

## Cast

### Walk On Water

### Prologue

**Ben Stevens:** builder, group leader, fair, demanding, caring, principled

**Chase Stevens (son of Ben):** early-mid twenties, ambitious

**Tre Jeffers (friend of Chase):** early-mid twenties,

#### Scene I

Fleeing slaves:

**Eddie Lee Endicott**

**Velora Webb; son Michael**

**Mahala Mosley**

**Brother Gray:** short of stature, graying

**Johnnie James:** friend of Brother Gray, stutters at times,

**Eliza Rawlins**

**Big June:** good natured, expressive, kind, big fellow, strong

#### Scene 2

**Clarina Nichols:** Organizer, abolitionist, mover, in charge, fearless, caring

**Eb Turner:** wagon driver, old hand, skilled, tough

#### Scene 4

**Rob Masterson (Cowboy):** Mustached, bearded cattle wrangler, outdoorsman

## Act I

### Scene I

**Charlotte Harvey:** medium stature, large presence, enslaved, defiant, speaks her mind, hard-working, loves family

**Margaret Neal:** farm owner, manager, practical, enslaver

**Presley Neal:** farm owner, enslaver, husband to Margaret

**Squire:** young carriage driver, horse whisperer, enslaved, husband to Charlotte

**Alex Gooch:** owner of horse breeding stables, Squire's slaveholder

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**Yimbay:** griot (repository of family history), storyteller, enslaved

**Vina Minnafield:** friend of Charlotte, talkative, loyal, enslaved

### Scene 9

**Bird Moore:** preacher, leader of the flock, enslaved

**Brother Jonas:** church elder, assist Bird Moore, enslaved

**Big Sis:** works caring for children of enslaved workers, compassionate, songstress, enslaved

### Scene 11

**Katy Pruett:** wife of farm owner

**Noah:** driver for Katy Pruett, enslaved

## Act II

### Scene 2

**Lizzie:** young daughter and confidant of Charlotte, independent, courageous, loyal, enslaved

**Wil:** friend of Charles, self-taught, industrious, responsible, enslaved

**Charles:** husband of Charlotte, leader, hardworking family man, enslaved

**Seno:** field hand, friend of Charles, enslaved

**Eli Bloss:** shop manager

**Seth Botts:** farm manager, son of farm owner John Botts

**Ehtamwa:** elder of the Meskwaki tribe, keeper of the heritage, counselor

### Scene 5

**Stump Walton:** bad-tempered, cantankerous wheeler dealer

**Virgil:** friend and fishing buddy of Stump Walton

**Seno:** best friend of Charles Harvey, enslaved

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Act III

Scene 4

**Jake:** field hand, horseman, enslaved

Scene 5

**Lance:** field hand on a distant farm

Scene 6

**Harlan Graham:** mill owner, fair-minded

Scene 8

**Ruffian I:** patroller, slave trader

**Ruffian II:** patroller, slave trader

Scene 10

**Aunt Jenny:** sage elder, backwoods healer and confidant, enslaved

Scene 12

**Minnie Ann:** resident of servant quarters, enslaved

Scene 13

**Ham Clarkson:** general store owner, railroad fireman, trustworthy, conflicted

**Vera Hutchins:** newcomer, firebrand, youngster willing to challenge the status quo

Act IV

Scene I

**Dick Harvey:** farm owner, Charles Harvey's slave holder

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### Walk On Water Scene 2

**Wil Botts:** Friend of Charles Harvey, literate, thoughtful, enslaved

**Gussie:** niece of Wil Botts, enslaved

**Hap:** friend of Wil and Charles, good natured, enslaved

### Scene 3

**Ray Lynn Stiles:** newspaper worker, friend of Vera

**Ernestine Nells:** co-worker of Rae Lynn

### Scene 4

**Nan Clarkson:** Ham Clarkson's wife, confidant

### Scene 6

**Pop Cass:** blacksmith, neighborhood news source

**Dutch Leonard:** farm implement dealer, underground railroad member

### Scene 7

**Delbert Finn, aka Sugg:** friend of Charles, co-worker at Patee House construction site, enslaved

**Lav Johnston:** co- worker at Patee House site, bully, trouble maker, enslaved

### Scene 9

**Slim Jenkins:** construction site boss, overseer, system enforcer

### Scene 13

**Zeke Smits:** assists at Turner Hall, safe haven for freedom seekers

**Dirk Dugard:** dry goods warehouse owner; abolitionist, organizer

**Mignon Dugard:** volunteer youth instructor at Turner Hall, theater assistant

**Blake Barnes:** bricklayer at Patee House site, assistant to Slim Jenkins

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Scene 17

**Arvella Kinsey:** young lady scouring the river bank after the flood, enslaved

Scene 18

**Sister Willona:** nun at local convent, underground railroad associate

Scene 19

**Chauncey Weems:** theatrical performer, flamboyant, assistant on underground railroad

**Timothy Slagle:** theatrical performer, assistant to Chauncey Weems

Scene 20

**Trevor Blair:** assistant on underground railroad covering region from St. Joe to Nebraska border