

Pericles Character List

Please note: As there are over 50 characters in this play, all actors (with the possible exception of the actor playing Pericles) will play more than one role.

Character	Approx Age Range	Gender Presentation of character	Character description
Gower	Any	Any	Gower is the Chorus of the play/Narrator. This character speaks exclusively in rhymed verse. This actor should feel comfortable addressing and interacting with the audience throughout the show.
Pericles	30-50	Male	Prince of Tyre. This story centers on his journeys through the Mediterranean. This character ages 20 years throughout the play. He runs the gamut of emotions throughout this play. He is impetuous, passionate, reserved, grieving, thoughtful, kind... <i>This role requires a stage kiss</i>
Thaisa	20-40	Female	Princess of Pentapolis and wife to Pericles – This character ages 20 years throughout the play. She is kind, strong, and deeply loving. She dies in childbirth... but survives! <i>This role requires a stage kiss</i>
Marina	18-25	Female	Daughter of Pericles and Thaisa. She is supernaturally kind, virtuous, and innocent. Her purity is contagious. <i>This role requires singing, minimal stage combat hinting at near-sexual assault, and a stage kiss.</i>
Helicanus	40+	Any	Pericles's trusted advisor and second. He is wise and supportive.
Antiochus	40+	Male	King of Antioch. He is lustful and evil.
Antiochus's Daughter	18-25	Female	Princess of Antioch. Men have traveled from all over the region to seek her hand in marriage.
Thaliard	20-50	Male	Nobleman of Antioch, assassin.
Cleon	25-50	Male	Governor of Tarsus. This character ages 20 years throughout the play. He is not a very strong leader of his region.
Dionyza	25-50	Female	Wife to Cleon. This character ages 20 years throughout the play. She is domineering over her husband. Somewhat evil, possibly comedic.
Leonine	20-50	Male	Servant to Dionyza, assassin. <i>This role requires minimal stage combat hinting at near-sexual assault</i>
Simonides	40+	Male	King of Pentapolis, Father of Thaisa. A huge presence. Good natured and kind. Probably tells a lot of Dad jokes.
Lychorida	20-60	Female	Nurse/attendant to Thaisa and, later, to Marina
Fisherman 1	30+	Any	The senior Fisherman. A bit fatherly. Warm. Puts younger fishermen in their place
Fisherman 2	20-40	Any	Mid-level management Fisherman.

Fisherman 3	Teen-30	Any	Young fisherman. Not very bright, but adorably innocent
Lord Cerimon	Any	Male	A wiseman/physician in Ephesus. This character ages 20 years throughout the play. He is either a mystic or a scientist; either way, he performs magical acts.
Philemon	Any	Any	Servant to Cerimon
Diana	Any	Female	Goddess of chastity
Lysimachus	20-30	Male	Governor of Mytilene. At first, a lustful frequenter of the brothel. He falls in love with Marina and changes his lifestyle. <i>This role may include a stage kiss</i>
Pander	30+	Male	Owner of brothel. More interested in retiring
Bawd	30+	Female	Mistress of brothel and wife to Pander. She is the one who really runs the business. A comedic role. <i>This role requires stage choreography hinting at near-sexual assault.</i>
Bolt	20-30	Male	Servant to Pander and Bawd. Not stupid, but not bright either. A comedic role. <i>This role requires stage choreography hinting at near-sexual assault.</i>
Attendant to Marina	Any	Any	Although this is not a speaking role, there is a written role for someone to accompany Marina's song on an instrument. If you play a handheld instrument, please note that on your audition sheet. (This role will double with others)

Various Servants, Attendants, Knights, Fishermen, Pirates, Gentlemen, Citizens, Ladies, Priestesses, Sailors, Sex workers, and Messengers