

# BYE BYE BIRDIE Character Descriptions

**Albert Peterson:** Albert is the story's central character - he's the nervous and high-strung president of Almalou Records who pays more attention to his mother than to his girlfriend (who is his secretary). Strong vocalist, but he also serves to carry the show's main action.

**Rose Alvarez:** Rose is Albert's secretary but dreams of the day when she can adjust his title from "employer" to "husband." That was always their plan, but time seems to have slipped away. The role of Rose requires a strong, spicy spirit.

**Conrad Birdie:** The "Elvis-style" rock star who is headed into the army. He's rude, arrogant, and doesn't show much regard for others. This role is primarily vocal and requires a king-like physicality (without being a full-blown Elvis impression).

**Kim MacAfee:** Fifteen-year-old, self-possessed teenaged girl, who considers herself more mature than her "Conrad-Crazy" friends. She's the president of Sweet Apple's Conrad Birdie Fan Club. Through random chance, she is selected to receive Conrad Birdie's final kiss goodbye before leaving to join the army.

**Harry and Doris MacAfee:** The frustrated father and caring mother of Kim and Randolph. Harry feels his stature as a parent is continually challenged, and Doris knows just how to handle her irritable husband. Comedic roles with some great scenes, as well as some character vocals.

**Randolph MacAfee:** Kim's younger brother. He's overlooked a bit, and when he is acknowledged, he really isn't given much respect at all. Some singing and dialogue.

**Mae Peterson:** Albert's mother, the quintessential "Mama" who never stops parenting Albert. A wonderful character role - every scene in which she appears presents Mae unabashedly working to guilt trip her poor son.

**Hugo Peabody:** Kim's devoted steady boyfriend who is jealous of Conrad Birdie. A prototypical teenage boy, circa 1950s.

**Ursula Merkle:** Kim's hyper-enthusiastic teenaged friend who leads the fans screaming for Conrad Birdie. As Kim's number-one confidant, she's always looking out for her best friend's interests.

**Gloria Rasputin:** The gum-chewing, dancing secretary who is Mae Peterson's choice to replace Rosie as Albert's fiancé.

**Mayor:** Mayor of Sweet Apple, Ohio.

**ENSEMBLE ROLES:** Conrad Birdie Fan Club Teens, Adults/Parents, Reporters, Ed Sullivan TV Crew, Sweet Apple Shriners, and more!