

# JUNGLE BOOK

## Story Synopsis

Banished by the ferocious tiger, Shere Khan, a human boy named Mowgli and his panther friend, Bagheera, are on the run in the deepest parts of the jungle. On their journey, the two meet a sinister snake named Kaa, a herd of elephants and a giant bear named Baloo, who teaches them the swingin' musical rhythms of the jungle. After surviving a dangerous encounter with a band of monkeys led by King Louie, Mowgli and Bagheera are forced to run for their lives. When Shere Khan returns, our heroes must rally their fellow animals into battle and restore peace throughout the jungle.

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## Roles

### Mowgli

Mowgli is a boy who gets along with everyone and who is very likable. He has a joyful and curious nature, a twinkle in his eye, and is a bit fiesty.

### Bagheera

Bagheera, the panther, is physically agile and uninhibited with good command of his or her body. Bagheera acts like an older brother or sister to Mowgli.

### Baloo

Baloo, the bear is exuberant and requires an actor with great for singing and acting ability who has a good sense of comedy. Baloo provides much of the comedic relief in the story, so the actor must possess a natural sense of comedy

### Kaa (5 Actors play Kaa)

Kaa, the snake, supplies threat and danger to Mowgli's journey out of the jungle.

### Shere Khan

Shere Khan, the tiger, is King of the Jungle. He is the villain of the story.

### Colonel Hathi

Colonel Hathi, the elephant, is in charge of the elephant brigade. but is also a little forgetful. He is good at giving commands but doesn't really understand what's going on around him.

### King Louie

King Louie is King of the Monkeys. It requires an actor with strong comedic timing and good singing ability.

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## **Coconut Tree / Shanti**

Shanti is the girl who takes Mowgli to the village at the end of the story. She is hiding in the jungle the entire time disguised as a Coconut Tree. She is sweet and kind.

## **Ensemble**

*Ensemble plays multiple roles, and is on stage for most scenes.*

Elephant Troupe - Baby Elephant

Monkeys (dancers)

Jungle Chorus