

# WIENER SAUSAGE: THE MUSICAL!

## Character Summary

**Jo:** Raised in a broom closet at a Midwest mega-store, Jo is a twenty-something orphan who struggles with her career goals and gender identity. Born with male and female sex parts, Jo hates her life in America's heartland and dreams of being a TV journalist—that is, until an unexpected job offer from Washington, DC makes her dreams a reality.

**Men in Black:** Two mysterious men in black, the apparent servants of pure evil, arrive at the mega-store and tempt Jo with a whole new life in the East. She accepts and goes with them to DC for a reporting job at the war-friendly Wolfhound TV News Network. But her assignment turns out to be more than she can handle.

**Mike:** News anchor for the ultra right wing Wolfhound TV News Network, Mike ogles women, sucks down cigars, and reports on impending war with a glint in his eye. He's a man's man, and you get the impression that most of his action is bought at hotels where they charge by the hour.

**Jane:** As Mike's co-anchor, Jane shares his warlike tendencies with great if scathing relish. Butch and sexy, she is Anne Coulter and Rush Limbaugh mixed in a not-so-delectable concoction. Does she feel guilty when she convinces her new protégé Jo to undermine the peace movement with some undercover reporting? Probably not: she and Mike are very well paid.

**President Shrubbs:** Chief advocate for a war to retrieve renewables from the recalcitrant nation of Holland, this President appears to be a scoundrel and a fool, and perhaps he is. He likes to eat meat and he'll do pretty much anything to get a tasty sausage in his mouth, even sell out the nation to an evil, mad scientist. His wife, First Lady Wilma Shrubbs, is less concerned with politics than with its appurtenant pleasures, especially getting-it-on with the Commander in Chief onstage.

**Senator Keentz:** He fights for peace as the leader of an anti-war movement, but this Senator seems chiefly concerned with his libido, which is voracious with a penchant for kink. Though Mike and Jane use an unsuspecting Jo to defame him and ruin the movement in an undercover operation, Keentz is heroic in the end.

**Professor Doctor Schmuck:** The face of pure evil and greed, you kind of have to love his diabolical brilliance. Schmuck orchestrates a war for renewables, controls Mike and Jane and the President, and all so that he can blast off into outer space to find untold riches, and his ex-wife, who is lost up there in the stars. He also keeps a pet potbelly pig on a leash.

**Johnny:** A confused young man with a good heart, Johnny rebels against his right wing upbringing by working as Senator Keentz's chief aid in the antiwar movement. Always covering up the Senator's indiscretions, Johnny is a loyal if naïve fellow. When he meets Jo, it's love at first sight.

**Guy Williams:** Ringmaster, narrator, and commentator, Guy is our guide into the madcap world of *Weiner Sausage: The Musical!* If ever there's a question on a plot development, Guy can answer. And sometime he dresses in drag.