Concept

This is a musical about humanity; about family; about taking first steps, exploring, falling, creating, loving, letting go; about living. *Father/Mother* (The Creator) learns and grows as a new parent as much as any of the "human" characters.

The *Storytellers* (Greek chorus, heavenly host) tell the story and move the plot along by narration and stepping into the scene at times. All of the lead and supporting characters in the play, with the exception of *Father/Mother*, are "chosen" from among the *Storytellers*, and when their role has "ended," they rejoin the multitude.

Father/Mother:

A very human All-Mighty Being who creates the universe and all its

(Tenor/Alto) creatures, including Man & Woman with minds of their own, and learns that

parenting is not as easy as He/She thought.

Songs: Let There Be The Expulsion

Perfect, Parts I & II Lost in the Wilderness - Reprise

The Tree of Knowledge The Mark of Cain
The Naming The Gathering Storm

Father's Day The Flood

A World Without You Precious Children

Storytellers: The heavenly host – both adults and children – who set the scenes and advance the action

of the play, they are always present; always watching and interacting with this newly created world. All characters except for Father/Mother begin and end as a Storyteller, and sing the choral numbers whenever possible. For those who are primarily Storytellers throughout the show, there are many solos and featured roles, including the following

listed below. The Storytellers are the heart & soul of this show.

Songs: Let There Be Generations

Perfect, Parts I & II The Mark of Cain
The Naming Children of Eden
Father's Day Pieces of Eight

Childhood's End The Naming (Reprise)

The Expulsion The Flood
The Wasteland Words of Doom
A Ring of Stones Ain't It Good
Death of Abel (Solo) In The Beginning

Lead Roles:

Adam: Young, optimistic and obedient, until he has to make a painful choice,

(Tenor) which leads to his growing into a protective father.

Songs: The Tree of Knowledge The Wilderness Family

The Naming Lost in the Wilderness - Reprise

Grateful Children Close to Home Perfect, Part II A Ring of Stones

A World Without You Clash of the Generations

Eve: Very excited and curious about everything, whose explorations lead to pain, (Mezzo/Belt) as well as profound discovery as a wife and mother in the wilderness.

Songs: The Naming The Spark of Creation - Reprise

Grateful Children Close to Home Perfect, Part II A Ring of Stones

The Spark of Creation Clash of the Generations

In Pursuit of Excellence Death of Abel Childhood's End Children of Eden

A World Without You

Cain: Discontent, longing to find signs of other human life, he has inherited a

(Tenor/Pop) strong will and curiosity from his mother.

Songs: Lost in the Wilderness A Ring of Stones

Lost in the Wilderness – Reprise Clash of the Generations

Abel: Young, faithful and obedient, he neither understands nor shares his brother's

(Tenor) wanderlust.

Songs: Lost in the Wilderness A Ring of Stones

Close to Home Clash of the Generations

Noah: A direct descendant of Adam, and husband and father of three sons, he obediently builds an ark at Father's request, although he bemoans the

Tenor) destruction of the world despite the fallibilities of its human inhabitants.

He also is faced with a painful choice.

Songs: The Gathering Storm What is He Waiting For?

A Piece of Eight The Spark of Creation – 2nd Reprise

Blind Obedience The Hardest Part of Love
The Naming – Reprise The Hour of Darkness

Mama Noah: Noah's wife and mother of his three sons, she is the rock upon which his

(Mezzo/Belt) house is built.

Songs: A Piece of Eight The Hour of Darkness

What is He Waiting For?

Ain't It Good

The Spark of Creation – 2nd Reprise

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Japheth: The youngest son of Noah, he is idealistic and determined, and does not let the (Tenor)

curse of God get in his way when he falls in love with a woman from the doomed

race of Cain.

Songs: A Piece of Eight The Hour of Darkness

> In Whatever Time We Have Ain't It Good

Yohah: She is a "daughter of the race of Cain" cursed by Father for an ancient fall from

grace, and servant to Noah's family. She is also in love with Japheth, but faces (Mezzo/Belt)

the futility of this love with great courage.

A Piece of Eight Sailor of the Skies Songs:

> Stranger to the Rain The Hour of Darkness

In Whatever Time We Have Ain't It Good

Supporting and Featured Roles:

Snake: Five singers (5-part harmony), each manipulating a section a large puppet's

(SATB) body. A seductive and very smooth operator.

Songs: In Pursuit of Excellence

Young Cain & Abel: Represent Cain and Abel as young boys in a memory sequence.

Songs: The Wilderness Family Close to Home

Generations Soloists: Strong male and female vocalist(s) to lead off Act II with the

show-stopping song," Generations," with an African/Calypso flavor. (Tenor/Mezzo/Belt)

Shem & Ham: First two sons of Noah.

(Tenor or Baritone)

The Hour of Darkness Songs: A Piece of Eight

> What Is He Waiting For? Ain't It Good

Aphra & Aysha: Wives to Shem & Ham

(Alto or Soprano)

Songs: A Piece of Eight The Hour of Darkness

> What Is He Waiting For? Ain't It Good