

## ***City of Angels* Character Descriptions**

### **Principal Roles: (all principals have solos or duets and lines. Some light choreo).**

**Stine (30s-40s) ANY** - a writer of famous detective novels who is adapting one of his works for a film noir screenplay. He has good intentions but is quick to compromise both his work and his relationships for the sake of success.

**Stone (30s-40s) WHITE** - the private eye character in Stine's movie. Bold, brash, morally just, a hero... everything Stine wishes he could be. Stone is kicked off the police force after having supposedly shot and killed a man.

**Pancho Vargas/Lieutenant Munoz (30s-40s) LATINO** - Pancho is the actor who plays the character of Munoz in the movie. Munoz is Stone's ex-partner, police detective. He is resentful at Stone's slap on the wrist for murder and blames his white privilege. He has been waiting for years to catch Stone in a crime and put him away forever.

**Donna/Oolie (20s-40s) ANY** - Donna is Buddy's secretary who has an affair with Stine. She is organized, efficient, and looks out for Stine, despite his lack of acknowledgement. Oolie is Stone's secretary in the movie world. She is a mirror image of Donna and is equally overworked and underappreciated.

**Carla Haywood/Alaura Kingsley (30s-50s) ANY** - Carla is Buddy's wife. She is a powerful woman who uses her relationship with Buddy to her advantage while working her own affairs in the background. Alaura Kinglsey is Carla's movie mirror. She is the wife of a wealthy, old, and sickly man who has a lot of influence. She is the classic femme fatale and lures Stone in to work her case. Her motivations are mysterious, and she is the crux of the big twist at the climax of the movie.

**Buddy Fidler/Irwin S. Irving (30s-50s) ANY** - Buddy is the director of Stine's movie and constantly makes changes to his work. He is a busy, overconfident, self-centered man who has the power that Stine does not. Irwin S. Irving is Buddy's movie counterpart. He is a big-shot movie talent scout who Bobbi sleeps with to try to make it big.

**Avril Raines/Mallory Kingsley (20s-30s) ANY** - Avril is a young actress trying to make it big by any means necessary. She is overbearing and desperate. She is playing the character Mallory in the movie. Mallory is Alaura's stepdaughter and has gone missing - the central figure of Stone's detective case. She attempts to seduce Stone when he finally finds her naked in his bed.

**Gabby/Bobbi (30s-40s) ANY** - Gabby is Stine's wife, an editor. She is calculating and smart. She is fed up with Stine's submission to the movie industry and his lying to her. He has cheated on her in the past and she warns him not to do it again. Bobbi is a lounge singer hoping to be a movie star. Stone proposes to her, but they separate after he takes the fall for what may have been her gunshot.

**Jimmy Powers (30s-40s) ANY** - Jimmy is a popular movie crooner and sings in both the Hollywood world and the world of the movie alongside the Angel City 4. He is a smooth talking, cheesy diva who is having an affair with Carla and gets the role of Stone in the movie.

**Jazz Quartet “The Angel City 4” (adults of all ages) ANY** - The Angel City 4 function as a sort of Greek Chorus within the world of the movie and also exist as a real popular music group in the Hollywood world. They sing jazz ballads as well as fast-paced scat in tight vocal harmonies. Quartet members may play other small parts as needed.

**Ensemble singing roles: (some featured singing, some lines, flexible dancing - may additionally be cast as multiple small ensemble parts)**

**Officer Pasco (20s-30s) ANY** - Munoz' partner - sings back up in one song.

**Harlan Yamato (30s-50s) ANY** - The LA county coroner

**Mahoney (30s-50s) ANY** - The movie studio's press agent / reporter

**Ensemble roles (adults of all ages) ANY: (small speaking parts or no lines, 2 short chorus numbers, flexible dancing - featured dance roles may be available):**

**Luther Kingsley**, Alaura's older, ailing, rich husband who resides in an iron lung

**Werner Krieger**, the actor who plays Luther Kingsley

**Peter Kingsley**, Alaura's stepson who becomes suspect in the investigation

**Gerald Pierce**, the actor who plays Peter Kingsley

**Big Six and Sonny**, two thugs who beat up Stone

**Studio Cops**, two cops who beat up Stone

**Additional small parts including:** Two Orderlies, Man with Camera, Clapperboy, Guard, Jack (the assistant director), Man in Phonebooth, Del Dacosta (a songwriter), a piano player, Buddy's Nephew, Margaret (the maid), Girl (a hooker), Stand-in for Carla, Dr. Sebastian Mandril (a crackpot doctor), Gilbert the barber, Sound Engineer, Bill (the lighting technician), Butler, Gaines (the police commissioner), Shoeshine boy, studio engineer, prop man, Cinematographer, Margie (the brothel keeper), Anna (the masseuse), Hairdresser, and last but not least: Bootsie the hooker.