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## **Bel Canto, 2001 – Characters**

**Roxane Coss:** An American soprano, world-renowned for her voice, who is the guest of honor at the party.

**Katsumi Hosokawa:** A Japanese businessman and opera enthusiast.

**Gen Watanabe:** Hosokawa's translator.

**Joachim Messner:** A Swiss Red Cross negotiator.

**General Benjamin:** One of the leaders of the terrorist group.

**Carmen:** A young female terrorist who develops a tender, secret relationship with Gen.

**Mr. Yamamoto:** Another Japanese businessman and friend of Hosokawa.

**Victor Fyodorov:** A Russian diplomat.

**Simon Thibault:** A French diplomat.

**Edith Thibault:** Simon's wife, not physically present but significant in his mind throughout the captivity.

