

The Cast

The Gods

Zeus	King of the Gods, loud, bossy and temperamental. An important acting role with lots of lines.
Hera	Wife of Zeus and Goddess of women. Long-suffering but feisty.
Athena	Daughter of Zeus, Goddess of wisdom (and war)
Apollo	Son of Zeus, God of Music
Aphrodite	Goddess of Love; kind and sentimental
Hephaestus	Husband of Aphrodite; God of Fire, amongst other things
Hermes	Messenger of the Gods: likes to gossip
Poseidon	Lord of the Sea; a crusty, impatient old sea-god

Others

Prometheus	A very, very cool character. A small but enjoyable role
Epimetheus	Brother of Prometheus: good natured, cheerful, but not very bright. An important part.
Pandora	Central to the story, this is a lively acting and singing part
Hope	A few key lines at the end
Mortals 1-10	Each have a few lines
Extra Mortals	As many non-speaking roles as you need!
Evils	A lively group to appear when the box is opened: can also be Mortals.

Wedding Characters (only needed in Scene 5)

Wedding Organiser Frazzled and busy. Lots of lines

Photographer A lively acting part

2 Caterers, 1 Flower Arranger, 3 Bridesmaids, 5 Wedding Guests, and 2 Musicians – a few lines each.

Pandora's Box

Scene 1

(During the song, the Gods enter:

***Zeus**, supreme ruler, carries a bolt of lightning; **Hera**, his wife, goddess of marriage and domesticity, carries a rolling pin; **Poseidon**, lord of the sea, carries a trident; **Athena**, daughter of Zeus, goddess of wisdom, carries a large book; **Apollo**, son of Zeus, god of music, carries a lyre; **Aphrodite**, goddess of love, carries a red rose; **Hermes**, the messenger, carries a scroll; **Hephaestus**, god of fire and Aphrodite's husband, carries a hammer.)*

The Great Greek Gods

(The Gods & Chorus)

CD track 1/8

**The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods
Weird and wondrous
And they look down on mankind
From the peak of Mount Olympus**

(spoken)

**Zeus: Zeus, father of the Gods!
All: Zeus, father of the Gods!
Hera: Hera, I'm his wife!
All: Hera, she's his wife!
Poseidon: Poseidon, Lord of the sea!
All: Poseidon, Lord of the sea!
Athena: Athena, daughter of Zeus!
All: Athena, daughter of Zeus!**

(sung)

**They're the Gods of Ancient Greece
And Zeus is the Daddy of them all!**

**The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods
Weird and wondrous
And they look down on mankind
From the peak of Mount Olympus**

(song 1 continued)

(spoken)

Apollo: Apollo, God of music!
All: Apollo, God of music!
Hephaestus: Hephaestus, God of fire!
All: Hephaestus, God of fire!
Aphrodite: Aphrodite, Goddess of love!
All: Aphrodite, Goddess of love!
Hermes: Hermes, the messenger!
All: Hermes, the messenger!

(sung)

**They're the Gods of Ancient Greece
And Zeus is the Daddy of them all!**

**The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods
Weird and wondrous
And they look down on mankind
From the peak of Mount Olympus**

**The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods
The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods
The Gods, the Gods, the great Greek Gods
And Zeus is the Daddy of them all!**

(After the song, the Gods form a tableau. Zeus is central, seated, with Hermes whispering in his ear.)

Zeus: *(leaping to his feet)* WHAT? He did WHAT?

Hermes: I knew you wouldn't like it.

Zeus: How dare they!

Hermes: I knew there'd be trouble.

Hera: Whatever is the matter now, dear?

Zeus: It's those pesky mortals. Those humans.

Aphrodite: Sweet little things!

Hera: *(to Zeus, who is stamping up and down furiously)* Don't worry about them, dear. We're the gods, after all.

Athena: *(turning a page of her book)* Calm down, daddy.

Apollo: *(to Poseidon)* D'you think he's going to start throwing thunderbolts about?

Poseidon: Oh, not again.

Zeus: You! Hephaestus! Call yourself the god of fire, do you?

Hephaestus: Well, I'm more of a blacksmith, really. God of craftsmen, technology, and-

Zeus: Shut up! Look at this!

(Zeus mimes parting the clouds. Gods peer down at mortals, into the audience)

Hephaestus: Hm. I see what you mean.

Poseidon: What's going on?

Aphrodite: Ahh, look! Mortals! Cute!

Zeus: They've only stolen fire from Mount Olympus!

(Gods all react, pointing, talking and exclaiming)

Hermes: It was Prometheus that did it.

Zeus: A Titan! I knew it.

Aphrodite: *(still watching mortals)* Look what fun they're having!

Hephaestus: But only the gods should have the gift of fire.

Athena: They've got everything! It's a bit much.

Poseidon: Just look at them! All fun and games, no responsibilities.

Apollo: Listen! I think they're trying to sing!

(The Gods draw back and leave the stage in disgust, some covering their ears, as the Mortals enter and sing.)