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## CHARACTER GUIDE



**Michael/MJ**

**SYNOPSIS:** This story does not unfold in chronological order. It begins with Michael Jackson (MJ) at age 34 in the rehearsal process. He guides the audience through memories over his career.



**Little Michael**  
performing with his  
siblings in The Jackson 5



**Middle Michael**  
with his parents  
Katherine and Joe



MJ is played by 3 different actors who portray him at a young age, as a teenager, and as an adult.

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**The Jackson 5/The Jacksons: Tito, Jackie,  
Jermaine, Marlon, Randy, Michael**



**Rachel**  
documentary  
filmmaker



**Alejandro**  
cameraman

### **Some actors play multiple roles**

Often, the costumes don't change and in one moment an actor portrays one character and, in the next moment, based on the context, the same actor is playing a different role.

**Joseph** (MJ's father) also plays **Rob** (concert director)

**Katherine** (MJ's mother) also plays **Kate** (backup singer)

**Nick** (stage manager) also plays **Berry Gordy** (Motown label founder, producer, songwriter)

**Nathan** (backup singer) also plays **Quincy Jones** (Producer)



TDF Autism Friendly Performance of *MJ the Musical*  
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