

FATIMA GRACE

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BACKGROUND

Fatima Grace is a single-camera television series that takes place in a gentrified Harlem, NY. It's a modern-day drama of the cultural assimilations between hearing and deaf worlds of uncomfortable everyday experiences of secrets, scandals, lies, character defects, flaws, love, and relationships.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWNS FOR DEAF ROLES (Specifically for Deaf Actors)

1) SOMALIA LA'MINE - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (D/HH, Age 30's) LEAD ACTRESS

"Somalia La'Mine is a gorgeous, stylish, independent but sensitive Black woman. She lives with an anxiety condition. She is also an ambivert. She owns a pop-up fashion shop in Harlem. She is Deaf and speaks clearly.

2) FATIMA GRACE - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (D/HH, 40's)

Fatima Grace is an inspirational speaker, new thought spiritual teacher, and life coach.

3) HENNESSY "HONEY" TAINO - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (D/40'S) (Open to trans talent)

Hennessy is a gay hairstylist and make up artist. He loves fashion. He is known to gossip and make comments about everything.

4) CONNIE GAMBI - CAUCASIAN (D/Age 30's)

She's a control freak and fault-finding woman, pretty and is the ex-wife of Brandon. Connie has democratic views. She adores Elizabeth Warren. She also works as a chef. She cares about making her customers happy with her food. She teaches yoga.

5) JAVON ANDRE AFRICAN-AMERICAN (D, AGE 40)

Jovan is Nicole Morocco's husband. His persona is the opposite of Bill Harvey. He is humbled and good-looking. He works for a corporation as an accountant. He enjoys a quiet and simple life. He's not much into the club scene.

6) BILL HARVEY - AFRICAN-AMERICAN - (D/HH, 30-35)

Bill Harvey is a popular, Deaf rapper in the Deaf community. He is an entitled and pampered Black alpha man who is used to having his way. He is an anti-black, misogynist who does not respect black women. No matter what he does, the Black Deaf community sees him as their leader because it validates and boosts his ego. He is the boyfriend of Stormi Wesley.

7) STORMI WESLEY - BIRACIAL/BLACK (D/HH, Age, 30's)

Stormi is a temperamental, needy, broken soul, insecure, and the girlfriend of Bill Harvey. She has a 5-year-old son named William Harvey Jr. whom she had with Bill Harvey. Bill denies he is his child. She likes to gossip about other people.

8) RAY-RAY - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (D/40'S)

Ray-Ray is a late-deafened guitarist and is a member of the band at the Zen Lounge. He developed a vibrotactile device for his guitar so he can follow the vibrations. He has a crush on Mara. Eventually, he became brave enough to ask Mara out on a date.

9) TAHJ "TJ" PATTERSON - BLACK/HISPANIC (D/Age 25-30)

TJ is a smooth-talking friend of Bill Harvey. He is Bill's lackey. He has a crush on Stormi. Being around Bill makes him look good and feel important. He enjoys traveling with Bill Harvey wherever he goes so he can get with the chicks.

10) DOMINIC LOPEZ - AFRO-LATINO (AGE 40/Deaf/HH)

Dominic is a ladies' man and is a charmer. Almost all the women he flirts with want to learn sign language. He is a bouncer and manager of Sarita's lounge.

11) CALEB GAMBI - CAUCASIAN, (D, AGE 8)

Brandon and Connie's 8-year-old, Deaf son. He is a child prodigy and enjoys Camille's company whenever she babysits him.

12) JAZZIE DAVIS - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (D/20's)

Jazzie is a huge fan of Bill Harvey. Even though she's considered a groupie and tends to follow Bill whenever he performs. She is a video vixen.

13) LILLY KHARDASHIAN - CAUCASIAN (D 20's)

Lilly would do anything to fuck Black men, especially Bill Harvey. She's also a video vixen.

14) OPAL WILLIAMS - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (D/20's)

Opal is a #Metoo activist who ousts Bill Harvey at the Zen's Lounge.

15) JADE BRYAN AS HERSELF - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (D/HH/50'S)

Jade Bryan is the producer/creator of a talk show. Cameo role.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN FOR HEARING ROLES

(Deaf actors who speak clearly can audition for these roles (Not with deaf accent))

16) SARITA PAGAN - MIXED/AFRO-LATINA - (Age 30's) (ASL required)

Somalia and Sarita are childhood friends. Sarita is Somalia's right-hand woman and pillar for support. She's an artist, keyboard activist, blogger, and computer hacker. Sarita is a very outspoken and unapologetic social disrupter. She is distrustful of white people.

17) CAMILLE JUSTINIANO - WHITE-LATINA - (Open/Age 30's) (ASL required)

Camille is Somalia's business partner in the popup store. She designs and makes her own clothes, handbags and teeshirts. She is Bipolar. She is careless with money, and famous for her intense mood swings. She is constantly obsessed with nerdy and geeky gay men.

18) MARA MENDEZ - MEXICAN-LATINA (Age 40's) M (ASL/Some signs required)

Mara is an undocumented immigrant living with Hennessy and his husband, Carlito in Harlem. She escaped Mexico from her abusive ex-husband. Her real name is Paola. She's using the name Mara to hide from her husband who is looking for her. She is pretty and feisty and does not take-no-prisoners.

19) BRANDON GAMBI - CAUCASIAN (Age 30's) (ASL required)

Brandon is a gay, white conservative hipster in his 30's. He lives in the gentrified part of Williamsburg, Brooklyn. His dark secret is that he is currently, a hardcore conservative Republican.

20) NICOLE MOROCCO - AFRICAN-AMERICAN - (Age 30's) (ASL required)

She is a talent manager and promoter. She manages Deaf and Disabled talents. She is business-savvy but only cares about her own reputation. She's engulfed in her own image and financial status. She does not care about stepping over anyone to get her way.

21) JAMAICA LA'MINE-DUNBAR - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (AGE 50'S) (ASL required)

Jamaica is Somalia's mother. She's an outspoken advocate for black mothers who lost their children to gun violence. Her oldest son, age 34, Blair La'Mine, was gunned down by the police when Somalia was ten years old. Somalia and Blair were very close. She has not gotten over his death.

22) MONA LA'MINE-DUNBAR - BIRACIAL/BLACK (AGE 50'S) (Must know some signs)

Mona is money-hungry and dedicated. She works as a licensed real estate agent. She's married to Jamaica. She's the man of the family. She cares about Jamaica and her family.

23) SUDAN LA'MINE - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (Age 20-25) (ASL required)

Sudan is a grad student at Columbia University. She lives at home with her two moms, Jamaica and Mona. She is spoiled. She is envious of Somalia because she is successful, has her own place, has her own business and is self-reliant. Sudan is bourgeois and thinks she is better than Somalia. She can sign but refuses to sign to Somalia.

24) LAMAR JONES - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (AGE 40) (Must know some signs)

Lamar is the DJ at Sarita's club. He is also a member of a band and is a drummer at the club. He also works as a bartender. He's a good friend of Rip and Sarita. He eventually falls for Somalia in the later episodes.

25) ZAVIER POWELL - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (AGE 30-40) (Must know some signs)

Zavier is an obnoxious musician who is only interested in Somalia because she's deaf and beautiful. He is unwilling to learn about her deaf culture and her world. He refuses to learn sign language. He does not love her.

26) CARLITO TAINO - LATINO, (30'S) (Must know some signs)

Carlito is Hennessy's husband who manages a massage parlor and is taking online courses in business administration to open up his Gay Spa. He's easy-going. Sometimes he gets annoyed with Hennessy's impulse habits and his unreasonably germ-phobias.

27) PETRA WENTWORTH - CAUCASIAN/OPEN (AGE 50's -60's) Somalia's therapist (ASL required)

Petra is Somalia's therapist. She has good energy, humble and is a great listener.

28) RIP - LATINO, (40'S)

Rip is an ex-con who knows the streets and is Sarita's first cousin. Rip is not easy to please. Prison hardened him and he trusts no one, except his cousins

29) OCTAVIA LA'MINE - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (40's) (Must know some signs)

Octavia is Somalia's Aunt, the younger sister of Jamaica. She is a kickboxer instructor. She is a tough-as-nails person who pushes her niece to be her very best.

30) MILES MOORE - AFRICAN AMERICAN, (40's)

Somalia's one-night stand date whom she met on a dating site.

31) DOCTOR COURTNEY (50's - 60's) Somalia's Gynecologist)

32) TITAN JOHNSON - AFRICAN-AMERICAN (25) Sudan's boyfriend who is studying medicine at Columbia University.