ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

Kamehameha Schools Kapālama High School Drama Department KMS special performance: March 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Once On This Island is a captivating legend of romance between a peasant girl and a rich city boy whom she saves from death. This calypso-flavoured re-telling of *The Little Mermaid* opens on a Caribbean island where villagers comfort a little girl with the story of the orphan Ti Moune, destined to love too much for the human heart to bear. Staged with minimal props, sets and costumes, *Once On This Island* delivers melody, love and joy in tropical abundance.

from The Guide to Musical Theater

http://www.guidetomusicaltheatre.com/shows_o/once_on_this_island.htm

Cast of characters:

- Ti Moune, a peasant girl
- Daniel Beauxhomme, a *grande homme*; Ti Moune's love interest ("Beauxhomme" means "beautiful man").
- Papa Ge, sly Demon of Death; the main <u>antagonist</u> of the show. He tricks the main character into giving her life for another. He is seen as a skeleton and is very sneaky. The people on the island fear him because of what he represents: the unknown that is death.
- Erzulie, beautiful Goddess of Love; the foil to Papa Ge
- Agwe, God of Water
- Asaka, Mother of the Earth
- Mama Euralie, Ti Moune's adoptive mother
- Tonton Julian, Ti Moune's adoptive father
- Andrea Deveraux, Daniel's promised wife; also "Madame Armand"
- Armand, Daniel's stern father; also "Armand", the ancestor
- Gatekeeper, the Hotel Beauxhomme's fierce guard (commonly played by Armand)
- Little Ti Moune, Ti Moune as a child; also "The Little Girl"
- Daniel's Son, Daniel's young son (commonly played by Daniel)
- Storytellers/Gossips, various Grands Hommes and peasants (in most productions, the storytellers are shown as playing the parts of the Gods)

From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Once_on_This_Island#Characters