

LAKWOOD PLAYHOUSE - SEASON 88 - CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Kiss of the Spider Woman

Molina	<p>Gender: Male-presenting / Queer / Gender-nonconforming Age Range: 30–50 Ethnicity: Traditionally Latino/Hispanic; seeking actors with authentic Latin American heritage or strong cultural understanding. Vocal Range: Baritone/Tenor (Approx. C3–G4/A4)</p> <p>A flamboyant window dresser imprisoned for “corruption of a minor.” Deeply romantic, imaginative, funny, vulnerable, and emotionally intelligent. Escapes harsh reality through classic films and fantasy. Requires exceptional acting skills and emotional depth.</p>
Valentin Arregui Paz	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 25–40 Ethnicity: Traditionally Latino/Hispanic Vocal Range: Legit Baritone/Tenor (Approx. B2–A4)</p> <p>A Marxist revolutionary imprisoned for political resistance. Intelligent, guarded, passionate, and intense. Initially dismissive of Molina before forming a profound emotional connection.</p>
Aurora / The Spider Woman	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 30–50 Vocal Range: Alto/Mezzo-Soprano with strong belt (Approx. E3–Eb5/F5)</p> <p>Molina’s fantasy film goddess. Seductive, dangerous, elegant, and mysterious. Appears in multiple cinematic personas throughout the musical.</p>
Marta	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 20–35 Ethnicity: Traditionally Latina/Hispanic Vocal Range: Mezzo-Soprano (Approx. G3–E5)</p> <p>Valentin’s lover. Passionate, warm, and politically aware.</p>
Molina’s Mother	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 45–70 Ethnicity: Traditionally Latina/Hispanic Vocal Range: Alto/Mezzo (Approx. G3–D5)</p> <p>Warm and compassionate maternal figure appearing in Molina’s memories and fantasies.</p>
Gabriel	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 20–35 Ethnicity: Traditionally Latino/Hispanic Vocal Range: Tenor (Approx. C3–B4)</p> <p>Young romantic figure appearing in Molina’s fantasy sequences.</p>
Warden / Officials / Ensemble	<p>Gender: Any Age Range: Adult Ethnicity: Open, though productions often maintain Argentinian/Latino cultural consistency. Vocal Requirements: Strong ensemble singers and movers.</p> <p>The ensemble frequently portrays prisoners, guards, fantasy film characters, dancers, and citizens.</p>

The Docent

"Eddie" Gregory	<p>Gender: Female-presenting Age Range: Early 20s Vocal Requirements: Plays guitar/sings.</p> <p>An Urban Park Ranger. Younger version of Edna.</p>
Edna Gregory	<p>Gender: Female-presenting Age Range: 50s-60s</p> <p>An expert in urban forestry. Older version of "Eddie".</p>

Charles Calder	<p>Gender: Male-presenting Age Range: 20s-20s Vocal Requirements: Lip-syncs/sings</p> <p>Travel agent living on Christopher</p>
Raymond	<p>Gender: Male-presenting Age Range: 20s-30s</p> <p>Charles's former lover, 1981. Also plays Ted and Vinne.</p>
<i>Where Blooming Flowers Meet the Sky</i>	
Zhuli Walker	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 20s-30s Ethnicity: African American/Black</p>
Malcolm X	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 20s-40s Ethnicity: African American/Black</p>
Nina Simone	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 30s-40s Ethnicity: African American/Black</p>
John Lewis	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 30s-60s Ethnicity: African American/Black</p>
<i>Luchadora!</i>	
Vanessa	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 16 Ethnicity: Latina</p> <p>Curious, and athletic</p>
Nana Lupita	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 70 Ethnicity: Latina</p> <p>Vanessa's grandmother</p>
Lupita	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 16 Ethnicity: Latina</p>
Father	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 40 Ethnicity: Latina</p> <p>Lupita's Father</p>
Mask Maker	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 40</p> <p>Owner of Casa de las Mascaras</p>
Leopold	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 14-16</p> <p>Lupita's friend</p>
Liesl	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 10</p> <p>Leopold's sister</p>
El Hijo	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: Early to mid-20s</p> <p>Wrestling champion.</p>
Hannah	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 19</p> <p>Leopold's older sister</p>

Ensemble	<p>Gender: Any Age Range: Varies</p> <p>Includes Luchador's, Ring Announcer, Boy 1-3, and Newspaper Boys 1-3</p>
Topdog/Underdog	
Lincoln	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: Late 30s-early 40s Ethnicity: Black</p> <p>The elder brother, weary and introspective, carrying the responsibility of survival after years hustling on the street. Lincoln is grounded, world-wise, and haunted by choices made and paths not taken. He carries authority, but also deep exhaustion.</p>
Booth	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: Early 30s Ethnicity: Black</p> <p>The younger brother, sharp but insecure, carrying the weight of abandonment and family trauma. Booth is street-smart, brash, and fueled by a need to prove himself both to his brother and to the world. He masks vulnerability with bravado and comic energy, but his intensity can turn on a dime.</p>
Savage Saints	
Regina	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 50s Ethnicity: First Nation Cree</p> <p>Mother of Marcel. Nurse who works in a memory care facility. Former resident of Indian who works in a memory care facility. Former resident of Indian Boarding School.</p>
Pablo	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 30s+</p> <p>Outgoing, outspoken coworker, BFF, and self-appointed life coach of Regina.</p>
Father Gilles Gauthier	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 80s+ Ethnicity: French-Canadian</p> <p>Pious and manipulative resident of the memory care facility where Regina and Pablo work. Catholic priest who served as director of an Indian Boarding School in Canada.</p>
Marcel	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 16</p> <p>Creative, intuitive son of Regina.</p>
Come From Away	
Claude & others	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 40-60 Vocal Range Top: G4</p> <p>The gregarious and well-liked Mayor of Gander, Newfoundland, Claude loves his work, the townspeople and his daily traditions, but he's never had to deal with a crisis of this magnitude before. Also plays Derm and Brenda's Brother, Eddie.</p>
Bonnie & others	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 30-40 Vocal Range Top: B4</p> <p>A no-nonsense mother of three, Bonnie is the head of the Gander area SPCA. When she discovers animals are trapped on the planes, she stops at nothing to ensure their safety - but in frustration, she often lashes out at those around her. Also plays Martha.</p>
Beulah & others	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 40-60 Vocal Requirements: Strong ensemble singer</p> <p>The head of the Gander Legion, with a firefighter son, who walks Hannah to her church and prays with her. Also plays Delores.</p>

Oz & others	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 30-50 Vocal Range Top: G4</p> <p>The quirky constable in the two-person Gander police force. When the town's population suddenly doubles, Oz helps out in unexpected ways. Also plays Joey, Customs Officer, Mr. Michaels, Terry, Matty, Rabbi, and Head Cardiologist.</p>
Janice & others	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 20-30 Vocal Range Top: E5</p> <p>An eager new local TV reporter, Janice is thrown into the deep end on her first day. Initially naive about the world, Janice must face the pain and confusion around her. Also plays Britney and Flight Attendant.</p>
Beverly/Annette & others	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 50-60 Vocal Range Top: C#5</p> <p>Beverly: The first female captain for American Airlines Pilot, Beverly Bass has always loved flying, when her world suddenly changes.</p> <p>Annette: A schoolteacher at Gander Academy with an active fantasy life. Also plays Reporter.</p>
Diane & others	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 50-60 Vocal Range: C#5-A3</p> <p>A traditional divorcee from Texas, who is terrified that her son may have been flying at the time of the attacks. When she finds out that he's safe, she's given a new lease on life and discovers a wilder more carefree side of herself. Also plays Crystal and Brenda.</p>
Nick/Doug & others	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 50-60 Vocal Range Top: E4</p> <p>Nick: An English oil engineer who is focused on his work, Nick's life is turned upside down when he falls for Diane.</p> <p>Doug: An Air Traffic Controller, married to Bonnie, who tries to help his wife and the animals. Also plays Officer Stephenson, and Male Townsperson.</p>
Kevin T/Garth & others	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 30-50 Vocal Range Top: G4</p> <p>Kevin T: The head of an environmental energy company in Los Angeles, Kevin was on vacation with his boyfriend (and secretary, also named Kevin), when they are stranded in Gander. Inspired by the town's generosity, Kevin creates the Pay It Forward Foundation.</p> <p>Garth: The head of the local union, representing the Bus Drivers. Also plays President Bush.</p>
Kevin J/Ali & others	<p>Gender: Male Presenting Age Range: 30-50 Vocal Requirements: Strong ensemble singer</p> <p>Kevin J: Kevin's boyfriend and secretary. Sarcastic and unhappy, he wants to leave as soon as possible.</p> <p>Ali: An Egyptian man traveling to America who experiences isolation and Islamophobia but who finds a connection to Beulah. Also plays Dwight.</p>
Hannah & others	<p>Gender: Female Presenting Age Range: 40-60 Vocal Range Top: E5</p> <p>The mother of a firefighter in Manhattan, Hannah waits for news about her son and is comforted by Beulah. Also plays Margie and Mickey.</p>

Bob & others

Gender: Male Presenting

Age Range: 30-50

Vocal Requirements: Strong ensemble singer

A hardened New Yorker, Bob is suspicious of where he's landed, fearing that it's World War 3, that someone is going to shoot him and steal his wallet - but instead, he ends up losing his New York jadedness. Also plays Muhumuza and Captain Bristol.