

Tuesdays With Morrie Character Descriptions

***Please Note that this play has a short rehearsal period. The ability to memorize lines quickly is important.**

Morrie Schwartz - Male, 60 - 80. A former Brandeis professor, Morrie is a charming, fiercely intelligent man suffering from ALS. He wears his heart on his sleeve, has a passion for dance, and has embraced the difficulties life handed him with gusto. He relies on gallows humor to deal with his illness. His love of teaching and desire to treat others with compassion and understanding make him a beloved friend and mentor. Instead of wallowing in self-pity, he takes it upon himself to teach Mitch, and the world, how to live in the face of death. (Actor will need to master Yiddish phrases.)

Mitch Albom - Male, 30 - 40. A sportswriter who yearns to be a musician, Mitch is a likeable but aggressive man who has let fear and apprehension guide most of his adult life. Although deep down, Mitch is a good person with an altruistic nature, he has been distant and cool throughout a good portion of his adult life. He attended Brandeis University, where he met Professor Morrie Schwartz. The two developed a close relationship, but lost touch after he graduated. When he visits Morrie, Mitch starts to realize how unfulfilled he is with his materialistic life. (Piano playing not required, but preferred.)