

***The Ash Girl* by Timberlake Wertenbaker**

Character Descriptions

Ashgirl's Family

- Ruth – The Ashgirl's stepsister, more interested in being an artist than in meeting a prince
- Judith – The Ashgirl's stepsister, more interested in science than in meeting a prince
- Ashgirl – Basically, she's Cinderella (**this role is already cast**)
- Mother – The Ashgirl's step-mother, who pushes her girls too hard (*preferably should be played by an older actor*)

Ashgirl's Friends

- Owl – wise and helpful
- Otter – useful, but often afraid
- Fairy – simple-minded, but inspirational
- Mice – 2, one boy and one girl – they get turned into horses (*to be played by children*)

Prince's Family

- Princess Zehra – Prince Amir's mother, a wise lady from another land who is hosting the ball (*may be played by an older actor*)
- Prince Amir – His mother is hosting a ball in his honor (and to find him a wife) – he is ambivalent
- Paul – Amir's best friend who has big dreams

The Sins (there are 8 of them in this story):

Each is the perfect embodiment of the sin he or she represents and can be played by actors of any age or gender:

- Slothworm
- Angerbird
- Envysnake
- Gluttontoad
- Pridefly
- Greedmonkey
- Lust
- Sadness (**this role is already cast**)

Man in the Forest

We aren't told much about him at first, but he's important to the story. (*preferably should be played by an older actor*)