

## Macbeth Characters

**Three Witches** (30-40 lines)– deliver their prophecy and help it along, too. These three roles are VIRTUAL, and will be broadcast into the theater and projected onto a screen. Actors must have the ability to use a green screen (which can be provided). Preference given to actors who for reasons of health and safety cannot perform in person.

**Macbeth** (300 lines) – A Scottish lord. Although decisive in the face of threat, he's prone to mistrust and second-guessing, which is not a hallmark of successful kingship, and Scotland pays for it. Does not at all like Malcolm.

**Lady Macbeth** (180 lines) – Macbeth's wife. Determined, purposeful, and willing to go to great lengths for her husband's success, but overestimates what her conscience can bear.

**MacDuff** (110 lines) – A lord quick to suspect Macbeth of his actions, and loyal to the line of succession. His convictions cost him dearly. Does not at all like Malcolm, but likes Macbeth even less.

**Malcolm** (130 lines) – The king's announced heir. Reacts to his father's murder by fleeing to England, and in a rare moment of introspection doubts his suitability to the throne. He may be right.

**Ross** (70 lines) - A lord and a cousin to MacDuff, and close with his wife. Probably also does not like Malcolm.

**Banquo** (50, doubled) – Macbeth's comrade at arms. Ambitious, envious of Macbeth's good fortunes, eager to see his own prophecies fulfilled.

**Duncan** (50, doubled) – the King of Scotland, his reign recently defended from an invasion and a rebellion – perhaps for a good reason.

**Lennox** (50, doubled) – A lord and Malcolm's drinking buddy. Turns out to be born of a woman.

**Porter** (40, doubled) – hung over comic relief.

**Lady MacDuff** (25, doubled) – MacDuff's wife. Abandoned by her husband with nobody but Ross to complain to and promptly killed.

**Doctor** (30, doubled) – hears more than he'd like, wishes he were anywhere but there.

**Servant** (25, doubled) – sees more than he'd like, is afraid.

**Murderers** (10-ish lines, doubled) –lords who believe Banquo to be their enemy.

**Fleance** (no lines, doubled) – a sullen teenager who fails to be killed.

### Doubling plan:

Duncan / Murderer / Servant

Lennox / Murderer

Banquo / Doctor

Porter / Fleance / Lady MacDuff