



Birth of Soul is a musical stage play saluting Soul music from its origins through the Motown era up to modern day. The show originally debuted at The Madam Walker Theater in 2009 and was staged again by Joyce Licorish & The Cupboard Presents, in 2013. This will be the 10 year anniversary of the show.

## Character Breakdown

Ms. Witsum – Age 50+ Open Race, Quirky, Spunky Over-The-Top principal/substitute fill-in. She has a love interest in the Janitor of the school and narrates most of the story through a series of class lessons.

Ms. Strickland – Age 40+ Open Race, Uptight, no-nonsense school teacher

Janitor – Mr. Crisp -Age 60+ African American Male lovestruck janitor who takes an interest in mentoring the kids and telling stories of his past as a do-wop singer and military veteran.

Ms. White – Age 40+ Caucasian School Administrative Assistant- disorganized, disgruntled and always on the search for Mr. Right, she is the queen of blue eyed soul.

Female Vocal Lead 1- Soprano

Female Lead 2-Alto

Female Lead 3-Alto

Male Lead 1- Tenor

Male Lead 2 - Bass

Male Lead 3 – Baritone

High School ClassMate/Chorus 1- Allen – Nerd -

High School ClassMate/Chorus 2-Travasha - Cheerleader

High School ClassMate/Chorus 3-Alicia - Preppy Girl/ Know-it All Race Unimportant

High School ClassMate/Chorus 4-Paul - Wannabe Rapper- Caucasian

High School ClassMate/Chorus 5 - Juan- Rapper- African American

Lil Ray- Young Ray Charles – African American age 10-14

Lil Miki- Youngster who visits the school with her mother, sings solo Race unimportant Age 8-12