Ben (Dad - 40s)
Must Act
Ben carries the quiet weight of responsibility. He's the kind of dad who shows love through provision—fixing things, working hard, trying to hold it all together—but lately, it feels like it's never quite enough. Beneath his steady exterior is a man wrestling with disappointment—dreams that didn't pan out, pressure he doesn't talk about, discouragement over his estranged relationship with his father, and the fear that he's letting his family down. Still, his love runs deep. Everything he does, even when it comes out wrong, is rooted in a fierce desire to protect and build something better for the people he loves.

Claire (Mom - 40s)
Must Act
Claire is the emotional heartbeat of the home. Gentle, intuitive, and deeply compassionate, she notices everything—especially the things no one else says out loud. She's spent years holding the family together in quiet, unseen ways, often putting her own needs last. More than anything, she longs to feel *seen*—not just as a mother or a wife, but as a person. Her strength is subtle but unshakable, and when she finally speaks her truth, it carries weight.

Beckett (15)
Must Act, strong physicality & Movement
Beckett lives somewhere between reality and imagination. With his Polaroid camera always in hand, he captures moments others miss—light through a window, a look between people, the beauty in ordinary things. To his family, he can seem distant or checked out, but in truth, he's deeply observant and quietly processing everything around him. There's a restless curiosity in him—a pull toward adventure, toward something bigger. He's not disengaged… he just sees the world differently, and he's still figuring out how to belong in it.

Millie (11)
Must: Act & Dance
Millie is a pure heart. Warm, hopeful, and full of light, she believes—truly believes—that if everyone could just slow down and be together, everything would be okay. Her greatest joy is simply being with her family, and her greatest fear is feeling them drift apart. She notices tension but meets it with kindness, often trying to fix things in small, tender ways. She doesn't need grand gestures—just togetherness, laughter, and peace. In many ways, she's the glue no one realizes they rely on.

Holly (Grandma - Ben's Mom)
Must: Act
Optional: Sing
Holly is a force of nature wrapped in a fashionably cozy sweater. She's witty, a little mischievous, and completely unafraid to say what others won't—but always with love. Beneath her playful sass is a woman on a mission: to bring her family back together, no matter how messy it gets. She knows more than she lets on (and may have orchestrated more than she'll admit), and she carries both wisdom and a few well-guarded secrets. She's not just hosting Christmas—she's staging a reunion of the heart.

Elliot (Grandpa - Ben's Dad)
Must: Act
Elliot is a man learning, perhaps a little late, what truly matters. Once a celebrated author, he spent years chasing success at the cost of connection. Now, he's older, a bit worn, and painfully aware of what he missed. He wants to make things right—but he doesn't always know how. There's an awkwardness to his attempts at closeness, a roughness that hasn't fully softened. Still, there's sincerity in him, and a growing humility. This Christmas isn't just a visit—it's his chance at redemption.

Supporting Character This actor is the hidden gem of the show, bringing multiple characters to life throughout the story. From the quirky and zany Toy Maker, to the kind-hearted Bob Cratchitt, to the intimidating Mouse King, this role requires a performer with range, imagination, and strong character choices.

The fun for the audience is discovering the same actor in completely different worlds and watching them transform each time. This performer should be able to jump from silly and playful to dramatic and villainous, with a variety of voices, physicality, and personalities. Strong British and Russian accents required.