

# Orpheus in the Underworld

## Character descriptions and voice types

Character name	Voice type	Character Description
Eurydice	Soprano	An Essex girl and the receptionist at the country club. She aspires for great things, and sees Aristeus with whom she is having a fling as her way to achieve them. Plus ditching her annoying husband Orpheus too.
Orpheus	Tenor	A violin teacher and composer and soloist, thinks he is something of a celebrity. He is having an affair and really not very interested in his wife.
Aristeus/Pluto	Tenor	Disguised as personal trainer Aristeus, Pluto runs the club at Ambrosia Hall and is of course, the god of Hades, the Underworld. He figures that if he is a trainer at club he will swindle lots of women and get lots of action too...
Public Opinion	Mezzo soprano/soprano	She represents modern society and all that is wrong in the media – whilst being Orpheus' agent. She is something of a narrator in this show. She is strong, opinionated, feisty, over the top, but slightly sexy.
Jupiter	Baritone	He owns the Hall and thrives on schmoozing with the guests. He dresses with bad taste but very full of himself...think open shirt, gold necklace...
Juno	Mezzo soprano/soprano	The long suffering wife of Juno but aware of her status as wife of the Hall owner. Smart, elegant, but acetic, she gives Jupiter a run for his money.
Venus	Soprano	Completely on heat but trying to look like she is in control and always glamorous...slightly failing. Venus is a guest at the Hall. Venus, Diana and Mars are Jupiter's and Juno's children.
Diana	Mezzo soprano/soprano	Obsessed with horses and completely barmy – desperate to be loved. Venus, Diana and Mars are Jupiter's and Juno's children.
Cupid	Mezzo soprano/soprano	Venus' son and also on the rampage for sex, Cupid is still at school and in school uniform.
Mars	High baritone	Mars works being the bar at the champagne Bar Bacchus. He pretends to be cool and laid back but he can't hide that he is in love with everything that walks. In mythology he had a relationship with Venus and also Cupid's father. Venus, Diana and Mars are Jupiter's and Juno's children.
Mercury	High baritone	Jupiter's right hand man and something of a wheeler dealer. Definitely a cockney or similar. Won't do anything for free.
John Styx	Baritone	Works for Pluto as a PA. Geeky, earnest, nervous, with a nasal high pitched voice – the opposite of someone who was once a King. Completely smitten with Eurydice.
Morpheus	Bass baritone	Morpheus is the god of sleep.
Bacchus	Non-singing	A super-celebrity far exceeding any fame Orpheus believes he has. Bacchus arrives at the end as sort of demi-god all in silver.