harmony well. Good comedic timing is essential.
- Daisy Mae:** (D group girl) Charming, lovable, and flirtatious. She is hopelessly in love with Abner. Every year, she eagerly attempts to catch him in the Sadie Hawkins Race, determined to win his heart and marry him. Mezzo-soprano/alto vocal range and must be able to hold harmony. Daisy should feel comfortable wearing a short skirt paired with a cute polka dot top which embodies Daisy Mae's playful and endearing spirit.
- 6 Lead Wives:** (D group girls) Bold and sassy, energetic and melodramatic. These ladies happily volunteer their husbands as guinea pigs for the *Yokumberry Tonic* experiment. They perform in many up-tempo songs, and must be strong singer/dancers.
- Moonbeam McSwine:** (D group girl) Sings a great brassy, belty, solo in the opening song. (Alto range)  
She is also featured with the 6 wives, and in the Sadie Hawkins Day Race.
- Mammy Yokum:** (D group girl). Lil Abner's sharp-tongued, spirited, hot-tempered mother, with high energy and wit. She is the comic relief, with a fiery personality, who never lets her husband get a word in. While she sings a small solo, her role is rich in dialogue, requiring her to memorize many lines.
- Pappy Yokum:** (D group, male) Lil Abner's lovable and humorous father. He is constantly bossed around by his wife, Mammy. He charms everyone with his endearing, old man walk and high jumps. Pappy sings a small solo and has many lines to memorize.
- Marryin' Sam:** (D group, male) The town's famous matchmaker, known for being charming and respected. He is friendly, charming, and great at convincing people. This role is demanding because he has a lot of lines to remember, tricky songs and challenging lyrics to memorize. He sings in a high tenor voice, speaks with diction, must harmonize, and enunciate extremely well. Sam is the toughest role in the show!
- Earthquake McGoon:** (D group, male) He has his sights set on marrying Daisy Mae, and will stop at nothing to get what he wants. Big, intimidating, aggressive, and known as "World's Dirtiest Wrestler." He sings a small solo & is a supporting character throughout the show

- Senator Phogbound:** (D group, male) The corrupt, self-serving politician with commanding presence, and the ability to capture a crowd and build intensity. He is known for his extravagant claims and questionable actions, prioritizing his own interests above the people in Dogpatch. He sings a short solo and needs a smooth southern dialect, not the Dogpatch “twang”. The Senator has a large amount of lines in a few scenes, and many lines to memorize.
- Mayor of Dogpatch:** (D group, male) Strong, commanding presence, authoritative: A respectable leader who is the voice Dogpatch, and runs the town meetings. He has no singing solos.
- Appassionata** (D group, girl) The materialistic, ditzy, private secretary to General Bullmoose. She has the knack for getting away with anything, thanks to her captivating looks- think Marilyn Monroe. This is a non-singing role. She catches Abner in the Sadie Hawkins Day Race, plans to marry him, and takes him back to Washington.
- Stupefying Jones:** (D group, girl) Her striking looks are used to allure the bachelors and **freeze/Stupefy** them with a short dance routine. Must move well, feel confident in her looks, and have great facial expression. Non-singing role, and used during the *Sadie Hawkins Day Race*.
- Scarlett’s Mother:** (D group, girl) Strict, loud, mother who has too many children. She is attempting to keep them quiet and on their best behavior during the Town meeting. Light amount of lines, no singing solos. No auditions needed, audition for other Leads.
- News Reporter:** (D group male/female) This reporter interviews Abner about the special Yokumberry Tonic. This role does not sing. No auditions needed, audition for other Leads.
- Government Man:** (D group male) He comes to town to find “necessary items”, and ends up drinking the Yokumberry Tonic. He has a few lines. No auditions needed, audition for other Leads.
- Mr. Softwicke:** (D group, male) FBI agent who is serious and intimidating with a deadpan delivery. Non singing role. No auditions needed, audition for other Leads.
- 2 Policeman:** (C or D group males) They arrest people at the Ball. Please audition for other roles.
- Husbands:** (D group, males) Taller than 5’8, big, muscular, non-speaking. No auditions needed, audition for other Leads.

***\*Disclaimer:** The grades/groups listed for these roles are not set in stone. The Directors reserve the opportunity to callback or cast whomever they feel is “**best suited**” for each role. That being said, you may be considered for any roles when you audition, and we ask that all of you **trust our team** to make the best casting choices.*