# **Cabaret Character Descriptions**

### **Master of Ceremonies (Emcee)**

 Host at the Kit Kat Club-- a gender-nonconforming-presenting, exuberant figure; comfortable with being close to the audience; dark, comedic, sinister, vulgar...yet lovable; requires a strong presence that is playful and mysterious. Must act, sing (some in German), move well, and be comfortable with bawdy/suggestive staging/choreography.

Age range: 25-50
Accent: German
Vocal range top: C#5
Vocal range bottom: C3

### Sally Bowles

A British cabaret singer at the Kit Kat Club. Quirky and flighty. Struggles with knowing
the darkness of the reality of her life and has woeful luck in her relationships with men.
Must act, sing, and dance well; comfortable with moments of intimacy and bawdy/
suggestive staging/ choreography.

Age range: 20-40Accent: BritishVocal range top: C5Vocal range bottom: A3

### Clifford (Cliff) Bradshaw

An American novelist and English teacher traveling to Berlin. Through his journey he
explores the many facets and complexities of his sexuality, politics, and artistic goals.)
Must act and sing well, comfortable with stage movement, light dance, and moments of
intimacy.

Age range: 25-40Accent: AmericanVocal range top: E4Vocal range bottom: A2

#### Fräulein Schneider

 A landlady who rents rooms to Cliff, Sally, and several other characters in her large flat. She is alone and is resigned to her place in life, but secretly longs for companionship. She is very critical of some people while looking the other way with others; comfortable with stage movement and light dance (waltz). Must act and sing well; comfortable with moments of intimacy.

• Age range: Late 40s-50s

Accent: German

Vocal range top: A-flat4Vocal range low: D3

#### **Herr Schultz**

 A Jewish fruit shop owner who falls in love with Fraulein Schneider; sweet, lovable, and adoring; heartbreakingly naïve about the political turmoil in Germany. Must act and sing well; comfortable with stage movement, light dance (waltz), and moments of intimacy.

Age range: Late 40s-50s

Accent: German

Vocal range top: high FVocal range low: low G

### Fräulein Kost (doubles as Kit Kat "Girl")

A prostitute who rents in Fraulein Schneider's boarding house; larger than life
personality, quick witted and sharp tongued; should be comfortable exhibiting a strong
sexual and commanding nature; must act and move well and sing in German.

Age range: 30-49Accent: GermanVocal range top: high F

Vocal range top: high
 Vocal range low: A flat

## **Ernst Ludwig**

 A friendly and likable German, takes English lessons from Cliff, and smuggles funds for the Nazi party; comfortable with stage movement and light dance (waltz); and sing in German.

Age range: 20-40Accent: German

Vocal range top: high FVocal range low: A flat

### The Kit Kat "Girls" & "Boys"

- These performers are often in salacious situations and costumes. They are an eclectic mix of types and aren't necessarily a matching unit. It is very important they act, sing, dance / move well and with confidence. They will be part of various scenes in and out of the Club; should be comfortable interacting with the audience and comfortable with bawdy/suggestive staging/choreography; also sing in German; one doubles as Fräulein Kost, one as Gorilla, and one as Chanteuse.
  - Rosie
  - Lulu
  - Frenchie
  - Texas
  - Fritzie
  - Helga
  - Bobby
  - Victor
  - **Hans** (doubles as Rudy, a sailor)
  - **Herman** (doubles as Customs Official & Max)

Age range: 18-40Accent: German

• All gender-identities and body types welcome

#### **Boy Soprano**

- Voiceover role
- Sings in German
- German dialect
- Performance pre-recorded

Understudies (internal & external) will be hired for all roles.