

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN FOR HOLLYWOOD HOPE

JT Freehold- powerful owner of Freehold Studio in LA, kind but stressed out boss, constantly worried about how to keep his father's studio afloat, Takes a risk on Hollywood Hope script, needs it to be a success. Strong actor, moves well and sings **Live in Living Color**

Hope- Young, studious, very kind to all, quiet strength, bookish, observant, writes in her journal, her journal is made into a movie that her sister Tina submitted and she's thrust into the world of LA, tries to keep the integrity of her story amid all the chaos and "edits" **sings Everlasting**, strong actress and singer, limited dance

Tina- Younger sister to Hope, all in on being a pageant girl (Teen Miss), not obnoxious just strong, strong actress, acting is her talent, has long opening monologue during pageant of Hope's poem to her grandmother, strong actress, dancer.

Gavin- loveable assistant director, always trying to pitch his ideas to JT who brushes him off, overworked and underpaid, underdog, has a strong "LA" hustle type vibe, strong actor w sense of comedy, solo line in **City of Stars**

Coach Daryl- comic role, big personality who takes over any room he's in, fun-loving dance studio owner where all the pageant girls train. Former performer? not sure he's given up his dream of performing...just yet. Very busy wrangling the girls and their stage moms! Strong comic actor able to make big acting choices

Cookie: comic role, JT's overworked slightly wacky secretary, once thought she might be actress, loud in dress and character, strong enough to go up against JT when necessary, thinks she's the studio boss, Solo line in **City of Stars**, requires strong comic acting skills, limited dance

Pageant Girls from Studio

Teen Miss (oldest girls) Diana, Clarice, Patrice, Leanna, Tina, Kelcie, Rhianna, Geniesse,

Junior Miss, Louise, Sue, Paula, Chrissy

Young Miss (youngest pageant girls) Kathy Kalena, Miss Melissa, Miss Layla, Miss Anna, Miss Zoe, (all tap)

Kelcie- Teen Miss, underdog, shy pageant girl who feels a bit out of place, quietly holds back until she belts **THIS IS ME** at the end of Act One and wins everyone over, strong singer and dancer, lead singer in **Brand New You** and **Brand New Day**

Diana- Teen miss, leader and sassy mean girl of the studio, comic role, big personality, strong singer and dancer, Lead singer in **Brand New You** and **Brand New Day**

Clarice- Teen miss, loyal BFF of Diana, she sings "Tomorrow" in the audition scene, Lead singer in **Brand New You** and **Brand New Day**, strong singer and dancer,

Kathy Kalena: Young Miss, **BORN TO ENTERTAIN**, shy at first but bursts out in song during this number and wows everyone in dance studio, younger actress must sing and tap

Jimmy: stage hand/roadie, tough exterior, must sing and move well, shows his inner showman with solo song **NAME IN LIGHTS**

Caroline/Waitress: Hope and Tina's harried stage mom in Act I, also plays waitress in Act II and **City of Stars** solo and featured solo in **Another Day of Sun**, strong singer, limited dance

WINTERS and SOMMERS: male/female, head writers struggling to figure out how to make Hollywood Hope script "better", harried as they frantically trying to keep up with all the edits that are thrown at them. Comic, strong actors

Lou and Clark: work at studio, always beside JT and at the ready to help him make big decisions, strong acting skills required, they run studio audition scene for "Hollywood Hope the movie"

Ethel (or Eddie): LA Tour guide, pushy tour guide with big personality always trying to bring tours through the studio lot whether invited or not! Strong comic role featured in **Another Day of Sun** (singing and some dance)

Officer Krump and Officer Hayd: comic actors, lead scene in Act II where they interrogate the girls after they climb and ruin the Hollywood sign. Stern with funny undertones, Could also double as Ro and Dex in earlier scenes

Ro and Dex: Stage crew and camera men in many scenes, annoyed with constantly dealing with stage moms who are in their way!

Mrs. Brandt, Mrs. Kalena, Mrs. Connor, - stage moms super interested in protecting their daughters at all costs. Always watching, always complaining, always around. Banter with Coach Daryl constantly

Ren, Val and Britt: three Valley Girls, Comic Roles, Speak in "Valley" very excited about shopping and on the Hollywood Tour, Must Sing and move well. In **Another Day of Sun** with Ethel the tour guide, Scene in Restaurant as well.

Nancy Laura Ronda Marian Chen, Rob Carl: wacky tourists on the Hollywood tour with Ethel always in and out of the studio looking for "CELEBRITY" sightings. Actors, Singers and strong movers, some do breakdance and/or acro in **Another Day of Sun**

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