

CHILDREN OF EDEN Cast Break-Down

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:

(Tenor/Alto) A very human All-Mighty Being who creates the universe and all its 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
	Childhood's End	The Hardest Part of Love
	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, which leads to his growing into a protective father.
(Tenor)

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

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 wanderlust.
(Tenor)

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 destruction of the world despite the fallibilities of its human inhabitants. He also is faced with a painful choice.
(High Baritone/
Tenor)

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 house is built.
(Mezzo/Belt)

Songs: A Piece of Eight The Hour of Darkness
What is He Waiting For? Ain't It Good
The Spark of Creation – 2nd Reprise

