

Character Breakdown

Moana

Gender: female

The vibrant, tenacious, and optimistic daughter of Motunui's chief. She struggles to reconcile her father's plans for her to take over as the village chief with her own desires to voyage beyond the reef. Ultimately, Moana proves a compassionate and capable leader.

Maui

Gender: male

A demigod and master wayfinder with charisma to spare and a reputation of being a trickster. Despite his hard exterior, Maui becomes a wonderful friend and mentor to Moana throughout their journey.

Note: Pacific Islander tattoos are of religious significance and will not be portrayed in this production.

Chief Ancestors

Chief Ancestors are the three ancient leaders of Motunui. They guide Moana on her quest and narrate her story through speaking and singing solos. These ancestors should be animated storytellers who have excellent diction.

Gramma Tala

Gender: female

Moana's wise grandmother and the mother of Chief Tui. She is the village storyteller known for being eccentric and dancing to the beat of her own drum. We need a playful actor and singer who can balance comic timing with heartfelt sincerity.

Chief Tui

Gender: male

The proud leader of Motunui and Moana's father. He prioritizes the safety of his people and his family. For this beloved and respected ruler, we need a mature and poised actor who can sing very well.

Sina

Gender: female

Moana's supportive mother. She is compassionate, perceptive, and strong-willed, and trusts her daughter to make the right decisions. With both speaking and singing solos, we need a confident singer and actor who can embody a mature and respected leader.

Pua

Moana's fiercely loyal friend. Pua always supports Moana – even if it means facing her own fears. An actor who is also confident in both speaking and singing solos.

Hei Hei

Moana's not-so-bright friend. Hei Hei is well-meaning, but naive. We need an actor who can portray Hei Hei's innocence and own both speaking and singing solos.

Tamatoa and claws

The vicious and egotistical giant crab who lives in Lalotai, the Realm of Monsters. Tamatoa enjoys gathering shiny baubles to add to an ever-growing collection. For this self-centered crab with a keen sense of showmanship, we need an actor who isn't afraid to own the stage and really shine.

Ensemble

Ensemble roles include Ancestor Ensemble, Villagers Ensemble, Maui Ensemble, Monsters of Lalotai, Shiny Ensemble, Te Fiti, Te Kā.

The Ocean Ensemble will be on stage during most of the show, and as such will need more rehearsal time than the others.