

# Music Man Jr. Audition Monologues for Leads

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## **The Train Conductor**

River City! River City! River City! We're cross the state line into Iowa. River City! Population twenty two hundred and twelve. Seegarettes illegal in this state. All aboard!

## **Eulalie MacKecknie Shinn** (the mayor's wife and local busy body)

Professor, her kind of woman doesn't belong on any committee. Of course I shouldn't tell you this but... she made brazen overtures to a man who never had a friend in this town till she came here—old Miser Madison. When he died he left the library building to the city... but he left all the books to her!

## **Zaneeta Shinn** (teenage daughter of the mayor)

Egads! Are you beckoning to me? I didn't have any idea you was beckoning to me. I'm not going home. I have to go ta the liberry, Egads!

**Mayor Shinn** (a blustery "take charge" character) Professor Hill, by the time your band plays its first concert the individual members'll have to foregather in wheel chairs on account of the broken legs they'll get from tripping over their beards! I'll tell you something, my fine young feathered—my feathered young—never mind. I want this man's references and I want 'em tonight. Don't let him out'a your sight! He's sliprier'n a Mississippi sturgeon!

## **Marian Paroo** (town librarian--she suspects Harold Hill is a con man)

Professor Hill? Professor of what? At what college do they give a degree for annoying women on the street like a Saturday night rowdy at a public dance hall? And another thing Mr. Hill. I'm not as easily mesmerized or hoodwinked as some people in this town and I think it only fair to warn you that I have a shelf full of reference books in there which may very well give me some interesting information about you.

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**Charlie Cowell** (rival traveling salesman and all around bad guy)

You gullible green-grass goats! Can't you get it through your heads that you're being swindled out'a your eye teeth right now—this minute? There's a burglar in the bedroom while you're fiddling in the parlor! I'm talking about Harold Hill—road agent—highwayman—pickpocket. There isn't any band, there never has been any band and there never will be any band! And if you don't hunt this man down right now like a mad dog, there won't be any Harold Hill either! He'll be on the next train out of town.

**Harold Hill** (traveling salesman and con artist)

Mothers of River City! Heed the warning before it's too late! Watch for the tell-tale signs of corruption! The moment your son leaves the house does he rebuckle his knickerbockers below the knee? Are certain words creeping into his conversation? Words like... "swell" ....and "so's your old man"? If so, my friends—Ya got Trouble, Right here in River City With a capital T and that rhymes with P and that stands for Pool! You've surely got Trouble. Right here in River City Remember the Maine, Plymouth Rock and the Golden rule.