

# OMYT 2024 Spring Musical

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### SUMMARY:

Queen Callista and King Jaron have a fairytale life together in the kingdom of Silverveil and are expecting their thirteenth daughter. When King Jaron dies unexpectedly, the Queen locks her daughters away thinking that will keep them safe. Doing so alienates her oldest daughter Gara, who runs away and is lost to the Kingdom. Assuming that Gara is dead, the twelve remaining Princesses grow up isolated and sheltered as Queen Callista grows more and more distant under the weight of her responsibilities.

Years later the King's brother, Uncle Myron, visits and reveals to Princess Marianna that their oldest sister Gara is actually alive and held captive in Immoris, the magical Kingdom of Shadows. The sisters bravely embark on an adventure to find their long lost sister led by Annette, the pragmatic second-born heir to the throne and Marianna, the third-born Princess with an adventurous spirit. They find Gara living in a dance-filled land as Queen of Immoris.

The sisters make this journey three times with the help of Darius and his motley crew of clever bandits, each time bringing more Princesses with them. Immoris provides a welcome break for the Princesses from their lives of isolation, projecting the image of a fun, dance loving kingdom each time they visit. However, things are not what they appear and we slowly learn that Gara is hiding a tenuous agreement with the three magical Shadow Keepers: she must remove all of the heirs to the Throne of Silverveil or lose her position as Queen in the Kingdom of Shadows.

Tension grows as Gara tries to get all of her sisters to the Kingdom of Shadows. Callista's heart slowly softens as she tries to figure out the mysterious nightly disappearances of her twelve dancing princesses. Darius and his loyal bandits are supported by the quirky Silverveil Castle staff along with Langston, the Head Butler, and Mrs. McIntyre, the Housekeeper. Together, they race against great odds to save the Princesses from the Shadow Keepers and to find courage within to face their fears.

### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

(in random order)

#### **Narrator:**

The narrator is an excellent story-teller who relates directly with the audience. The narrator helps to orchestrate the show and illustrate lessons to the audience but can also speak to and interact with the characters.

#### **Queen Callista:** (actor who is able to play age 20 and then 45-60)

She is the Queen of Silverveil and mother to her thirteen daughters. In her youth she was an amazing dancer, but after her husband's death (Jaron) she struggles to deal with her grief and the weight of her royal responsibilities. She is passionate, graceful, stoic, and fiercely protective. Callista gets to make relatable mistakes that give her great depth as she portrays a story of Redemption, facing her own imperfections and realizing what matters most to her. This role requires an actor who can play young and mature, and someone who can give a real depth to this role.

**King Jaron:** (actor who is able to play age 25 and then 45-50)

Jaron is a prince from a Magical Kingdom who loves travel and is very good with people, royalty and commoners alike. He has inherited magical abilities which he uses for good. Jaron is an optimistic soul and wins over Calista with his beautiful piano playing. He adores Calista and chooses love in spite of his parents' disapproval. King Jaron and Queen Calista have thirteen daughters. After his death, this actor gets to come back in Darius' Bandit Crew

**Uncle Myron:** (actor who is able to play age 50-60)

Myron is younger brother to Jaron from a magical kingdom and sort of a self-appointed ambassador to Silverveil. He has always wanted to reconnect with Jaron's family and bravely does so after his parents are gone and his sister is Queen. He is approachable and also very charismatic. In his search to find out more about Callista and Silverveil, he learns about Gara's location in the Kingdom of Shadows and is determined to reunite the family in honor of his brother's memory.

**Darius:** (actor able to play age 24. Tenor)

"Prince" of the streets of Silverveil. He has grown up in the slums of the town and has been forced to find ways to fend for himself and his loyal friends. He is a thief in a Robin Hood kind of way, and is a good man of honor even though he tries not to show it. Love interest Marianna. He eventually learns to trust others with the help of Marianna and together they are able to help make changes to Silverveil for the better.

**Gara:** (actor who is able to play age 25. Belter.)

The first born daughter to the King and Queen of Silverveil. She starts out as an inquisitive child and teenager. After disappearing she appears charming and put together, but is secretly carrying the weight of an agreement she's made with the shadow keepers. She is very intelligent and intense as the Queen of the "Shadow Kingdom". This role requires an actor who has a very commanding presence

**Annette:** (actor who is able to play age 24. Soprano.)

She is the second born daughter who soon finds herself as heir to the throne. She feels tremendous pressure from her mother to become the perfect ruler. She is very particular, intense, and polite. Throughout this adventure, she gains independence and eventually starts her journey towards embracing imperfection. Need an actor who can take audiences on a journey

**Marianna:** (actor who is able to play Age 23)

Third eldest daughter to Queen of Silverveil, who finds her role in her family changes drastically after her older sister's "death". She has a very adventurous spirit and has a hard time being caged in. She longs for a life outside of the castle which now feels like a prison to her. Love interest Darius. She eventually learns you are never going to find peace by running away.

**Crescentia:** (actor who is able to play age 21)

She is the fourth born princess, who has basically raised half of the girls. She has a quiet but strong presence in the family. She is the peacemaker of the family, especially between Marianna and Annette. Eventually she learns to stand up for herself, and for what she believes in. She also loves gardening, which is what she dreams of doing.

**Asta:** (actor who is able to play age 20)

Asta is fifth born and is your stereotypical, high maintenance Princess. She is popular, has lots of personality, is obsessed with boys and would like to marry a first-born prince so she can be a Queen someday.

**Ljot:** (actor who is able to play age 18)

Sister #6 is nicknamed “Lotti”, and is an outspoken, people pleaser. She loves to make people laugh and can’t handle quiet moments. Lotti is the comedian and “class clown” of her sisters.

**Anastazie:** (actor who is able to play age 17)

She is the seventh born and the most like her father. Her mother wants her to pursue music like her father but she prefers painting. She has a quirky artist vibe and really wants to get to know the people of her kingdom outside of the castle.

**Natalie:** (actor who is able to play age 15)

Natalie is sister #8 and twins with Caroline. She is our classic sporty sister and desperately wants to do competitive fencing. She loves the princess equivalent of “sweatpants and tshirts”. She has a driven intensity about her and is a hard worker.

**Caroline:** (actor who is able to play age 15)

Caroline is ninth born and twin sisters with Natalie, born 10 seconds after. She adores her twin sister and loves supporting and cheerleading Natalie. Caroline is passionate about horseback riding but tries to downplay that because she feels supporting her sister should come first.

**Elena:** (actor who is able to play age 13)

Sister #10 is the reader of the group. She feels very well read and confident that she knows more than most of her sisters do. She has a bit of a cynical/critical attitude. She always has a book in hand and has the adorable habit of pushing her glasses up higher on her nose when frustrated at her sisters’ lack of knowledge.

**Katiya:** (actor who is able to play age 11)

Sister #11 is the first born in our second set of twins. She is a girly girl who loves lace, ruffles and all things romantic. If someone is giggling, it’s her.

**Krystel:** (actor who is able to play age 11)

Sister #11 is twins with Sister #10 and they are identical in their preferences for all things girly. Sister #12 aspires to be a frilly ballerina and dances wherever she goes.

**Berna:** (actor who is able to play age 9)

The thirteenth and last sister is the stereotypical baby of the family. She is cute and used to being treated as such. Some may call her a bit spoiled.

**Asher:** (actor able to play age 25-30)

Member of the Street Bandits Crew and Darius’ right hand man and best friend. Rushes into action first and thinks later.

**Dusty:** (actor able to play age 16-20)

Strategist in Darius’ Street Crew who always overthinks things

**Arlo:** (actor able to play age 12-16)

One of Darius’ crew of Bandits who idolizes Darius and copies his every move.

**Wise Kato:** (actor able to play age 70+)

Darius' Mentor, bringing balance to the Crew of Bandits - a Sanskrit character who is not only scholarly, but very faithful and wise.

**Darius' Crew of Bandits:**

The quirky collection of street dwellers and bandits that have all been helped in some way by Darius and his crew leaders. They are fiercely loyal to Darius and each other.

**3 Shadow Keepers:**

These three magical characters control the Kingdom of Shadows with murky magic. They desperately want to control the Kingdom of Silverveil and have lured Princess Gara into thinking the only place she can be happy is in their magical Kingdom of Shadows. They pressure Gara into an agreement with them: she must kidnap and remove the heirs of Silverveil and in exchange, she will be made Queen of the Kingdom of Shadows. They are dishonest and untrustworthy and plan to keep everything once the heirs are out of the way.

**Kingdom of Shadow Citizens:**

Strong dancers who will be featured at the three parties held in the Kingdom of Shadows, each taking place in a different time period. These citizens are actually mirages created by the 3 Shadow Keepers that disappear when the princesses depart.

**Langston:** (able to play age 50-60)

Head Butler at Silverveil castle. Langston is stiff and proper and has a delightfully dry sense of humor. He would do anything for Queen Calista and underneath his formal demeanor, he is loving and quite protective of the royal family. They adore him in return.

**Mrs. McIntyre:** (able to play age 50-60)

Housekeeper at Silverveil castle. She is the stereotypical "no nonsense" mama of the household. Even the Queen is a little intimidated and does what she says. Mrs. McIntyre takes good care of the castle, living strictly by her rule book and does not approve of rule breakers or gossipers.

**Silverveil Castle Staff & Villagers:**

Maids, butlers, ladies in waiting, cooks, servants. The Castle staff have served there since Calista and Jaron were first married and most still remember the good old days when the castle was happy and full of the carefree noises of Princesses growing up before King Jaron died. They are very devoted to Langston and the Princesses, remaining at the castle doing what little they can to make the sisters smile in spite of Queen Calista's moody demeanor.

**Old Queen:** (actor who is able to play age 50-60)

Mother of Calista. Adores her only child but is used to being respected and getting her way. She comes off a little bossy, "wearing the pants" in her family, but tries very hard to keep their best interests in mind.

**Old King:** (actor who is able to play age 50-60)

Doting father of Calista. He will do anything to make her happy. He defers to his wife, the Old Queen, in most decisions and prefers avoiding conflict whenever possible.

**More named Characters TBA**