

## **GET HOT! NPHS SPEAKEASY costume ideas**

### JANES

- Flapper
- Vamp
- Sheba (sexy woman)
- Deb (debutante)
- Socialite
- College student
- Prom-trotter (student who attends all social functions)
- Career girl (e.g. shop girl)
- Pollyanna (à la Mary Pickford)
- Temperance Society matron, Bluenose (puritanical person), or Mrs. Grundy (priggish type)

### FELLAS

- Hepcat, Jazz man
- Sheik (sexy man, a la Rudolph Valentino)
- Captain of Industry
- Wall Street banker
- College student (“Joe Brooks”)
- High Hat (snob)
- Gangster
- Bimbo (a tough guy)
- Bootlegger
- Dick (private investigator)
- Hollywood director (golf pants, argyle, driving cap, and megaphone!)

### **Ideas for Pairs/Groups**

- Sugar Daddy and Gold-Digger
- 1929 Wall Street couple (pre- or post-crash, or both within one evening!)
- Gangster & Moll
- Marathon dancers
- College campus couple
- Hollywood director & starlet(s)
- Hollywood starlet & leading man
- Gertrude Stein & Alice B. Toklas
- Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes, & Wallace Thurman
- Mary Pickford & Douglas Fairbanks
- Lupe Vélez & Gary Cooper
- William Randolph Hearst & Marion Davies & Charlie Chaplin (love triangle)
- Duke Ellington & Fredi Washington in 1929 talkie *Black and Tan Fantasy*.
- Rudolph Valentino & Vilma Bánky in 1926 silent film *The Return of the Sheik*
- Ramon Navarro & May McAvoy in 1925 silent film *Ben Hur*
- Clarence Darrow & William Jennings Bryan
- Speakeasy proprietors Texas Guinan (The 300 Club) & Owney Madden (The Cotton Club)

**Info on the 1920s:** There are lots of websites that discuss the 1920s. Try wikipedia.com.

**1920s Film Stars:** For a great list of famous silent film stars (from lots of ethnic backgrounds), visit [www.silentladies.com](http://www.silentladies.com), [www.moviemaidens.com](http://www.moviemaidens.com); [www.goldensilents.com](http://www.goldensilents.com).