

Rosencrantz - M/F - any age - Friend of Hamlet, naive and often oblivious, but wiser than he realizes.

Guildenstern - M/F - any age - Friend of Hamlet, brash and quarrelsome, believes he is smarter than he actually is.

Player - M/F - 30-60 - Leader of the Tragedians, proud of his craft, instigator, bit of a devil in disguise.

Hamlet - M - any age - Prince of Denmark, melancholy madman, inaction hero.

Alfred - M/F - 16-22 - youngest of the Tragedians, scrawny and much put-upon, plays the female in many of the Tragedians performances

Ophelia - F - 18-25 - Daughter of Polonius and erstwhile love interest of Hamlet. Manic Pixie Dream Girl-type.

Claudius - M - 35-50 - Uncle to Hamlet and King of Denmark, Outwardly regal, inwardly devious.

Gertrude - F - any age - Hamlet's mother and Queen of Denmark, regal and courteous.

Polonius - M - 35-50 - Advisor to the King, doddering, self-important fool.

Horatio - M - 18-25 - Hamlet's friend and confidant. (nonspeaking role)

Tragedians - M/F - any age - motley crew of actors. (Mostly non-speaking roles).

As you can see, many roles in *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead* are flexible in terms of gender and age, so if a role interests you, go for it! Also, there will every likely be doubling of roles.