

The Madness of George III

Cast List

(Please note all ages are very approximate and by no means set in stone)

King George III (male 40+)

A lively, almost jolly king who is brought low by circumstance. Eccentric by nature, when madness takes over he struggles deeply with his loss of control, both physical and intellectual. Is never truly given over to madness, his humanity always lurks close to the surface.

Queen Charlotte (female 40+)

A homely queen, caring and considerate by nature. Devoted to George and sees the damaging influence of those around him but can do nothing to stop them.

Prince of Wales (male 20+)

A bit of a pantomime villain at times. Stupid, but wishes to be sinister. Would be called scheming but lacking in guile and brain power. Often referred to as fat, but actually doesn't need to be.

Fox (male 40+)

The opposition leader. Believes it is 'his' time for power and the King's insanity has provided him with this opportunity. Loud, coarse, outspoken and relentlessly plotting for power.

Sheridan (male 30+)

The real brains of the opposition, orchestrates the manoeuvres to get the Prince of Wales to power, quietly in the background.

Dr Warren (male 40+)

The Prince of Wales' personal physician. Will agree with anything to Prince needs to ensure he remains close to him and not especially concerned with the outcome.

Pitt (male 20+)

Essentially, the Prime Minister. A very still, stiff character. Preoccupied with the business of parliament, he has concern for the King's welfare, but this is often lost under his desire to keep the country running. Not cold hearted, but also not especially emotional.

Dr Willis (male 40+)

A no-nonsense, humourless, almost sinister presence. 'Processes' his patients, has no interest in their backstory. No temper, but immovable in his resolve.

Dr Baker

Dr Warren (males, 40+)

Dr Pepys

Provide the comic relief. Utterly determined to solve the mystery of the King's illness, but equally ill-equipped to do so. Self-important but out of their depths.

Dundas (male 30+)

Pitt's loyal right-hand man. Works with Pitt to maintain government but is slightly overwhelmed by what needs doing.

Thurlow – (male 30+)

A true politician. A blowhard, not especially bright, and a bit of a double-crosser. Flirts with both sides, but not discrete.

Captain Greville (male 30+)

A military man of concern. Utterly unflappable in his role as the King's attendant. One of the few people who genuinely want what is best for the King. Knowledgeable and sensible.

Captain Fitzroy (male 30+)

The 'bad twin' to Greville. The King's PR man but slightly resentful of his role. Considers himself above it all, not willing to get his hands dirty.

Papandiek (male 50+)

The King's most loyal servant, a bit of a rough diamond. Got a bit of the East End shop keeper about him, quite a quick tongue.

Braun (male 40+)

A servant with a mean streak. Does everyone's bidding without question and seems a little *too* keen to torture the King. A little sadistic.

Lady Pembroke (female 25+)

The Queen's loyal lady in waiting. Discrete, calming and shows strength around the Royal couple.

Margaret Nicholson (female 30+)

Attempts to assassinate the King. Cameo part.