

TITLE OF SCRIPT
Your Name

COLD CUT CASTING BREAKDOWN GUIDE

Instructions:

A “breakdown” communicates important messages to actors and casting directors to fill roles in your script.

When submitting with your script to The Cold Cut, please break this list into two sections:

The first section should feature every character needed to perform your Cold Open, in order from most to least important. The first line of a character breakdown covers the basics: Gender, Age, Ethnicity. (If of “open” ethnicity, enter “Any Ethnicity.”) Next, further describe the character in 1-2 sentences. See example below.

The second section of the Breakdown should feature all other characters in the rest of your script. Again, order from most to least important. In this section, the character descriptions can be briefer, as this second list will be used only for the winning script.

Questions about Breakdowns? E-mail coldcuts@nueawest.org and enter, “MICHAEL, HELP!” in the subject line.

Example

Cold Open Breakdown

[BOZO] Male, 35-45. Any Ethnicity.

An expert balloon animal artist, Bozo is an upbeat, cheery clown that makes sure everyone in his presence has a good laugh! But when Dumbo takes his place as lead clown, Bozo’s shady, dark side surfaces.

Rest of Script Breakdown

[BOZO’s girlfriend] Female, 25-35. Any Ethnicity.

A classic clown groupie/enabler. Just happy to be close to real show business.