Characters from The Master and Margarita
Shamelessly borrowed from http://cr.middlebury.edu/public/russian/bulgakov/public_html and other on-line sources. I tried to list them in order or importance, but this is interpretive.

Contemporary Russians

The Master
An author who has written a novel about the meeting of Pontius Pilate and Yeshua Ha-Nozri. Institutionalized where Bezdomny meets him.

Margarita
The Master's lover. Trapped in a passionless marriage; devoted herself to The Master, whom she believes is dead. Does not appear until second half of the novel where she serves as the hostess of Satan's Grand Ball on Walpurgis Night. (She is named after Faust's Gretchen – whose real name is Margarita.

Ivan Nikolayevich Ponyrov/Bezdomny/Homeless/Ivanushka
A young, aspiring poet. His pen name Bezdomny means "homeless." Initially a willing tool of the MASSOLIT apparatus, he is transformed by the events of the novel. Witnesses Berlioz's death and ends up in an institution.

Mikhail Alexandrovich Berlioz/Misha
Head of the literary bureaucracy Massolit, sentenced by Woland to death for his atheistic sentiment.

Stephan Bogdanovich Likhodeyev/Styopa
Director of the Variety Theatre and Berlioz's roommate. Often called by diminutive name Styopa. He is spirited off to Yalta.

Grigory Danilovich Rimsky
Treasurer of the Variety Theatre. At one point, Rimsky is ambushed by Varenukha (a vampire). He barely escapes the encounter and he is forced to flee to the train station to get away. The night of Woland's performance is the same night that Rimsky and Hella and Ivan Savelyevich Verenukha meet.

Ivan Savelyevich Varenukha
House-manager of the Variety Theatre. Attacked by Hella, he becomes a vampire. He is forgiven by the end of Walpurgistnacht - restoring his humanity.

Vasily Stephanonovich Lastochkin
Employee of the Variety Theatre, the bookkeeper who get arrested for trying to deposit currency. Sees a manless suit and singing clerks.
Georges Bengalsky
Master of ceremonies at the Variety Theatre. Loses his head.

Archibald Archibaldovich/The Pirate
In charge of Gribokov’s, the home of Maosslit, the writers’ guild.

Arkady Apollonovich Sempleyarov
Head of the Acoustics Commission of Moscow Theaters. He is exposed at the Variety show for having an affair with an actress.

Nikanor Ivanovich Bosoy
Chairman of the House Committee at 302B Sadovaya Street-former residence of Berlioz. Is caught taking bribes and hiding currency in his bathroom.

Natasha
Margarita’s maid, later turned into a witch.

Nikolai Ivanovich
Margarita’s neighbor (the downstairs apartment) later turned into a pig.

Timofei Kondratievich Kvastsov
A guy who lives in the apartment building who listens through keyholes.

Maximilian Andreevich Poplavsky
Berlioz’s uncle from Kiev.

Andrei Fokich Sokov
Barman at the Variety. Dies of liver cancer.

Sashka Riskhin
A poet and friend of Ivan’s who escorts him to the clinic.
Woland and his retinue

Woland/Satan
A "foreign professor" who is "in Moscow to present a performance of 'black magic' and then expose its machinations". The exposure (as one could guess) never occurs, instead Woland exposes the greed and bourgeois behavior of the spectators themselves. Satan in disguise.

Koroviev/Fagotto/Bassoon
A purported "ex-choirmaster"; this may imply that Koroviev was once a member of an angelic choir. Woland's assistant and interpreter. Wears a cracked pince-nez.

Behemoth/Begemot
An enormous black cat (said to be as large as a hog), capable of standing on two legs and talking. He has a penchant for chess, vodka and pistols. In Russian, "Begemot." The word itself means hippopotamus in Russian as well as the Biblical creature.

Azazello
A menacing, fanged and wall-eyed member of Woland's retinue.

Hella
Beautiful, redheaded witch. Serves as maid to Woland and his retinue. Remarked as being "perfect, were it not for a purple scar on her neck" – the scar suggesting that she is also a vampiress.

Abadonna
The pale-faced, black-goggled angel of death.
Characters from The Master's novel

**Pontius Pilate**
The Roman Procurator of Judaea.

**Yeshua Ha-Nozri**
Wanderer who became Jesus of Nazareth.

**Joseph Kaifa**
The High Priest of Judaea

**Matthew Levi**
A Levite and former tax collector. Follower of Yeshua.

**Judas Iscariot**
Testified against Yeshua thus causing him to be sentenced to death; later killed on Pilate's orders.

**Afranius**
Head of Pilate’s secret police.

**Nazi**
Woman who betrays Judas