

# The Motion Picture Musical: “KIDS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN”

HERE ARE THE CHARACTER BREAKDOWNS WITH ALL LINKS FROM SONGS SELECTED.  
LISTED SONGS ARE FOR THE ROLES THAT TALENT WILL SING AT THEIR AUDITIONS. PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHY IS TO BE DETERMINED BUT ESTIMATED TO BE OCTOBER 2020.

KIDS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN is an 80’s kids musical infused with old school hip hop dancing. It’s about a group of middle school kids from the poor side of town taking the bus every day to an upper class neighborhood and experiencing bullying and rejection. The kids connect through music and dance, eventually realizing they’re all similar despite their differences in their skin color, culture, and class. It’s also a coming of age love story that teaches kids about standing up for what you believe in, learning to accept people’s differences, loyalty to friends, pursuing dreams, and most of all, learning to love yourself. All of these things happening while singing and dancing to top 80s hits. It’s a combination of *West Side Story*, *High School Musical*, *The Outsiders* and *Breakin’*.

Production Company: Global Edge Pictures  
Producers: Cecile Cinco, Shar Yonan, Ben Gelera  
Director: Cecile Cinco  
Writers: Cecile Cinco & Bret Kofford  
LOCATION: To Be Determined  
TARGET SHOOT DATE: Estimated October 2020

Note: The law for working minors in California require that any-one under 18 must have a California Entertainment Working Permit. Here is the link for obtaining a minor’s California working Permit: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/entertainment-work-permit.htm> - Minors cast would be the only ones needing this entertainment permit!

## Submission Instructions:

- 1.) Submit A Current head-shot & resume
- 2.) For all talent please Indicate the role that the talent is being submitted for. Specify age, height, and weight. Slate with profile and full body shot. Do not submit the same talent for more then one role.
- 3.) Submit to [casting.kidsjustwannahavefun@gmail.com](mailto:casting.kidsjustwannahavefun@gmail.com) & video link either in YouTube or Vimeo and include the talent’s contact info and/or agent or manager’s info.
- 4.) Must look middle school students. Producers prefer 18 years old to look younger or emancipated minors.

## Main Kids From the Ghetto Neighborhood:

1. Adrian Diaz – Filipino-American, (14), handsome, but shy, nerdy tall type. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Adrian is the heart-beat of the ghetto kids. He wants a better life for himself and his family. In fact, he has a huge crush on the most beautiful and most popular girl in school. Wants to get good grades, go to a good college and live the American dream. Doesn’t want trouble and wants all the kids to get along and have fun. **\*\*Must be able to sing, freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography.** Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing “I Wanna Know What Love Is” by Foreigner. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**

2. Alex O'Campo – Asian or Hispanic, (14), handsome tough guy with a bigger build. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. He is the leader of the ABC posse and he doesn't back down from anyone. He hates going to school far from his hood. **\*\*Must be able to sing, freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography.** Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of "Love is a Battlefield" by Pat Benatar. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**
3. Bender Freeman – African American, (14), handsome but cool guy and part of the ABC posse. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. He loves his hood and supports his friends. **\*\*Must be able to freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography. Singing/rap, breakdance and popping skills are a plus.** Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of "Cool It Now" by New Edition. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**
4. Chandan Agarwal – Indian, (14), handsome nerdy type. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Part of the ABC posse. He loves his hood and supports his friends. **\*\*Must be able to sing or rap, freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography. Singing, breakdance and popping skills are a plus.** Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of "Cool It Now" by New Edition. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**
5. Drop Santiago – FILIPINO, (13), handsome, cool and stylish guy. 7<sup>th</sup> grader. Younger cousin of Adrian. He is very close to Adrian and looks up to him. **\*\*Must be able to freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography.** Singing, breakdance, and popping skills are a plus. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of "Cool It Now" by New Edition. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**
6. Dana Gelera – FILIPINO OR ASIAN, (14), pretty, plain girl who dresses like one of the guys. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. She has a lot of confidence when it comes to dance battles. She is the leader of the ghetto girls. She has a crush on Alex. **\*\*Must be able to sing, freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography.** Breakdance and popping skills are a plus. Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of "Love is a Battlefield" by Pat Benatar. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**

7. Barbara Perry – African-American, (14), cute and comfortable with herself. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. She dresses for comfort. She goes with the flow and supports her friends. **\*\*Must be able to sing, freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography. Breakdance and popping skills a plus.** Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “Puttin on the Ritz” by Taco. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**
  8. Anita Mena – Hispanic, (14), beautiful and into things that are very girly. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Loves fashion and accessories. **\*\*Must be able to sing, freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography.** Breakdance or popping skills a plus. Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “Puttin on the Ritz” by Taco. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**
  9. Elizabeth Russo – Italian-American, (14), pretty but extremely overweight. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Within the ghetto kids, her size is a constant joke and she pretends to laugh with them but deep inside she’s hurting. **\*\*Must be able to sing, freestyle dance and pick up hip hop choreography.** Breakdance and popping skills a plus. Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “Puttin on the Ritz” by Taco. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style.**
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#### **Main Kids from the Wealthy Neighborhood:**

10. Mickey Porter – Caucasian, (14), handsome bully and troublemaker. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. He hates the ghetto kids and wants them out. He tries to manipulate Adrian to abandon his friends and come to his side. **\*\*Must be able to sing well and pick up simple choreography.** Please 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “Bad” by Michael Jackson and “Private Eye” by Hall & Oates. Plus, send a video link of up to 30 seconds showing any dancing.**
11. Gloria Davidson – Caucasian, (14), pretty girl in the popular group of wealthy kids. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Friends with Isabelle and Mickey’s group but she holds a secret. A white girl who surprises everyone with her hip-hop/popping skills. **\*\*Must be able to dance freestyle well, pop and/or breakdance or other tricks as well as pick up hip-hop choreography.** Singing skills preferred but not required. Prefer 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “I Wanna Know What Love Is” by Foreigner. Plus, send a hip-hop dance video link of up to 1 min showing choreography and free-style, robotic popping, breakdancing or other tricks.**

12. Isabelle Stevenson – Caucasian, (14), the most beautiful girl in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Adrian has a huge crush her. She’s snobby and knows she’s beautiful. **\*\*Must be able to sing well and pick up simple choreography.** Please 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “Material Girl” by Madonna and “Private Eye” by Hall & Oates. Plus, send a video link of up to 30 seconds showing any dancing.**
13. Terry Robinson – Caucasian, (14), follower of Mickey. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. He does everything Mickey says. He hates the ghetto kids. **Will sing in a group so singing skills preferred and be able to pick up simple choreography.** Please 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “Bad” by Michael Jackson. Plus, send a video link of up to 30 seconds showing any dancing.**
14. Kevin Lew – Open Ethnicity, (14), follower of Mickey even when he doesn’t agree with what he’s doing. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. He actually feels sorry for the rejections the ghetto kids are experiencing. **Will sing in a group so singing skills preferred and be able to pick up simple choreography.** Please 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “Bad” by Michael Jackson. Plus, send a video link of up to 30 seconds showing any dancing.**
15. Diane Walcher – Open Ethnicity, (14), another gorgeous friend/follower of Isabelle. 8<sup>th</sup> grader. **Will sing in a group so singing skills preferred and be able to pick up simple choreography.** Please 18+ or emancipated minor. If talent is a minor they must be able to get and have a California entertainment work permit, if cast in this role. **In addition to the acting scenes, please prepare to sing at least 30 seconds of “Material Girl” by Madonna. Plus, send a video link of up to 30 seconds showing any dancing.**
16. Jack Porter – Caucasian, (17), older brother to Mickey. In high school. He has a driver’s license and drives his brother around town. Their mom is sick and their dad is never home so he takes it upon himself to be there for his brother. Please 18+ or emancipated minor. NO dancing or singing required for this role.
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**Adults:**

17. Mr. Johnny – African-American, (40s), the bus driver. He has a muscular build and a commanding presence. Naturally funny. He enjoys his job and genuinely cares about the kids. **Must be able to freestyle dance, specially pop/lock and robotic dance moves and a little bit of singing. Prototypes: Terry Crews, Wayne Brady. Needed on set 5-8 days. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY.**

18. Chris Diaz – Filipino or Hispanic, (40s), handsome father to Adrian. Doesn't really have a steady job. He is naturally funny without even trying. He loves to poke fun of his son. He wants his son to connect with the rich kids. He has a lot of hopes and ambitions for Adrian. He loves his family but he feels inadequate at times as a provider. **Prefer someone who can sing and freestyle dance, but not required. Needed on set about 5-8 days. Prototype: JOKOY, Rob Schneider. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY.**
19. Ligaya Diaz – FILIPINA or HISPANIC, (40s), mom of Adrian. Natural beauty. Works hard as a nursing assistant at the convalescent hospital. She's tired and overworked but doesn't complain. She loves her family and would do anything for them. **\*\* Must be able to sing well. This role has a solo. Please prepare to sing, "These Dreams" by Heart. Needed on set about 5 days. Prototype: Lea Salonga. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY.**
20. Grandma Lilia – FILIPINA, (60s), grandmother of Adrian and Alysa. She's the babysitter of Alysa. Loves to gossip. She's a loving grandma who prays every night. **NO SINGING OR DANCING REQUIRED FOR THIS ROLE.**
21. Cristy O'campo – FILIPINA, (40s), mother of Alex. Tries to be there for her son as much as possible but she could only do so much as a single mom. **NO SINGING OR DANCING REQUIRED FOR THIS ROLE.**
22. Mrs. Garrett – CAUCASIAN, (60s), quirky classroom teacher. She's just doing the basic minimum requirement to teach the kids, no more, no less. She's waiting to retire. She's forgetful and hard of hearing. **Prefer an 80s star. About 5 days on set. \*\*Must be able to sing well. Please prepare to sing, "KOKOMO" by The Beach Boys. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY.**
23. Principal Dewey – CAUCASIAN, (50s), professional, always well dressed and loves his job. **Prefer an 80s star. About 5 days on set. Please prepare to sing, "KOKOMO" by The Beach Boys. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY.**
24. Charlotte Porter – CAUCASIAN, (50s), beautiful mother of Mickey and Jack. She is battling terminal illness. **Prefer an 80s star. About 3 days on set. \*\*Must be able to sing well. Please prepare to sing "Time After Time" by Cyndi Lauper. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY.**
25. Richard Porter – CAUCASIAN, (50s), successful and well-dressed father of Mickey and Jack. **A very busy man, workaholic. Hard to please. Prefer an 80s star. About 3 days on set. NO SINGING OR DANCING REQUIRED. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY.**
26. Cyndi Lauper - CAUCASIAN, (20s), 80's star. We need a woman who looks like the real Cyndi Lauper back in the 80s and be able to portray her genuinely and all the little quirks that made her iconic. **Prefer an influencer with a huge following on social media or a name talent/singer. Please prepare to sing, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" by Cyndi Lauper. Only 1 day on set. Prototype: Lady Gaga, Selena Gomez, Jojo, Tory Kelly. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY. CAMEO ROLE.**

27. OLD WOMAN/OLD MAN – CAUCASIAN, 60-80s, a very annoying restaurant patron that speaks very slowly, like a snail, and constantly calls the busboy for service. **Prefer an 80s star. Only 1 day on set. No singing or dancing for this role. RATE IS NEGOTIABLE FOR NAME TALENTS ONLY. CAMEO ROLE.**