

**For Kipling's *Jungle Book* – a *Dszungel Konyve***

*The Cast of Characters*

1) All actors in the company will study physical characterization and movement based upon character totems; i.e., the understanding of inner character by studying the physicalization of a particular size and type of jungle animal.

This will include various birds. (Think of the dance/actor character work accomplished in *The Lion King*)

2) All actors will study the basics of yoga and Indian dance. (Technicians will be invited to study yoga)

3) All actors will study their appropriate music within the fifteen new songs including the finale.

4) All actors will study the cultural perspectives of the villagers and the jungle animals.

5) All actors will study Kipling and his literature.

Mowgli – young adult – (act/sing/dance) romantic leading character, stage combat

Mowgli – young boy – (act/sing/dance) (double cast as an animal)

Mowgli's Family (Act I)

*Young Adult (m)* – villager – (act/dance)(will double as an animal or appear in both acts as a villager)

*Young Adult (f)*- villager - (act/dance) (will double as an animal or appear in both acts as a villager)

Buldeo – village hunter – young adult male (may not double) (sing/act/combat) feature w/sword (Act II)

Toona – Buldeo's wife – (sing/act/dance) love interest — young adult female (may double as a masked animal)

Villagers (m/f) various ages (Act I and Act II)

*Adults (m)* (dance) double cast as animals (2 or 3) (*Adults* = must appear to be an adult)

*Adults (f)* (dance) double cast as animals (4 or 5) (*Adults* = must appear to be an adult)

Children – smaller sizes (m/f) (double cast as animals)

Akela – young adult – male wolf (sing/dance/act)

Hunger Wolf – (m/f) (sing/dance/act)

Blood Wolf – (m/f) (sing/dance/act)

Mourning Wolf (m/f) (sing/dance/act)

Cudgel Wolf (m/f) (sing/dance/act)

Wolf Chorus (m/f) sing and dance

Bagheera (black panther) (young adult m/f)

Baloo (bear, in Hindi) (young adult male)

Kaa (hooded python) (young adult m/f)

Hooded Python (m/f)

Python chorus (m/f) sing and dance

Shere Khan (a crippled Bengal tiger) – the villain (young adult m/f) sing/act

Bandar-log, the monkey tribe (sing/dance/act) (m/f)

Monkey #1, 2, 3 & 4 featured (act/sing/dance)(m/f)

Monkey Chorus (sing/dance/act)

Kites Chorus (birds) (m/f) dance/sing/act)

Chil/Rann

Other animals from Kipling's *Jungle Book*

Tabaqui- the jackal (dance/sing/act) (mf/)