

Once on This Island Characters

The Four Narrators tell the story of the Once On This Island Junior. They can be female or male. These four roles are perhaps the most difficult of the show. Not only do they sing the bulk of the show, they also tell the story, and if properly directed, focus the audience's attention on important events throughout the production. We will look to cast excellent singers who can both act and handle the demands of a sizeable role.

Vocal Range
Ab4 - E5

Mama is the symbolic mother of us all. She is loving, practical, funny and earthy. This is a great role for a good actress with a pleasant voice. Mama with Tonton will need to perform well together and have stage chemistry.

Vocal Range
G4 - B5

Tonton is the loving father to his adopted daughter, Ti Moune. Tonton is strong, practical, and supportive. He is faced with the difficult task of letting Ti Moune chase her dreams, even if it means that he may never see the daughter he loves again. The performer who plays this role should have a nice voice and be a good actor. Mama and Tonton might need to audition together to check out their stage compatibility..

Vocal Range
Bb3 - E5

Little Girl and Little Ti Moune are played by the same actress. We are looking for someone that can portray a frightened girl, as well as a spunky, young girl who enjoys running and playing around. These characters have no solo singing lines, so this is the perfect place to cast a younger performer with good acting skills and a dynamic stage presence.

Vocal Range
E4 - B4

Ti Moune is the focus of our story and is featured in solo songs and dance. The actress performing the role should have an excellent voice and be an excellent dancer. The music Ti Moune sings is written in a pop style; we want to make sure the actress can sing this style of music. She must be able to drive the energy of her scenes. Ti Moune performs a pivotal dance solo -this dance isn't as much about choreography as it is about storytelling.

Vocal Range
G3 - Eb5

Daniel is the leading male character in Once On This Island JR. We are looking to cast a boy with a good voice and who is comfortable acting and moving/dancing. His role is dramatic and exciting. We will be looking for a student that is a great match with the student playing Ti Moune – the chemistry between these two characters must be visible!

Vocal Range
C4 - E5

Daniel's Son This is a very small walk-on part at the very end of the show. We look to cast a young boy

The Gatekeeper has one scene. This role can be portrayed by a boy or a girl, but he or she needs a booming voice and strong stature. We hope to cast a performer who takes command of the stage and is capable of taking instruction for stage combat.

Vocal Range
E4 - B4

Julian, is Daniel's father and is not sympathetic or understanding of his son's wishes. This is a male role requiring some singing and acting.

Vocal Range
A3 - D5

Andrea is Daniel's refined and beautiful fiancée. Daniel and Andrea have been promised to each other by their parents since birth. She is sophisticated, educated and the exact opposite of Ti Moune. The actress we cast to perform this role should have a good voice and be able to move gracefully. Andrea needs to come across as the ultimate snob.

Vocal Range
Bb3 - D5

Papa Ge describes himself as "the sly demon of death." He is also the closest thing to a "bad guy" in Once On This Island Junior. The actor we cast to play this role must be able to create a strong character and have an evil laugh! He should be a good singer, but he does not need to have a polished, pretty voice - in fact, the more unique his vocal quality is, the better. Papa Ge could be portrayed by a girl.

Vocal Range
C#4 - Ab5

Asaka is the Goddess of the Earth and sings one of the most popular and fun songs of the show, "Mama Will Provide." We will cast an excellent singer who moves well and has a robust personality. This performer will be played by a female who can create a fun character larger than life!

Vocal Range
A3 - E5

Agwe is the God of Water. He or she has a solo early in the show that requires an excellent voice ("Rain"). Looking to cast an actor capable of driving the energy of this scene.

Vocal Range
C#4 - E5

Erzulie is the triumphant Goddess of Love. Cast a graceful mover with a pretty voice. This is a perfect role for an actress who can be confident yet charming.

Vocal Range
A3 - D5

Peasants, Villagers, Guests, Grands Hommes. The ensemble is easily expandable to accommodate performers of nearly any ability. This ensemble will have the opportunity to perform many roles, transforming from Peasants to wealthy Grands Hommes.

Gossipers are a great way to cast performers who may or may not be quite ready for larger roles but deserve a few featured lines. These performers should be actors and singers that take direction well.