

## **Roles for Chinese Actors**

Grace (Lead, F, Teen): Grace is the hero of our story. She is balancing her family's values and traditions with the changing high school world. Her best friend Demi is moving in a different direction. Grace is kind, but often has trouble speaking up for herself. She loves puzzles, but feels like a puzzle piece that doesn't fit in anywhere.

Steven (Major Supporting, M, Tween/Young Teen): Grace's younger brother. A prankster with a good heart.

Brandon (Major Supporting, Late Teen, Young Adult) Brandon is Grace's carefree, older brother. He returns home after a pressure-filled college experience and adds some chaotic energy to the relatively calm household.

Xiu (Major Supporting, F, Adult): Grace's mom. She takes care of her family but feels the pressure of the world around her: fear from increased hate incidents, fear that children are struggling, a fear of losing connection with her family. She tries to overcome this and reconnect with Grace.

Hu (Major Supporting, M, Adult): Grace's father. He shares stories of Chinese history while working hard for his family. His hard work doesn't always pay off with promotions

Chorus (All Ages)

The chorus primarily serve as the storytellers in the interludes between scenes. These interludes tell both common and unique stories from Chinese Culture. Chorus members can also double as grandparent roles, aunt roles, and dancers in dance class.

**Chorus members will have minimal lines so these are great roles for beginners and participants with not a lot of availability matched to our schedule. We encourage many people to be a part of our chorus!**

## **Roles for Non Chinese Actors**

Demi - Grace's best friend. An active and expressive girl who is excited about the social aspects of high school. Cares for Demi.

(Please note, aside from Demi and some of the debate students. Most of the Non-Chinese roles are minor characters and are used to make the story come together.)

Susan - Demi's carefree mom

Drew - Demi's dad

Anthony - Demi's younger brother

Debate Students

Minor Supporting Characters