

A-WOP BOP A-LOO BOP

Character Descriptions

CHARACTERS

LEAD ACTORS

(C4 = middle C)

RUBY LESTER

Protagonist, high school female – Daughter of DJ Chester Lester. At the beginning she is a famous Popular singer with her own TV show, then as the musical goes back in time to the late 50s, she's known as "Roberta," a slightly nerdy girl wearing glasses and dreaming of Rock & Roll. But once she gets to the Rockabilly Barn she starts to transform into a current, hip, late-50s teenager.

Age Range: 15-18

Gender: Female

Vocal Range Top: Eb5

Vocal Range Bottom: G3

GARY

High School dropout – Passionate, hot headed, and longing for a Rock & Roll recording contract. Love interest of Ruby and the lead of Gary & The Twisters.

Age Range: 18-21

Gender: Male

Vocal Range Top: F4-full voice, B5-falsetto

Vocal Range Bottom: C3

JUDY MARONE

Best friend of Ruby's – She loves the Rock & Roll beat and wants to invent her "own" dance step. Her biggest challenge thinking up a truly "original" dance step.

Age Range: 14-17

Gender: Female

Vocal Range Top: Eb5

Vocal Range Bottom: A3

RAYMOND

Judy's boyfriend and an aspiring DJ who becomes the KWK Radio Studio Flunky.

Age Range: 14-18

Gender: Male

Vocal Range Top: F4

Vocal Range Bottom: B2

CHESTER LESTER

Top DJ and Radio host on KWK and Dad to Ruby.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Male

Vocal Range Top: F4

Vocal Range Bottom: B2

RICK PARKS

Rock & Roll talent scout and host of new *Let's Rock* dance TV show.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Male

Vocal Range Top: G4-full, voice C5-falsetto

Vocal Range Bottom: G3

BOSS (MR./MRS. DAVIS)

Female or Male Antagonist – owner of the Radio Station who bans Rock & Roll music from KWK.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Female or Male

JOSEPHINE

Secretary/Receptionist for KWK and general busy body.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Female

Vocal Range Top: D5

Vocal Range Bottom: C4

MRS. POSSIBILITIES

A Julia Childs type of character who is teaching the Home Economics class. **May even be a guy in drag à la Mrs. Doubtfire.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Female or Male

Vocal Range Top: C5

Vocal Range Bottom: B♭3

BOPPER

Cooler band member of Gary & The Twisters.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Male

STEWIE

Weaselly kid who always knows the latest “scoop.” Band member of Gary & The Twisters.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Male

SALLY

High School Girl

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Female

DONNA

The bad girl type, with a snarky attitude about everything.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Female

BETTY

High School girl and a roller skating waitress at Moe's Diner.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Female

JOEY

High School friend of Raymond.

Age Range: 16-18

Gender: Male

FEATURED ROLES

(Can be played by different members of the cast – Director's prerogative.)

COASTERS

Two males and a female

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

CHUCK BERRY

Rock & Roll Star

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

LITTLE RICHARD

Rock & Roll Star

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

ELVIS

Rock & Roll Star

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

RADIO STATION WORKERS

Small mixed ensemble who work at the Radio Station

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

RUBETTES

Three to Six females who sing back-up for Ruby at the Rockabilly Barn

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

JANIE

High School Student

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

TONY

High School Student

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

BILLY

High School Student

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

BOBBY

High School Student

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

ASSOC. PRODUCER

Works behind the camera at the LET'S ROCK TV show.

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Gender: Female or Male

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POLICE OFFICER #1

For the Webster Groves Police Dept.

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male

POLICE OFFICER #2

For the Webster Groves Police Dept.

Age Range: 19-30

Gender: Female or Male