

# *The Cast*

## The Gods

<b>Zeus</b>	King of the Gods, loud, bossy and temperamental. An important acting role with lots of lines.
<b>Hera</b>	Wife of Zeus and Goddess of women. Long-suffering but feisty.
<b>Athena</b>	Daughter of Zeus, Goddess of wisdom (and war)
<b>Apollo</b>	Son of Zeus, God of Music
<b>Aphrodite</b>	Goddess of Love; kind and sentimental
<b>Hephaestus</b>	Husband of Aphrodite; God of Fire, amongst other things
<b>Hermes</b>	Messenger of the Gods: likes to gossip
<b>Poseidon</b>	Lord of the Sea; a crusty, impatient old sea-god

## Others

<b>Prometheus</b>	A very, very cool character. A small but enjoyable role
<b>Epimetheus</b>	Brother of Prometheus: good natured, cheerful, but not very bright. An important part.
<b>Pandora</b>	Central to the story, this is a lively acting and singing part
<b>Hope</b>	A few key lines at the end
<b>Mortals 1-10</b>	Each have a few lines
<b>Extra Mortals</b>	As many non-speaking roles as you need!
<b>Evils</b>	A lively group to appear when the box is opened: can also be Mortals.

## Wedding Characters (only needed in Scene 5)

**Wedding Organiser**      Frazzled and busy. Lots of lines

**Photographer**      A lively acting part

**2 Caterers, 1 Flower Arranger, 3 Bridesmaids, 5 Wedding Guests, and 2 Musicians** – a few lines each.

# *Pandora's Box*

## Scene 1

*(During the song, the Gods enter:*

***Zeus**, supreme ruler, carries a bolt of lightning; **Hera**, his wife, goddess of marriage and domesticity, carries a rolling pin; **Poseidon**, lord of the sea, carries a trident; **Athena**, daughter of Zeus, goddess of wisdom, carries a large book; **Apollo**, son of Zeus, god of music, carries a lyre; **Aphrodite**, goddess of love, carries a red rose; **Hermes**, the messenger, carries a scroll; **Hephaestus**, god of fire and Aphrodite's husband, carries a hammer.)*

## *The Great Greek Gods*

(The Gods & Chorus)

CD track 1/8

**The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods  
Weird and wondrous  
And they look down on mankind  
From the peak of Mount Olympus**

*(spoken)*

**Zeus: Zeus, father of the Gods!  
All: Zeus, father of the Gods!  
Hera: Hera, I'm his wife!  
All: Hera, she's his wife!  
Poseidon: Poseidon, Lord of the sea!  
All: Poseidon, Lord of the sea!  
Athena: Athena, daughter of Zeus!  
All: Athena, daughter of Zeus!**

*(sung)*

**They're the Gods of Ancient Greece  
And Zeus is the Daddy of them all!**

**The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods  
Weird and wondrous  
And they look down on mankind  
From the peak of Mount Olympus**

*(song 1 continued)*

*(spoken)*

**Apollo:** Apollo, God of music!  
**All:** Apollo, God of music!  
**Hephaestus:** Hephaestus, God of fire!  
**All:** Hephaestus, God of fire!  
**Aphrodite:** Aphrodite, Goddess of love!  
**All:** Aphrodite, Goddess of love!  
**Hermes:** Hermes, the messenger!  
**All:** Hermes, the messenger!

*(sung)*

**They're the Gods of Ancient Greece  
And Zeus is the Daddy of them all!**

**The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods  
Weird and wondrous  
And they look down on mankind  
From the peak of Mount Olympus**

**The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods  
The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods  
The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods  
And Zeus is the Daddy of them all!**

*(After the song, the Gods form a tableau. Zeus is central, seated, with Hermes whispering in his ear.)*

**Zeus:** *(leaping to his feet)* WHAT? He did WHAT?

**Hermes:** I knew you wouldn't like it.

**Zeus:** How dare they!

**Hermes:** I knew there'd be trouble.

**Hera:** Whatever is the matter now, dear?

**Zeus:** It's those pesky mortals. Those humans.

**Aphrodite:** Sweet little things!

**Hera:** *(to Zeus, who is stamping up and down furiously)* Don't worry about them, dear. We're the gods, after all.

**Athena:** *(turning a page of her book)* Calm down, daddy.

Apollo: *(to Poseidon)* D'you think he's going to start throwing thunderbolts about?

Poseidon: Oh, not again.

Zeus: You! Hephaestus! Call yourself the god of fire, do you?

Hephaestus: Well, I'm more of a blacksmith, really. God of craftsmen, technology, and-

Zeus: Shut up! Look at this!

*(Zeus mimes parting the clouds. Gods peer down at mortals, into the audience)*

Hephaestus: Hm. I see what you mean.

Poseidon: What's going on?

Aphrodite: Ahh, look! Mortals! Cute!

Zeus: They've only stolen fire from Mount Olympus!

*(Gods all react, pointing, talking and exclaiming)*

Hermes: It was Prometheus that did it.

Zeus: A Titan! I knew it.

Aphrodite: *(still watching mortals)* Look what fun they're having!

Hephaestus: But only the gods should have the gift of fire.

Athena: They've got everything! It's a bit much.

Poseidon: Just look at them! All fun and games, no responsibilities.

Apollo: Listen! I think they're trying to sing!

*(The Gods draw back and leave the stage in disgust, some covering their ears, as the Mortals enter and sing.)*