



ELLIPSES is a universal coming-of-age story that follows the Galaxy family and their dog Gravity as they sing and dance their way through a family tragedy, known as the Big Bang.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

SINGULARITY, adult, a single parent of six Galaxies

GRAVITY, a dog

SPT0615-JD, young adult, Singularity's oldest child

CARTWHEEL, teen, Singularity's child

WHIRLPOOL, teen, Singularity's child

TRIANGULUM, teen, Singularity's child

ANDROMEDA, teen, Singularity's child

MILKY WAY, preteen, Singularity's youngest child

Supporting Characters

ABELL, young child, JD's eventual Galaxy, never utters a word

INVARIANT, adult, Singularity's parent, appears in Act II

FIX, adult, Singularity's parent, appears in Act II

Ensemble

TIDALS, tidal forces personified as dogs
Bark: "Force" Howl: "Fall"

SOLAR SYSTEM, Milky Way's imaginary friends; principal characters are in brackets [] for potential doubling

MULTIPLICITIES, coupled Galaxies in the audience

○ Androgyny Astronomy: Each character resembles the androgynous nature, with open-ended vocal requirements

○ People of the Global Majority most represent the experiences of this universal family; cast accordingly

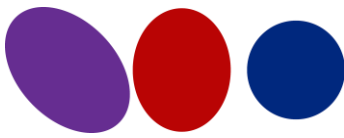


CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

○ Androgyny Astronomy ○

○ Casting from historically excluded racial minorities is recommended ○

<u>Character</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Identity</u>
SINGULARITY The relativistically impossible single parent. Singularity wants to keep all the luminosity within the liminality.	Super Infinite Black Hole	Adult
GRAVITY A tidal dog. Gravity wants to ground and free up the wide-open space.	Tidal Force	Dog
SPT0615-JD Singularity's oldest child. The prophetic galactic sibling. JD wants to make themself clear to shed light and be apparent to their lightless legacy.	Embryonic Galaxy	Young Adult
CARTWHEEL Singularity's child. The aerobic galactic sibling. Cartwheel wants to earn their ring.	Ring Galaxy	Teen
WHIRLPOOL Singularity's child. The anaerobic galactic sibling. Whirlpool wants to spiral into enlightenment.	Grand-Design Spiral Galaxy	Teen
TRIANGULUM Singularity's child. The jingoistic galactic sibling. Triangulum wants to be the role model.	Spiral Galaxy	Teen
ANDROMEDA Singularity's child. The scenic galactic sibling. Andromeda wants to find the pearl in our oysterous Universe.	Spiral Galaxy	Teen
MILKY WAY Singularity's youngest child. The angelic galactic sibling. Milky Way wants their voice to be all that it is cracked up to be.	Barred Spiral Galaxy	Preteen
Ensembles		
TIDALs	<u>MULTIPLICITIES*</u> Invariant Fix	<u>SOLAR SYSTEM</u> Sun (Singularity) Mercury (JD) Earth (ensemble) Jupiter (Whirlpool) Saturn (Cartwheel) Uranus (Triangulum) Oort Cloud (Andromeda)
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ABELL 2261 An anomalous galactic sweetheart beyond the Edge of the Universe. Abell is SPT0615-JD's timely loved one in the audience.	Elliptical Galaxy	Child



TIDALS

Tidals are tidal forces personified as canines. Over the course of the story, the dogs evolve into wolves.

The barks and woofs of Tidals are uttered by barking: “Force.” Their howls are uttered by howling: “Fall.” Singularity and most Galaxies cannot converse with the Tidals. JD can understand the tidal language through Gravity.

MULTIPLICITIES

Multiplicities are coupled Galaxies seated in the audience of the theatre. Invariant and Fix are Singularity’s parents. Singularity was born and raised by them in another universe. In that universe, Galaxies do not have a heart and are constantly shedding light. Singularity was an anomaly there, as they hold light within their inescapable heart. Big Bang Tasers are produced by these Multiplicities, as they are laws of physics enforcers in a universe made up entirely of electricity. In “Heat Death,” the Multiplicities cry out for Singularity, after Singularity runs away to our Universe.

SOLAR SYSTEM

Solar System are celestial bodies who speak to Milky Way when they wander the Universe alone. They are like imaginary friends, before these planetary friends physically come to life as puppets and dancers. During the first act, they speak for several billion years (quarter-hour staging time) before the Sun becomes a red giant (zit). Any set of cast members may voice the general Solar System. The principal characters are in brackets [] for potential doubling.