

## Musical Comedy Guild of Sault Ste. Marie presents



**Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber**

**Based on 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats' by T.S. Eliot**

**Directed and Choreographed by Lucas Beaver**

**Music Directed by Rony Dal Cin**

Based on T.S. Eliot's whimsical collection of poems, *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*, Andrew Lloyd Webber's popular musical brings together a tribe of Jellicle Cats on a moonlit evening, who must make the "Jellicle choice" to decide which of them will ascend to the mysterious Heaviside Layer to be reborn. Featuring such celebrated standards as the haunting "Memory," *Cats* was an international phenomenon and its original production is still the fourth-longest-running show on Broadway with a new revival opening in summer 2016. A magical, moving, and often hilarious glimpse into the lives of others, *Cats* takes Eliot's lyrical poetry and puts it into the mouths of a diverse company of singing, dancing felines.

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### Audition, Rehearsal and Production Details

- Audition Venue: [Soo Dance Unlimited, 258 Queen Street East](#)
  - Audition Dates: Sun July 21, Mon July 22 & Tues July 23
    - Dance Call – Sunday, July 21 Sign In begins at Noon (1:00–4:00pm)
    - Vocal Call – Sunday, July 21 Sign In begins at 5:00 (5:30-9:30pm)
    - Vocal Call – Monday, July 22 Sign In begins at 5:30 (6:00-9:00pm)
    - Call Backs – Tuesday, July 23 Sign In begins at 5:30 (6:00-9:00pm)
- \*All auditionees must participate in a Dance Call. If you can not make the Dance Call on Sunday, June 21, please contact Kim Smith Bahry (Producer) and you may attend a secondary call on Monday, July 22.
- Rehearsals: Sunday, August 18 – Tuesday, December 3
  - Rehearsal Schedule
    - Sunday 1pm – 4:30pm
    - Sunday 6:30pm – 9:30pm
    - Monday 6:30pm – 9:30pm
    - Wednesday 6:30pm – 9:30p
    - Thursday 6:30pm – 9:30pm
- \*Please note: Not all characters will be required at every rehearsal, and we do our best to limit rehearsals to 3 days a week, however closer to show dates, you may be required a fourth day.
- Performance Dates: December 4, 5, 6 & 7
  - Performance Venue: Sault Community Theatre Centre

## Audition Information

- Please wear suitable clothing for your audition and for rehearsals. Which essentially means nothing tight that will limit your movement. Keep in mind you will also need to rehearse with a tail...!
- Ballet or Jazz shoes will be required for rehearsals for ensemble and any characters participating in choreographed dance routines.

## Audition Pieces and Characterisations

### Named Principal Cats

#### Munkustrap

Featured Singer

Male, Playing age 25-35. Munkustrap is the son of Old Deuteronomy, who takes the lead in his father's absence. Sings 'Old Deuteronomy' and 'The Pokes and the Pollicles'. For this role we require a good baritone singer with a commanding presence. Good movement skills required. Ideally over 6' tall.

When he grows older and Deuteronomy passes on, it is probably Munkustrap who will assume his position as leader. He likes to be in charge and is the one frequently telling the stories or directing the other cats. It is rumoured that he and Demeter have a relationship, but then again, who knows!

**3 words:** Charismatic, Bossy, Confident

**Audition Song:** The Battle of the Pokes and the Pollicles, Gumbie Cat, Old Deuteronomy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lbO3tJYZrw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGQzKpqhDrs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qZcl6nEsRg>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Munkustrap Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/11ZYZBbkJUjb3TPly7FVuaCnwO2ibyuvE/view?usp=sharing>

#### Rum Tum Tugger - Featured Singer

Male, Playing age 25 – 35. Rum Tum Tugger is the 'rock-star' cat, with a wild comedic sexuality. Must be a charismatic performer with a fantastic rock/pop voice with very strong falsetto, great presence and good dance skills. Ideally over 5'10" tall. The Tugger is also a bit of a playboy, flirting with all the females and quite happily leading them on.

**3 words:** Curious, Seductive, Clownish

**Audition Song:** The Rum Tum Tugger, Magical Mister Mistoffelees, Old Deuteronomy

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZQ\\_RgpO2T8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZQ_RgpO2T8)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywFbpDjpZno>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Rum Tum Tugger Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t8ZQtG6ik3yiloOdoRfgIkN3M2S2Y5YZ/view?usp=sharing>

#### Old Deuteronomy - Featured Singer

Male, Playing 35 – 55. Old Deuteronomy is the beloved leader of the tribe. Seeking a mature actor with excellent high baritone/tenor vocals to G sharp. Must be able to express authority, dignity, wisdom, and humility – also great warmth

and fun. Small amount of movement required. He is captured by Macavity and helps Grizabella on her journey to the heaviside layer.

**3 words:** Caring, Mature, Charismatic

**Audition Song:** The Addressing of Cats, Moments of Happiness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UaVMk4hXGo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTliif7hIo4>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Old Deuteronomy Audition Packet

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qDL6zIYpXHSG7n3sbawRgHM2cxd\\_ILk-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qDL6zIYpXHSG7n3sbawRgHM2cxd_ILk-/view?usp=sharing)

### **Grizabella** - Featured Singer

Female, Playing 35 – 55. Grizabella is a survivor, but she is vulnerable, and now outcast from the tribe. She was once very glamorous, but with her age her beauty is fading. Sings 'Memory'. An exceptional singer / actress with sensational, powerful vocals needed. Must possess a wide dynamic vocal range with rich lower tones, and wonderful high belt to E flat. The glamour cat who left the tribe to experience the outside world and who now wants to come back. It is Victoria & Jemima who eventually touch her and reunite her with the tribe. It is she who is chosen by Old Deuteronomy to be reborn and journey to the heaviside layer.

**3 words:** Proud, Hurt, Indomitable

**Audition Song:** Memory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gBfrDXVLYQ>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Grizabella Audition Packet

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K\\_d9TWOGHhsJam2S8X0b8yLrGb6HBLbJ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1K_d9TWOGHhsJam2S8X0b8yLrGb6HBLbJ/view?usp=sharing)

### **Mr. Mistoffelees** - Featured Dancer + Some dialogue Lines

Male, Playing age 20 – 32. Mr. Mistoffelees is the original conjuring cat, he's the tribe's magician and always knows how to entertain either with a card trick, a dice or other magic. It is he who saves Old Deuteronomy and returns him from Macavity's evil clutches. Must be a great dancer with good classical technique. Gymnastics skills a plus but not required.

**3 words:** Graceful, Friendly, Charismatic

**Audition Song:** The Naming of the Cats

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Mr. Mistoffelees Audition Packet

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1izTQiqBLj69nr6fiYWmPIMaxadM3XR\\_s/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1izTQiqBLj69nr6fiYWmPIMaxadM3XR_s/view?usp=sharing)

### **Victoria (the white cat)** - Dancer

Female, Playing age 19-23. Victoria is young, and inquisitive. An outstanding dancer with classical training and technique required. She is one of the youngest cats along with Jemima. She's playful and very elegant and an amazing dancer. She is the cat who loses her innocence at the Jellicle ball, the final step towards adulthood.

**3 words:** Playful, Elegant, Innocent

**Audition Song:** Macavity

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZQ\\_RgpO2T8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZQ_RgpO2T8)

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Female Dancer Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B72kb-O1K4xfdlNkNUIIUdZVEJHVGJUdF85OHhHcHIKN0hZ/view?usp=sharing>

### **Asparagus/Gus** - Featured Singer

Male 50+

Gus is the theatre cat – a fragile cat who in his dreams becomes a swashbuckling pirate, who fights to his death. The old cat was famous in his youth as he was a cat of the stage. However, he is now very old and soon will be gone but he tells the rest of the tribe of his youth and his roles on stage. This role is doubled, so characterisation will change somewhat between the roles, however Asparagus is technically just a young version of Gus.

**3 words:** Dramatic, Mature, Fatherly

**Audition Song:** Bustopher Jones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCFZgLWdjFI>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Bustopher Jones/Gus Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y0gUSLPTnK3rmm7DuoZW3VV91-5N8sMf/view?usp=sharing>

### **Skimbleshanks** - Featured Singer

Male, Playing 25 – 35. Skimbleshanks is the railway cat – a fastidious, neat and ordered cat, obsessed with punctuality and cleanliness, yet possessing a big heart and sense of exuberance. He's like an Uncle to the other cats and along with Jellylorum and Jennyanydots, he helps watch out for the younger cats. In some productions Skimble has a Scottish accent.

**3 words:** Protective, Caring, Perfectionist

**Audition Song:** Skimbleshanks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEliqhx3BSk>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Skimbleshanks Audition Packet

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HN9AaLB3\\_3XidoHryM2oMCQyQIPw7Tul/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HN9AaLB3_3XidoHryM2oMCQyQIPw7Tul/view?usp=sharing)

### **Bombalurina** - Featured Singer

Female, Playing 25 – 35. Bombalurina is one half of the duo who sings 'Macavity'. A lightly sexual female, who is a fierce protector of the tribe. Her best friend is Demeter and they are frequently seen singing together. She plays a leading part in introducing several of the cats and also sings of Macavity.

Must be a good dancer / mover and mezzo vocals.

**3 words:** Sly, Seductive, Friendly

**Audition Song:** Macavity the Mystery Cat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny-Lko5IO-0>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Bombalurina Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15bVqpBWPPhyPAa2p3fU5r20-0dLiyMnh9/view?usp=sharing>

### **Demeter** - Dancer / Vocalist

Female, Playing age 21 – 30. Demeter is one half of the duo who sings 'Macavity'. A neurotic, but highly intuitive cat. An excellent and experienced dancer with good mezzo vocals.

Demeter is a very strong female character in the show, whose best friend is Bombalurina. It is thought by some people that the two are sisters but nothing is known for certain. It is also suspected that she had a relationship with Macavity, hence her nervousness at his entrance.

**3 words:** Skittish, Friendly, Seductive

**Audition Song:** The Rum Tum Tugger, Macavity the Mystery Cat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny-Lko5IO-0>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Demeter Audition Packet

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/13DhdvN8t\\_Y47hH9TICrHE4LiN0qbDcF/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/13DhdvN8t_Y47hH9TICrHE4LiN0qbDcF/view?usp=sharing)

**Jellylorum** - Featured Singer

Female, Playing age 25 – 45. Jellylorum is practical and loving, a storyteller. Sings 'Gus the Theatre Cat' with Gus, and appears as 'Griddlebone' in 'The Ballad of Billy McCaw'. For this role we require an excellent soprano with a crystal clear top C. Very good movement and comedy skills.

Jellylorum is a kind of 'mother' amongst the cats. Watching out for the kittens, especially when Macavity's around! She is good friends with Gus and was named after T.S Eliot's own cat.

**3 words:** Motherly, Friendly, Protective

**Audition Song:** Italian Aria, Gus the Theatre Cat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCFZgLWdjFI>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Jellylorum Audition Packet

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B66-B\\_7T5Y7fL0nwFHXl8-ZTfw4\\_EW1A/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B66-B_7T5Y7fL0nwFHXl8-ZTfw4_EW1A/view?usp=sharing)

**Jemina** - Vocalist / Dancer

Female, Playing 19-23. Young, curious and loves life. A good technical dancer. Clear soprano with solo vocal lines.

She's one of the younger cats who seems to have a distinct connection with the moon and dawn. She's one of the first cats to show kindness towards Grizabella and sings with her.

**3 words:** Playful, Kind, Thoughtful

**Audition Song:** Moments of Happiness, Memory (Daylight)

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Jemina Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B72kb-O1K4xfa3FZVnFaQWQybXNENFJYVXpCRIU1T0ZsRnRn/view?usp=sharing>

**Mungojerrie** - Vocalist / Dancer

Male, Playing age 20 – 25. Mungoferrie is one half of a notorious double act. He is cheeky, irreverent, young and full of energy. A good dancer (acrobatic skills a plus), good singing voice with plenty of personality.

He is a small time crook along with his partner, Rumpleteazer. They live together in Victoria Grove where they constantly cause trouble for their 'pets'. It is believed they work for Macavity but none the less they are still Jellicles.

**3 words:** Mischievous, Loyal, Cheeky

**Audition Song:** Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=861jN3mKE9Q>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Mungojerrie / Rumpleteazer Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B72kb-O1K4xfdFpINzBOcVRUWTVVHRKVzIETHE3cDhrXzNZ/view?usp=sharing>

**Rumpleteazer** - Vocalist / Dancer

Female, Playing age 20 – 25. She lives in the Victoria Grove with her partner Mungojerrie. The pair are rumoured to work for Macavity but they are Jellicles nevertheless. They will steal just about anything and will laugh about the rest of the cats. Frequently making jokes at their expense.

**3 words:** Sly, Mischievous, Loyal

**Audition Song:** Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=861jN3mKE9Q>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Mungojerrie / Rumpleteazer Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B72kb-O1K4xfdFpINzBOcVRUWTVVHRKVzIETHE3cDhrXzNZ/view?usp=sharing>

### **Jennyanydots - Featured Singer**

Female, Playing age 25 – 45. Mezzo-soprano. Jennyanydots is the 'Grumie Cat'. Motherly, an Edwardian 'do-gooder'. For this role we require a character actress and singer, ideally with some dancing skills.

Another 'mother' figure, she, along with Jellylorum, looks after the younger cats and keeps them safe. She is also known as the Gumbie cat for all day she sits and sits and sits, and rules the mice and cockroaches at night, forcing them to undertake helpful functions and creative projects, to curb their naturally destructive habits.

**3 words:** Motherly, Lazy, Skittish

**Audition Song:** Bustopher Jones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjwbxgxFmwQw>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Jennyanydots Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12q9JCOvwDo3nEfGgA6ev0mTVQYMIufsE/view?usp=sharing>

### **Bustopher Jones - Featured Singer**

Male, Playing age 35 – 55. Bustopher Jones is a sophisticated and upper class cat, respected by all. The ultimate cat about town, he's a connoisseur of fine dining. Enjoying to eat out at the best restaurants which has caused him to be a 'twenty five pounder' who is 'putting on weight everyday!' A fantastic character actor/singer with excellent comedic skills. Strong high baritone / tenor to G sharp and very good movement skills.

**3 words:** Aristocratic, Greedy, Friendly

**Audition Song:** Bustopher Jones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjwbxgxFmwQw>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:** Bustopher Jones/Gus Audition Packet

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y0gUSLPTnK3rmm7DuoZW3VV91-5N8sMf/view?usp=sharing>

## **Named Ensemble Roles**

Dancer / Vocalist

Males and Females, Playing 20 – 30. Calling all Dancer, Movers and Shakers. (Acrobatics a plus but not necessary) All must be good singers.

### **Male Audition Material**

**Audition Song:** The Naming of Cats

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7uTcYvoEbu>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B72kb-O1K4xfNmFoNy16WjhnaEU5dIRTSEYVzRoMHLwdzlj/view?usp=sharing>

### **Female Audition Material**

**Audition Song:** Macavity The Mystery Cat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny-Lko5IO-0>

**Sheet Music Excerpt:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B72kb-O1K4xfdInkNUIIUdZVEJHVGJUdF85OHhHcHIKN0hZ/view?usp=sharing>

### **Carbuckety**

A brown and white tom kitten. The name "Carbuckety" was created by T.S. Eliot for a "knockabout cat".

**3 words:** Manic, Independent, Energetic

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

### **Rumpus Cat**

He is the 'super hero' of the Jellicles, he terrorises the Pokes and the Pollicles all day. He has glowing eyes and is very scary to dogs.

**3 words:** Heroic, Cocky, Protective

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

### **Cassandra**

Cassandra sees herself as the "Queen" of the Cats, she thinks she is above the others and is independent, she is very graceful and elegant.

**3 words:** Regal, Aloof, Agile

**Audition Song:** See Female Audition Material above

### **Alonzo**

A black and white/black and gold tom. Sometimes considered the third in seniority after Munkustrap as he also fights Macavity.

**3 words:** Dominant, Slinky, Persistent

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

### **Plato/Macavity**

Macavity is a notorious criminal known as The Napoleon of Crime. The character is a literary allusion to the Sherlock Holmes character Professor Moriarty, his powers of disappearance are phenomenal. He always seems to be causing trouble for the Pellicles but no one knows why. Plato when not playing Macavity is a toned down version, and rather independent and aloof from the other cats.

**3 words:** Mysterious, Mischievous, Aloof

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

### **Quaxo**

He is a very graceful Cat that helps to protect the kittens. He is a brilliant dancer and performs a pas de deux with Victoria. It is possible he realises he has a crush on her at the Jellicle ball.

**3 words:** Caring, Graceful, Alpha

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

### **Electra**

A tabby kitten who along with Etcetera is very fond of Rum Tum Tugger, they are often seen yelling and screeching for his attention. They both like to play and can be right little rascals when they want to be.

**3 words:** Hyperactive, Clingy, Mischievous

**Audition Song:** See Female Audition Material above

### **Etcetera**

A tabby kitten who along with Electra is very fond of Rum Tum Tugger, they are often seen yelling and screeching for his attention. They both like to play and can be right little rascals when they want to be.

**3 words:** Needy, Manic, Mischievous

**Audition Song:** See Female Audition Material above

### **Tantomile**

She is a mystical cat whose twin brother is Coricopat. They move in unison and can sense when something's about to happen. The name Tantomile was created by T. S. Eliot for a "Witch's Cat"

**3 words:** Mysterious, Inquisitive, Slinky

**Audition Song:** See Female Audition Material above

### **Coricopat**

He has an identical twin, Tantomile and the two are very mysterious. They can sense when something is about to happen and they have a tendency to act and sing in sync.

**3 words:** Mysterious, Inquisitive, Slinky

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

### **Exotica**

Exotica is a kitten that idolises Cassandra and longs to one day reach her perceived status. She doesn't play with the other kittens and can often be seen observing the other cats.

**3 words:** Timid, Nimble, Aloof

**Audition Song:** See Female Audition Material above

### **Admetus**

A kitten that looks up to the older cats such as Munkustrap, Skimble and Rum Tum. He sometimes annoys them as he always wants to be near, and is currently teething so has a tendency to try and bite others.

**3 words:** Clingy, Bitey, Curious

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

### **Tumblebrutus**

A brown and white tom kitten. He is a playful young kitten, often performing acrobatics as well as being a strong dancer. His costume is patchy browns on a white base, suggesting he is a Bi-colour tabby and white.

**3 words:** Playful, Naughty, Energetic

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

### **Pouncival**

A fun cat who likes jumping around. He seems to be a little tom who is always causing trouble and putting his nose where it doesn't belong.

**3 words:** Adorable, Inquisitive, Bouncy

**Audition Song:** See Male Audition Material above

## **SYNOPSIS**

### **Act 1**

After the overture, the Cats gather on stage and explain the Jellicle tribe and its purpose ("Jellicle Songs for Jellicle Cats"). The Cats (who break the fourth wall throughout the production) then notice that they are being watched by a man, and proceed to explain how the different Cats of the tribe are named ("The Naming of Cats"). This is followed by a dance from Victoria the White Cat that signals the beginning of the Jellicle Ball ("The Invitation to the Jellicle Ball"). Munkustrap explains that tonight, the Jellicle leader, Old Deuteronomy, will choose a cat to be reborn into a new life on the Heaviside Layer. Munkustrap introduces Jennyanydots ("The Old Gumbie Cat"), a large tabby cat, who "sits and sits and sits and sits" every day, while (every night) she teaches the mice and cockroaches various activities. However, when Jennyanydots finishes her song, the number is interrupted, with the music changing suddenly, when the Rum Tum Tugger makes an extravagant entrance ("The Rum Tum Tugger"). He is very fickle and unappeasable, "for he will do as he do do, and there's no doing anything about it". As Rum Tum Tugger's song fades, a shabby old grey cat stumbles out and looks around (begging forgiveness of her sin she made before she was exiled from the tribe years ago); it is Grizabella. All the Cats back away from her in fear and disgust and explain of her unfortunate state ("Grizabella: The Glamour Cat"). Grizabella leaves and the music changes to a cheerful upbeat number as Bustopher Jones, a fat cat in "a coat of fastidious black", appears ("Bustopher Jones"). Bustopher Jones is among the elite of the cats, and visits prestigious gentlemen's clubs. Suddenly, a loud crash then startles the tribe and the Cats run off the stage in fright. All of a sudden, hushed giggling sounds signal the entrance of Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer, a pair of near-identical Cats. They are petty burglars, very mischievous, and they enjoy causing trouble for human families ("Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer"). Finally, the Jellicle patriarch, Old Deuteronomy, appears ("Old Deuteronomy"). He is a large old Cat that "has lived many lives". He is the Cat who chooses which Jellicle Cat will go to the Heaviside Layer every year. After rejoicing to their leader's arrival, the Cats put on a play for Old Deuteronomy, called The Awefull Battle of the Pokes and the Pollicles. It is a story about two dog tribes clashing in the street and subsequently being scared away by the Great

Rumpus Cat, a cat with flashing red eyes. After a moral from Old Deuteronomy about the destiny of Jellicle Cats and Pollicle Dogs, a second loud crash, presumably from Macavity, sends the alarmed Cats scurrying. Old Deuteronomy calls the Cats back and the main celebration begins ("The Jellicle Ball"), in which the cats sing and display their "Terpsichorean powers". During the Ball, Grizabella reappears and tries to dance along, but her age and decrepit condition prevent her from doing so. Once again, she is shunned by the other Cats, but that does not stop her from singing a short version of "Memory" while a guilty Old Deuteronomy looks on.

## Act 2

After the Jellicle Ball, Old Deuteronomy complains about "what happiness is", referring to Grizabella, but the Cats do not believe him, so he sends the message to Jemima, the youngest of all Jellicles, who sings it in simpler terms ("The Moments of Happiness"). Gus — short for Asparagus — shuffles forward ("Gus: The Theatre Cat"). He was once a famous actor but is now old and "suffers from palsy which makes his paws shake." He is accompanied by Jellylorum, who tells of his exploits. Back in the present, after Gus exits, Skimbleshanks is seen sleeping in the corner ("Skimbleshanks: The Railway Cat"). He is the Cat who is unofficially in charge of the night train to Glasgow. Skimbleshanks is considered vital to the train, as without him "the train can't start". Within his song, a whole steam train engine is assembled out of objects in the junkyard: Various Cats spin wheels, hold up the structure, and light the headlights. With a third crash and an evil laugh, the "most wanted" cat Macavity appears. He is a "master criminal" and is never found at the scene of the crime. Macavity's minions throw a net over Old Deuteronomy and capture him. As Munkustrap and his troops give chase to rescue Old Deuteronomy, Demeter and Bombalurina explain what they know about Macavity ("Macavity: The Mystery Cat"). When they are finished, Macavity returns disguised as Old Deuteronomy, but when Demeter blows his cover, Macavity ends up fighting with Munkustrap and Alonzo. Though the confused Macavity holds his own for a time, the rest of the tribe begin to gang up and surround him, but he shorts out the stage lights as an attempt to escape in the confusion. After the fight, an honest Rum Tum Tugger suggests that the Cats should find a local magician named Mr. Mistoffelees for help. ("Magical Mr. Mistoffelees"). According to Tugger, Mr. Mistoffelees is small and black and can perform feats of magic that no other Cat can do. Mr. Mistoffelees can also perform his own dance, which is often one of the most intricate and challenging dance solos in the show. As soon as he arrives just in time, the magical Cat restores the lights and brings back Old Deuteronomy, and all the Cats hail him as their emancipator. Now, the Jellicle Choice can be made. After Old Deuteronomy sits down, Grizabella returns to the junkyard and he allows her to address the gathering. Her faded appearance and lonely disposition have little effect on her song ("Memory"). With acceptance and encouragement from Jemima and Victoria, her appeal succeeds and she is chosen to be the one to go to the Heaviside Layer and be reborn to a new Jellicle life ("Journey to the Heaviside Layer"). A large tire rises from the piles of junk, carrying Grizabella and Old Deuteronomy partway toward the sky; he then steps off so she can finish the journey on her own. Finally, Old Deuteronomy gives his closing speech to the human audience ("The Ad-dressing of Cats") and the show comes to a close.