

Lieutenant Frank Cioffi: The central character, a Local Boston detective who is also very interested in musical theatre. Aside from being exceptionally good at his job, he has also aspired to be a musical theatre performer. He falls in love with Niki and they get engaged.

Niki Harris: Pretty, naïve ingénue. Niki is playing a supporting role and is Jessica Cranshaw's understudy in the show-within-the-show during its Boston tryout. She is eager to make her Broadway debut. She meets and falls in love with Detective Frank Cioffi, who is investigating a murder at the theatre.

Georgia Hendricks: Female half of songwriting team. Ends up taking on the leading lady role of the show-within-the-show.

Carmen Bernstein: The show's brassy producer, unhappily married to Sidney and Bambi's estranged mother. Highly comical role with a belt voice. Carmen had always belittled Bambi in public, but for a nice reason.

Aaron Fox: The composer of the show-within-the-show. His songwriting partner, Georgia, is also his ex-wife from whom he's separated but still loves

Bobby Pepper: The choreographer and male star of the show within the show. A handsome Gene Kelly type who is the one shining star in an otherwise dire show. He is Aaron's charming rival and the current boyfriend of Georgia. A strong singer and even stronger dancer.

Christopher Belling: English director. Camp and funny.

Bambi Bernét: Performer in the chorus and daughter of Carmen, the lead producer. Hungry to work her way up to leading performer; she has a contentious relationship with her mother, who insists on calling her by her real name, Elaine. She changed her name to Bambi because in the Disney movie, hunters kill Bambi's mother.

Daryl Grady: A theatre critic for the local Boston newspaper, the Boston Globe. He enjoys using the power he has to make or break shows during their out-of-town tryouts.

Johnny Harmon: The Stage Manager of the show-within-the-show. Johnny is gruff but lovable. He keeps the company in line and on their toes throughout the rehearsal process.

Oscar Shapiro: The general manager and sole investor. An agreeable if slightly gruff man. He is always looking for any angle to find money.

Sidney Bernstein: The co-producer of an out of town flop. Sidney is tough and self-serving.

Jessica Cranshaw: Fading Hollywood star. A diva, who has no right to be one, she is a terrible singer, dancer and actress who stars in the show within a show and is murdered on its opening night.

Sasha Iljinsky: The European conductor of the show within the show; played by the orchestra's actual conductor.

Randy Dexter: One of the male ensemble actors of the show within the show.

Harv Fremont: One of the male ensemble actors of the show within the show, Randy's sidekick.

Detective O'Farrell: Cioffi's associate from the Boston Police Department, assists in the investigation.