Featured Servant Ensemble. Audition

Choose to perform either of the following pieces to cover all roles:
Mrs Pugh P.G 42 from 'New England….' To P.G 42 '….Yes miss'.
Drake P.G 131 from 'Mr Warbucks…' to P.G 133 ….Christmas'.

MRS. PUGH

(Reading off a menu)

New England Clam Chowder…

GRACE

Wonderful.

MRS. PUGH

Kentucky fried chicken…

GRACE

Wonderful.

MRS. PUGH

Idaho potatoes…

GRACE

And?

MRS. PUGH

(In triumph)

…Baked Alaska.

GRACE

Fine.

MRS. PUGH

(Knowingly, as to how Grace feels about Warbucks)

It will be good to see Mr. Warbucks again.

GRACE

(Avoiding her eyes)

Yes, six weeks is a long time.

MRS. PUGH

Yes, Miss.

GRACE

Now, would you all come here for a moment, please?

DRAKE

Quickly everyone. Everyone, quickly.

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WARBUCKS

Yes. Miss Hannigan, let me introduce you to everyone. You know my secretary, Miss Farrell, of course.

MISS HANNIGAN

(Dismissive)

Yeah.

WARBUCKS

And this is the President of the United States.

MISS HANNIGAN

(More dismissive)

Sure.

WARBUCKS

And this is my butler, Drake.

(MISS HANNIGAN does a doubletake, and then goes to the President, bows to HIM, as though he were royalty, and freezes in the bow. Annie has been hiding on the stairs and runs down to meet the ORPHANS.)

ANNIE

Hi, kids.

THE ORPHANS

Annie! Annie! Hi, Annie!

ANNIE

Look, kids, there's Christmas presents here for all of us!

TESSIE

Oh my goodness!

(MOLLY, who has been given a Christmas present by ANNIE, runs downstage with it to open it. WARBUCKS guides MISS HANNIGAN, who is still frozen, to a chair and seats her. DRAKE enters, crossing to WARBUCKS and stepping over MOLLY as HE does so; HE has an envelope that he hands to WARBUCKS.)

DRAKE

Mr. Warbucks, this has just come from the F. B. I.

(DRAKE exits, again stepping over MOLLY as he goes)

WARBUCKS

Good.

(Opens the envelope, takes out a paper, and reads)

Comes the dawn. Now it all fits together.

(WARBUCKS hands the paper to GRACE, who reads it, smiles, and shakes her head)

GRACE

Annie, come look at this.

(ANNIE comes to GRACE and reads the paper)

ANNIE

(Keep the paper in front of your face to say the first line of this speech)

Leapin' Lizards! Who would'a guessed?

WARBUCKS

Show it to the President.

(ANNIE takes paper and shows it to ROOSEVELT, who reads it, nods and smiles; ANNIE goes back to GRACE's side with the paper; DRAKE enters)

DRAKE

Sir, Mr. and Mrs.—

(He makes their name sound like sewer waste)

—"MUDGE."

WARBUCKS

(Rubbing HIS hands together. HE can't wait.)

Show them in, Drake.

DRAKE

With pleasure, sir.

(DRAKE exits)

WARBUCKS

Drake, Drake!

(WARBUCKS crosses to MOLLY down center, picks HER up and carries HER upstage with the other orphans, and puts HER down.)

Franklin? Shall I have them call for your car?

ROOSEVELT

No, Eleanor can wait.

(DRAKE enters through the doorway, ushering in ROOSTER and LILY in their disguises as RALPH and SHIRLEY MUDGE)

DRAKE

Won't you please come in, Mr. and Mrs Mudge.

ROOSTER

Good morning.

ALL

(Cheerfully)

Good Morning!

ROOSTER

And Merry Christmas one and all.

ALL

(More good cheer)

Merry Christmas!

DRAKE

(Going overboard)

Merry, merry, merry, merry...

WARBUCKS

Thank you, Drake.

DRAKE

...Christmas.

ROOSTER

There she is, Shirl, our little girl.

WARBUCKS

Your little girl.

ANNIE

(Very innocently)

Hi, Mom. Hi, Dad.