CHARACTER BREAKDOWN FOR *MY WORLD*

**BENJY** - Male identifying actor of any ethnicity. 18 years old. A shy and goofy boy with an infectious smile, Benjy refuses to let his autism define him. He yearns for connection and is determined to learn everything there is to know about fish and the rest of the ocean. His mother has always pushed him to make friends even when he’s most uncomfortable, so he’s constantly trying to make a good impression on others. He falls in love with Caddy in the beginning. He doesn’t know how to connect with his step-father or his brother. He refers to his loss of attention as “getting lost in the clouds”

**QUENTIN** - Male identifying actor of any ethnicity. 17 years old. Quentin feels like his whole life has been defined by his relation to his brother. At the beginning of the show, he wants a fresh start. He wants to live outside of Benjy’s orbit, yet he secretly yearns for a deeper connection to his brother. His relationship with Caddy inspires him to make a change.

**CAROLINE -** Female identifying actor of any ethnicity. Early 40s. a neurotic, stay-at-home mother who constantly worries about the safety of her children. She firmly believes that she knows what’s best for her kids, but is fails to see Benjy for who he really is.

**JASON -** Male identifying actor of any ethnicity. Early 40s. Caroline’s 2nd husband and Quentin and Benjy’s step-dad. Jason, like Caroline, comes from a previously failed marriage, so he is determined to make this one work, no matter the cost. Though he doesn’t fully understand Benjy’s situation, he learns to appreciate Benjy’s quirks and bonds with him in ways that Caroline can’t.

**NICK** - Male identifying actor of any ethnicity. 17 years old. Double cast with Jason for the purposes of this college production. Quentin’s best friend at school. He’s spends most of his time playing video games and staying inside