CLIFFORD VETTER

British, any ethnicity but Black, 40-55, written as male but could be female.

Vetter is a venomous, power-hungry Crown Prosecutor, a dour prig whose only joy is inflicting misery. Bitterly spiteful towards anything smacking of religion, Vetter sets his/her daggers on The Jubilee Singers, who have brought the spirituals to England.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Although Vetter's dialogue is colorfully written, don't read Vetter as a two-dimensional, over-the-top villain. No caricatures. Imagine Vetter to be a highly intelligent, deadly serious servant of the Crown who just happens not to have smiled in decades... and genuinely believes that organized religion, and the Jubilees, are the enemy of the state.

And remember, Vetter was once an innocent child.