Zaslove's Midsummer

Setting:

A set of bleachers serves as a unit set to represent all the settings, from Athens High School gymnasium to the forest. Changes of lighting create the different locales. This facilitates the swift movement from scene to scene; ideally, a scene should be beginning as the previous ends (with one set of characters entering as the previous ones are departing).

Characters:

Theseus	High school principal. Straight, mature, fatherly image.
Hippolyta	Drama/gym teacher. Friendly, well liked.
Egeus	Tyrant father. Could be a racist (if Lysander is African American). Chorus singing only required.
Lysander	Athletic, Mister Popularity, could have a crew cut. Not lower class, but could be African American. T-shirt, jeans and basketball shoes. Letter man.
Demetrius	Pat Boone type.
Hermia	Small, cute, Miss Popularity, homecoming queen. Must be shorter than Helena. Saddle oxfords.
Helena	Tall, cute but with glasses. Studious. Poodle skirt and penny loafers.
Peter Quince	Head custodian, has all the keys. Or head coach, with whistle, baseball cap and clipboard. Fussy, nervous.
Snug the Joiner	Big cover-alled laborer, plumber, giant monkey wrench over his shoulder.
Francis Flute	Charmer. Stan Laurel of Laurel and Hardy.
Nick Bottom	Loudmouth, bowling shirt, pot belly. Bully. Ham.
Tom Snout	Generic custodian. Gentle and shy.

Starveling	Beatnik who happens to have a job, recent graduate.
Oberon	Elvis/Fons, rock 'n' roll cool cat. D.A. (duck's ass) haircut. Could be out of school already.
Titania	Va-va-voom. The high school knockout. Pedal pushers, tight sweater, mature beyond her years. Dates guys in pickup trucks, lives in trailer camp. Cool and sexy.
Puck	Class clown (a girl). Oberon groupie. Wise-guy, offbeat. Freshman in a group of seniors.
Fairies	Cheerleaders/slumber party girls.