

# Character Breakdown

for *Jing-the musical* 2/2024



**Aaron Thomas** – Caucasian 22 year old male guitarist. He is the passionate leader of the Aaron Thomas Band and lover of the arts. Aaron writes music, poetry, and is very politically involved. He lives with his band mates in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco during the late 60s. Attends UC Berkeley.

**Jing Po** – 21 year old Chinese female. Jing is the youngest daughter of immigrant parents. She is beautiful,

talented, has a keen mind, and attends UC Berkeley. She is caught between two worlds: the world of her Chinese parents and the America of the late 1960s. Jing has a bit of a temper and doesn't suffer fools lightly.

**Ramon Ochoa** – 25 year old male guitarist of Mexican heritage. Ramon is the stoner comic relief, as well as Aaron's best friend. A good friend and musician, but has a few flaws.

**David Fiske** – African-American bassist. David is dedicated to the band and attends the African studies program at San Francisco State. He is good natured and fiercely independent.

**Ling-si Po** - 24 year old Chinese female, older sister of Jing. Ling-si minds the Chinatown store and has not gone to college. She is far more reserved than Jing and has a greater respect for her Chinese heritage. Devoted to her sister.

**Old Ling-si Po** - Chinese female in her 60s, present day Ling-si. Acts as narrator.

**Paul Escobar** – male drummer, Hispanic.

**Scott Morgan** – Male keyboardist in the band, Caucasian, a little spaced out, but loves his bandmates. Attends college to avoid the draft.

**Mr. Po** – Jing’s Chinese father. He doesn’t understand America, political dissent, or why Jing acts the way she does. He is still very Chinese. Very business driven, but loves his daughters.

**Mrs. Po** – Jing’s Chinese mother. Devoted wife and stern mother. Determined to keep her daughters as Chinese as possible.

**Yao** – landlord of the Po apartment, Chinese. Yao is rich and used to getting what he wants. He is a very savvy business man with powerful friends. Yao considers American culture inferior.

**John Clark** – Asian/ White and about 35 years old. Adopted as a baby, he is driven to find his biological parents (Aaron and Jing).

**Sabrina Clark** - White. John’s wife and about 32 years old. She is a devoted wife who helps her husband on his quest

**Portsmouth Square Rally Host** – Chai Ling, Chinese emcee for the Portsmouth Square rally, female.

**Register girl** – Ling-si’s daughter. Chinese and about 30 years old.

**Nick** – African-American male. Prison guard.

**The Reverend Marshall Logan** - inspirational Black anti-war speaker, similar to Martin Luther King.

**Golden Gate rally host** – Chinese male.

**George Hoffman**-Portsmouth Square Rally speaker. Distinguished white male professor from MIT.

**Coffee Shop Waitress** – young white female with a dislike of the Chinese.

**Mrs. Lee** – attendant at the food booth at night fair. Intolerant of Jing’s interest in an American boy.

**Cal Reporter**- young female.

**Lawyer** – Caucasian, 40s, pony tail.

**Booth Attendant** – older Chinese male at the night the fair, plays along with Jing and Aaron. Non-speaking.

**Security guards No. 1 through 4** – 4 male or female security guards. Non-speaking.

## **Time and Place**

The story takes place in 1970/1971 with flash forwards to the present day. The location is Chinatown, prison, and the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco California.