

9th ANNUAL "LEND ME AN EAR" CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

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ACT I

MY FRIEND IRMA

Irma- The original female dim-bulb; still & all, sweet & naïve

Jane- Irma's roommate and our narrator; a secretary secretly in love with her boss

Al- Irma's get-rich-quick scheming boyfriend, disliked by Jane

Richard Rhineland- Jane's soft-spoken boss, also likes Jane

Female Irish neighbor- A bit part

IT PAYS TO BE IGNORANT

Tom Howard- The blunt and crusty Master of Ceremonies

Harry McNaughton- The English high-minded boob

George Shelton- The Brooklynese goofball

Lulu McConnell- Coarse, thinks she beautiful, voice like gravel

BABY SNOOKS AND DADDY

Baby Snooks- Fanny Brice's famous mischievous little kid

Daddy- Thinks he's a smart guy and in some cases he is intelligent- but she absolutely destroys his organized world!

THE ADVENTURES OF MAISIE

Maisie- A street-smart, no nonsense career girl, sales clerking these days but wise to the ways of men, as well as women

Miss Fogel- A nervous head seamstress, mild and unassuming

Mr. Drinkwater- A fussy stuff-shirt, Maisie's department store boss, a bit foppish

Amanda- She's about to marry a rich man, but Maisie knows the lady as her old partner Daisy- she's an enemy from her past

MY LITTLE MARGIE

Margie- The bubbly teenager from our TV days

Vern- Her widower Dad, a loveable enough fellow

Hank- His grittier old friend- they both end up hating each other

Babs- Margie's friend from school, now arch rivals for a HS position

Mrs. Odets- Vern's housekeeper who generally speaks her mind

Freddy- School chum of Margie & Babs, confused by their feud

DECEMBER BRIDE

Matt Henshaw- An ordinary guy who likes his mother-in-law

Ruth Henshaw- His ordinary, but nice wife

Lily Ruskin- A charming, unassuming widow who lives with her daughter and Matt

Pete Porter- A neighbor who complains about his wife Gladys and his mother-in-law, who lives with them

Oscar Primrose- He's dating Lily and it turns out he's wealthy. In the original show, he was portrayed by Jim Backus

French waiter- Exactly that

Secretary (1 line)

INTERMISSION

ACT II

THE AL PEARCE SHOW

Al Pearce- The low-key, folksy, and droll comedian; also plays a slow-witted door-to-door salesman named Elmer Blurt

Carl Hoff- His bandleader, a bit full of himself

Tizzie Lish- A wacky purveyor of kitchen recipes. Don't try this at home.

Blanche- A prima donna who thinks she can sing opera

McTavish- A Scot with conspiratorial and economical wisdom

Verna- A lady who wishes to sing better and gets suckered into buying a spray from Elmer that will give her a voice of silver

Arlene- It's moving day and in her monologue, she speaks to Mazie on the phone, as well as the movers, her husband Harry, and even Junior

THE JACK BENNY SHOW

Jack Benny- Don't you know him?.... Well!

Rochester- His trusty, long-suffering valet

Don Wilson- Jack's amiable announcer

Dennis Day- His ever youthful foil

Mary Livingstone- His long-standing girlfriend and employee

Pauline- She works for Mary

Bob Crosby- Bing's younger brother, nice guy, but confused about the band he just inherited

Phil Harris- Blue collar charm, savvy, extremely full of himself

Waiter/Frank Nelson- Yeeeeeeeeessssssss???!!!!!!!!

Gertrude- An operator, been around the block a few times

Mabel- She has, too

Cigarette girl- Not dealing with a full deck

Justice of the Peace- In the "High Noon" sketch, marries the sheriff and his bride

Railroad Announcer- The old Cucamonga bit

Cy- In the "High Noon" sketch

Sue- Cy's sister

PLUS ANNOUNCERS: For "It Pays to Be Ignorant", "The Adventures of Maisie", "My Little Margie", "December Bride", and "The Al Pearce Show"

27-28 MALE PARTS (SOME DOUBLING)

22-24 FEMALE PARTS (2-3 DOUBLE UP)