The Talent Show

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Synopsis

Olivia is a talented musician with a bright future. When a school talent show is announced, Olivia finds herself overwhelmed with anxiety at the prospect of performing in front of an audience. She comes face to face with her fears when she meets Worry, a pessimistic, sarcastic troublemaker who casts fear and doubt into the heart of everyone he meets. Olivia tries to learn from her classmates, who seem to cruise through life without a care in the world. Natasha; an effortlessly talented dancer, Steven; an insufferable know-it-all, Camryn; the star basketball player and Blake; the meanest, toughest kid in school. But things are not as they seem, and Olivia soon learns that she's not the only one who struggles with Worry. The motley crew form an alliance and set out to conquer Worry in time for the talent show. Will they find a way to defeat Worry? Will Olivia find the courage to enter the talent show? And who will win the giant jar of lollies?! Find out in…

The Talent Show

Themes:

- Anxiety
- Self-acceptance
- Courage
- Friendship

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Cast List

An asterisk (*) Indicates characters that have a vocal solo. Solos are flexible and can be given to other cast members if desired.

Character	**Line Count**
1. Olivia*	64
2. Worry	29
3. Natasha*	41
4. Steven*	37
5. Camryn*	42
6. Blake* *(rap solo)*	35
7. Ms Bennett *	26
8. Coach Victor *	9
9. Steven's Mum	7
10. Steven's Dad	8
11. Talent Show Host 1	7
12. Talent Show Host 2	5
13. Teacher 1	11
14. Teacher 2	5
15. Natasha's Friend 1	4
16. Natasha's Friend 2	3
17. Natasha's Friend 3	3
18. Steven's Friend 1	3
19. Steven's Friend 2	2
20. Steven's Friend 3	2
21. Camryn's Teammate 1	4
22. Camryn's Teammate 2	4
23. Camryn's Teammate 3	4
24. Blake's Friend 1	4
25. Blake's Friend 2	5
26. Blake's Friend 3	5
27. Student 1	1
28. Hayley	4
29. Timothy	(0)

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Characters Descriptions:

Names and genders can be changed.

1. Olivia – a talented pianist who is anxious, yet brave.

2. Worry – (*comedic role*) a sarcastic, trouble-maker who is at times misunderstood.

3. Natasha – an energetic and bubbly ballet dancer who feels a tremendous pressure to be perfect.

4. Steven – a pompous and intellectual know-it-all who has a deep desire to be a professional gamer.

5. Camryn – the sports star, always the winner at every sports event.

6. Blake – the 'tough guy' no one wants to mess with.

7. Ms Bennett – a patient, kind and understanding teacher.

8. Coach Victor – a tough and determined coach.

9. Steven's Mum – a bossy and controlling 'tiger parent'.

10. Steven's Dad – *(as above)*

11. Talent Show Host 1 – loud, flashy and cheesy.

12. Talent Show Host 2 **–** *(as above)*

13. Teacher 1 – flustered and exhausted teacher who just wants to enjoy their lunch break.

14. Teacher 2 – (*as above*)

15. Natasha's Friend 1 – wants to be just like Natasha.

16. Natasha's Friend 2 – (*as above)*

17. Natasha's Friend 3 - (*as above)*

18. Steven's Friend 1 – nerdy.

19. Steven's Friend 2 - (*as above)*

20. Steven's Friend 3 - (*as above)*

21. Camryn's Teammate 1 – supportive teammate on the basketball team.

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22. Camryn's Teammate 2 – *(as above)*

23. Camryn's Teammate 3 – *(as above)*

24. Blake's Friend 1 – part of Blake's gang.

25. Blake's Friend 2 – *(as above)*

26. Blake's Friend 3 – *(as above)*

27. Student 1 – an unsure student.

28. Hayley – a young student who performs a stand-up comedy routine.

29. Timothy – ideally a student who can juggle *(if no one can juggle – a student who is spectacularly bad at juggling will also do).*

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Costume Suggestions

1. Olivia

- **Base costume**: Jumper with sleeves rolled up or cardigan, jeans, cons
- **Accessories**: Hair tied with ribbon (not too perfect), sheet music rolled up *(optional)*

2. Worry

- **Base costume**: Black top, black pants
- **Accessories**: Black cape with 'W' on the back, black mask

3. Natasha

- **Base costume**: Pink ballet outfit (leotard, tutu), pink or white tights, ballet slippers
- **Accessories:** Legwarmers
- **Hair**: Elegant hair bun

4. Steven

- **Base costume**: Nerdy "gamer chic" – eg. button-up shirt, suspenders, plaid bowtie
- **Accessories**: Fake gaming headset, glasses

5. Camryn

- **Base costume**: Basketball uniform
- **Accessories**: Sweat band *(optional)*
- **Shoes**: Sneakers

6. Blake

- **Base costume**: Black t-shirt or leather-look jacket, ripped jeans or camo pants
- **Accessories**: Gold chain, backwards cap

7. Ms Bennett

- **Base costume**: Neat blouse and skirt or cardigan over dress
- **Accessories**: Glasses on a chain, clipboard or notebook, lanyard
- **Hair**: Neatly pulled back or in a bun

8. Coach Victor

- **Base costume**: Tracksuit
- **Accessories**: Whistle on lanyard, Basketball clipboard and whiteboard marker *(optional)*

9. Steven's Mum

- **Base costume**: Sharp blouse, skirt or blazer
- **Accessories**: Clipboard or to-do list, loud jewellery

10. Steven's Dad

- **Base costume**: Polo shirt tucked in, slacks, sweater vest

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- **Optional Accessories**: Briefcase

11–12. Talent Show Hosts 1 & 2
- **Costume**: Glittery jackets or loud-coloured blazers
- **Accessories**: Giant bow ties

13–14. Teachers 1 & 2
- **Base costume**: Cardigans, shirts and jackets, ties, scarves
- **Accessories**: Pencil in hair or behind ear, lanyard

15–17. Natasha's Friends 1–3
- **Costume**: Pink or white leotard or singlet, pink or white tights or leggings, pink tutu
- **Accessories**: Legwarmers

18–20. Steven's Friends 1–3
- **Costume**: Similar to Steven but simpler

21–23. Camryn's Teammates 1–3
- **Costume**: Basketball uniform
- **Accessories**: Sweat band *(optional)*
- **Shoes**: Sneakers

24–26. Blake's Friends 1–3
- **Costume**: Similar to Blake, edgy look – t-shirts, hoodies, ripped jeans
- **Accessories**: Bandanas, fingerless gloves, sunglasses

27. Student 1
- **Base costume**: Bright t-shirt, jeans

28. Harry
- **Base costume**: Fun, bold outfit (jeans with suspenders, bright shirt, silly hat)
- **Optional accessories**: Clip-on bowtie

29. Timothy
- **Base costume**: Circus-style — striped shirt, suspenders,
- **Accessories**: Juggling balls

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Production Notes

Age range: 8-12
Duration: 60 – 70 minutes (adjustable – see script for options)
Feature Roles: 29
Ensemble Size: Adjustable (whole school or small ensemble)
Songs: 11

Backdrops

We recommend the use of the FREE digital backdrops provided by EPmusic as part of the musical package.

Backdrop 1: Classroom *(Scene 1)*

Backdrop 2: Music Room *(Scene 2)*

Backdrop 3: Dance Studio *(Scene 3)*

Backdrop 4: Library *(Scene 4)*

Backdrop 5: Basketball Court *(Scene 5, 10)*

Backdrop 6: Graffiti Wall *(Scene 6, 8, 9)*

Backdrop 7: Staffroom *(Scene 7)*

Backdrop 8: Stage *(Scene 10, 11)*

Set props/Props

Scene 1

- Giant jar of lollies

Scene 2

- Keyboard
- Keyboard stand
- Keyboard stool

Scene 4

- Rubik's cube
- Bookshelf *(optional)*
- Stopwatch

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Scene 5

- Coach's whistle
- Basketball ring
- Basketball

Scene 6

- Recorder

Scene 7

- 4 chairs
- Table
- Kettle
- 4 mugs
- Biscuits *(optional)*
- Tupperware lunches *(optional)*

Scene 8

- Protest signs:
  War on Worry!
  Down with Worry!
  Peace not Worry!
  Fear less, live more!
  Don't Worry!

Scene 10

- Large signs for audience participation:
  LAUGH
  WHAT?
  OHHHH ☹
- 3 juggling balls
- Rubik's cube
- Basketball trophy
- Keyboard
- Keyboard stand
- Keyboard stool *(optional)*
- Recorder
- Giant jar of lollies

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Musical Numbers

**Feel free to split the solos between cast members*

1. The Talent Show
Olivia, Natasha, Steven, Camryn, Blake and ensemble

2. What If…
Olivia

3. Perfect
Natasha and ensemble

4. Cuber Club *(optional)*
Steven and ensemble

5. Gaming *(optional)*
Steven and ensemble

6. Fight for the Win
Camryn and ensemble

7. Don't Try
Blake and ensemble

8. The Teacher's Lounge
Ms Bennett, Coach Victor, Teacher 1 and ensemble

9. War on Worry
Olivia, Natasha, Steven, Camryn, Blake and ensemble

10. Just Play
Olivia, Blake and ensemble

11. The Talent Show (Finale)
Olivia, Natasha, Steven, Camryn, Blake and ensemble

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The Talent Show

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Scene 1

Track 1: The Talent Show Interlude

Backdrop 1: Classroom setting

Students are all gathered in groups chatting. They pay no attention to Ms Bennett.

MS BENNETT: Ok everyone, can I have your attention please? Students, listening up…Thank you… I have an important announcement… Students?

Ms Bennett whistles loudly.

Track 2: Whistle Sound Effect

Students stop talking and look at Ms Bennett.

MS BENNETT: Thank you. I have an important announcement so I need your full attention. _____ *(insert school name)* is holding its first ever whole school TALENT SHOW!

Students all talk excitedly.

STUDENT 1: What's a talent show?

BLAKE: Not something *you* will ever have to worry about.

Blake's friends laugh.

MS BENNETT: Blake!

STEVEN: It's a show consisting of a series of individual performances of various talents by amateurs who may be selected for special recognition.

STEVEN'S FRIEND 1: It's pretty self-explanatory.

MS BENNETT: That's right. Anyone who wants to enter should work on a performance that demonstrates their talent - such as singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument. Can you think of any other talents?

BLAKE'S FRIEND 1: Fighting?

STEVEN'S FRIEND 2: Well, that's just ridiculous.

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BLAKE'S FRIEND 2: You only say that because you're no good at it.

MS BENNETT: There is no such thing as 'ridiculous' when it comes to art. Have you heard of Martial Arts?

Everyone reacts with an 'Ah!' of understanding.

NATASHA: What does the talent show have to do with art, Ms Bennett?

MS BENNETT: There are all different types of art. In a talent show, participants are demonstrating performance art.

Camryn's hand goes up.

MS BENNETT: Yes, Camryn?

CAMRYN: What about sport? What if that is your talent?

MS BENNETT: Well, you just need to find a way to demonstrate it on stage. I can help you with that.

BLAKE: Well, we all know what Olivia is going to be doing.

BLAKE'S FRIEND 3: What?

BLAKE: Piano. She *always* plays piano.

MS BENNETT: And that is the best way to improve your skills – repetition! What do you think, Olivia? Will you be signing up for the talent show?

MS BENNETT: Olivia?

OLIVIA: Um… I… I don't know.

MS BENNETT: Well, we would be thrilled to have you if you choose to perform. And that goes for everyone. Whatever your talent may be, I'd love to see you performing it on stage. You can perform in groups, or you can perform solo. And we will all be a supportive, encouraging audience. Won't we?

Students all look at each other and shrug.

MS BENNETT: *Won't* we, everyone?

ALL: Yes, Ms Bennett.

BLAKE: What do you get if you win?

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MS BENNETT: The glory and pride that comes from being recognised as the best at something you have worked hard to do.

Everyone looks at each other for a moment. Then, unimpressed: 'Is that all?' 'What sort of a prize is that?' 'Why bother?' etc.

MS BENNETT: …and this massive jar of lollies!

Track 3: Jar of Lollies Fanfare

Everyone talking excitedly. 'Oh, well in that case!' 'Why didn't you say so?' 'Ooh!' 'Ahh!' etc.

MS BENNETT: Ok, well get practising. There are three weeks until the Talent Show!

Track 4/Song 1:
THE TALENT SHOW

Olivia, Natasha, Steven, Camyrn, Blake and ensemble

VERSE 1

OLIVIA SECONDS BECOME MINUTES
HOURS BECOME DAYS
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'D
PUT MYSELF IN THIS PLACE
FEELING NERVOUS, FEELING STRANGE
FEEL LIKE MY INSIDES HAVE RE-ARRANGED

VERSE 2

I KNOW I SHOULD DO THIS
I KNOW I SHOULD TRY
BUT MAYBE IT'S ALRIGHT
IF I'M WATCHING FROM THE SIDE
OR EVEN BETTER, I'LL STAY HOME
NICE AND COSY IN MY COMFORT ZONE

PRE-CHORUS

ALL DON'T WORRY, IT'S GONNA BE OKAY
AT THE TALENT SHOW, TALENT SHOW, TALENT SHOW…

CHORUS

GET READY FOR THE SPOTLIGHT
IT'S TIME TO REACH FOR THE SKY
YOU'RE A STAR AND YOU'LL SHINE SO BRIGHT
COME ON, GIVE IT A TRY

VERSE 3

NATASHA I'VE TRAINED FOR THIS MOMENT

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AND I JUST CAN'T WAIT
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
I'LL BE DANCING ON THAT STAGE
FEELING READY, FEELING BRAVE
AND NOBODY'S GONNA GET IN MY WAY

VERSE 4

STEVEN TO YOU, IT'S A PUZZLE
FOR ME, IT'S A BREEZE
FIFTY-FOUR SQUARES
I AM SOLVING IT WITH EASE
FEELING ABLE, FEELING PROUD
I AM QUITE PREPARED TO TAKE MY BOW

ALL ***PRE-CHORUS***
CHORUS

VERSE 5

CAMRYN NOW IS THE MOMENT
NOW IS THE TIME
WE'RE IN THE FINAL
AND THE TROPHY'S NEARLY MINE
FEELING READY, FEELING FINE
WHEN I TAKE IT TO THE FREE-THROW LINE

VERSE 6

BLAKE YOU'VE GOTTA BE JOKING
THIS IS SO LAME
I HAVE A REP
AND I'M NOT MESSING WITH MY NAME
IF I WANTED, I WOULD PLAY
AND I'D WIN BUT THIS IS NOT MY GAME

ALL ***PRE-CHORUS***
CHORUS

BRIDGE
IF YOU WANT THE HONOUR
IF YOU WANT THE GLORY
IF YOU WANT THE GIANT JAR OF LOLLIES
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS
IF YOU WANT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT

CHORUS X2
COME ON GIVE IT A TRY!

END OF SAMPLE SCRIPT

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