

AUTISM FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES



-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







Alejandro

documentary filmmaker camera man

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)







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