

Character Breakdown in *Shuddersome: Tales of Poe*

4 M, 5 F, 25 Any Gender, Doubling Possible

Characters in this play are currently identified as male or female. Directors are welcome to assign any gender (binary or non-binary) to any character and modify pronouns accordingly.

The Tell-Tale Heart

The Old [M] 24 lines

The Young [M] 75 lines

Police One [A] 9 lines

Police Two [A] 10 lines

The Shudders [A] 54 lines

Ensemble

The Bells

Silver One [A] 6 lines

Silver Two [A] 5 lines

Silver Three [A] 2 lines

Gold One [A] 7 lines

Gold Two [A] 4 lines

Gold Three [A] 4 lines

Brass One [A] 9 lines

Brass Two [A] 8 lines

Brass Three [A] 8 lines

Iron One [A] 16 lines

Iron Two [A] 14 lines

Iron Three [A] 11 lines

The Shudders [A] 22 lines

Ensemble

The Oval Portrait

Painter [M] 0 lines

Extensive mime

Picture Lady [F] 0 lines

Extensive mime

Young Lady [F] 0 lines

Extensive mime

Soul Suckers (x2) [A] 0 lines

Extensive mime

The Shudders [A] 0 lines

Ensemble

The Raven

One [A] 38 lines

Two [A] 38 lines

Three [A] 38 lines

Four [A] 37 lines

Five [A] 36 lines

The Shudders [A] 12 lines

Ensemble; You can have many more Individual Speakers for this poem. Feel free to divide the lines among more speakers.

The Masque of the Red Death

Narrator One 17 lines

Narrator Two 17 lines

Narrator Three 16 lines

Guest One 21 lines

Guest Two 21 lines

Guest Three 16 lines

Prince 15 lines

The Spectre

Extensive mime

The Shudders [A] 25 lines

Ensemble

Lionizing

Robert Jones [M] 42 lines

Father [M] 15 lines

Mother [F] 1 line

The Artist [F] 9 lines

The Duchess [F] 11 lines

The Countess [F] 7 lines

The Marquis [M] 4 lines

The Prince [M] 15 lines

The Elector [F] 4 lines

The Shudders [A]