



THEATREWORKS FLORIDA

THE 39 STEPS: SYNOPSIS & CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

SHOW SYNOPSIS

In classic Hitchcock fashion, a notorious fugitive and a spellbound blonde travel north by northwest from London to Scotland. Will they save Britain from a den of devious spies? Will they stop arguing and fall in love? Four actors play more than 100 characters in this hilarious take on one of Alfred Hitchcock's most intriguing movies. A comic thrill ride full of plot twists, quick-changes, and laughs, delivered at a delightfully dizzying pace.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

*NOTE: The stage adaptation of The 39 Steps features a tiny cast of **just four actors** who tackle over 100 fast-paced roles.*

LEADS: (2) Female and (2) Male.

- **Richard Hannay:** The dashing, bored, and heroic protagonist who stays as the single consistent character on the run throughout the entire show.
- **Annabella Schmidt / Pamela / Margaret:** Played by a single actress, representing the three primary women who cross paths and share romantic or dramatic tension with Hannay (the exotic spy, the skeptical companion, and the oppressed crofter's wife).
- **Clown 1 & Clown 2:** Two multi-rolling actors (often referred to as clowns or the "cast of dozens") who rapidly switch between more than 100 other roles—including villains, policemen, innocent bystanders, hotel owners, train conductors, and inanimate objects.