

Children of Eden

Character Descriptions

We *may* be doubling the roles as listed.

ENSEMBLE: Family members, Children, Storytellers, Animals

The members of the ENSEMBLE play the STORYTELLERS, CHILDREN, and ANIMALS at various points in the musical. They sing in 10 of 20 numbers in Act 1 and 6 of 17 numbers in Act 2.

The STORYTELLERS truly move the story along. There are many solo speaking and singing lines that will be cast from the ENSEMBLE.

Several members of the ENSEMBLE will play the SNAKE during the song "In Pursuit of Excellence."

FATHER:

An older looking, impressive man. A true father figure, he wants the best for all of his children but parents with a firm hand. Protective, loving, and paternal.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A5

Vocal range bottom: G3

ADAM/NOAH:

Adam: Eve's bright and childlike partner. He is initially devout to Father and loving to his wife & children. Later plagued by guilt. Hard-working and reserved. Noah: rough but simple. He is unsophisticated and shrewd, but also warm and loyal. He builds the ark to save his family and honor Father.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A5

Vocal range bottom: A3

EVE/MAMA:

Eve: curious and questioning, smart and excited. Chose an imperfect life of knowledge over a perfect life of innocence. Mama: Noah's wife and inherently motherly. She possesses a gentle strength, is reassuring, and serves as the mediator of the family.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: A5

Vocal range bottom: G3

CAIN/JAPETH:

Cain: Abel's older, adventurous brother. Follows in his mother's footsteps and longs for the companionship of other humans. He is strong, stubborn, and independent. Japeth: in love with Yonah and is willing to sacrifice his life to be with her. He is Noah's youngest son. Clever, rebellious, stubborn.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A5

Vocal range bottom: B3

ABEL/HAM:

Abel: Cain's younger and more conservative brother who follows the "rules". He chooses his parents over Cain. Ham: Japheth's middle brother and Aphra's husband. He is not as docile as Japheth, nor as hot headed as Shem. Looks up to and follows Shem's lead.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: B3

SETH/SHEM:

Seth: Adam and Eve's third son and their family's second chance at life. He is innocently adventurous. Shem: the oldest of Noah's three sons. Married to Aysha, he is impulsive, strong, and hot-tempered.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: B3

APHRA:

Ham's pregnant wife. Longs for the flood to be over and is constantly worrying.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: B3

AYSHA:

Shem's wife. Cynically bitter and constantly accusing those aboard the ark.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: B3

YONAH:

Noah's servant who falls in love with Japheth and becomes his wife. A descendent of Cain. She is strong, yet humble, kind, and smart.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: G3

YOUNG CAIN:

The older of the two brothers. Is curious and questioning like his mother. Intense.

Gender: Male

Age: 10 to 13

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: B3

YOUNG ABEL:

The younger of the two brothers. Favors his father in personality. Obedient and devout.

Gender: Male

Age: 8 to 11

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: B3