

# PLAYBILL

YOUGH INTERMEDIATE MIDDLE SCHOOL



APRIL 14 & 15, 2023

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PRODUCTION OF



Music and Lyrics by  
**Elton John & Tim Rice**

Additional Music and Lyrics by  
**Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer**

Book by  
**Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi**

Based on the Broadway production directed by  
**Julie Taymor**

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# ACT ONE

Circle of Life.....	Rafiki, Ensemble
Grassland Chant.....	Grassland Ensemble
Lioness Hunt.....	Rafiki, Lionesses
I Just Can't Wait To Be King.....	Young Simba, Young Nala Zazu, Prideland Ensemble
Be Prepared.....	Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Hyenas
They Live In You.....	Mufasa, Grassland Ensemble
The Stampede.....	Young Simba, Scar, Rafiki, Wildebeests
The Mourning.....	Sarabi, Sarafina, Rafiki Young Nala, Scar, Lionesses, Hyenas

*THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION BETWEEN ACTS.*

# ACT TWO

Hakuna Matata (Part I).....	Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba
Hakuna Matata (Part II).....	Timon, Pumbaa Simba, Ensemble
Shadowland.....	Nala, Raiki, Lionesses
Can You Feel The Love Tonight.....	Timon, Pumbaa, Simba Nala, Rafiki, Lionesses, Prideland Ensemble
He Lives In You.....	Rafiki, Simba Hyena/Wildebeest Ensemble
Luau Hawaiian Treat.....	Timon, Pumbaa
Finale.....	Ensemble

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# CAST

(in order of appearance)

Rafiki.....	McCartney Nader
Mufasa.....	Ben Greenwood
Sarabi.....	Emma Smith
Zazu.....	Hailey Whalen
Scar.....	Jimmy Sullenberger
Young Simba.....	Nevaeh Glesk
Young Nala.....	Ari Juskowich
Sarafina.....	Lainey Smith
Banzai.....	Mia Whalen
Shenzi.....	Lillian Crawford
Ed.....	Shelby Mailki
Timon.....	Ava Dietz
Pumbaa.....	Chloe Fisher
Simba.....	Enzo Massaro
Nala.....	Jesse Dermotta

Lionesses/Featured Dancers.....Lainey Smith\*, Piper Hoffmann  
Emma Smith, Kaylee Smith, Mackenzi Wilson

Hyenas/Wildebeests.....Baylee Williams\*, Leanna Gates  
Leah Price, Nathan Steban, Brody Spell

Prideland Ensemble.....Emma Poland\*, Emma Boyer  
Abby Dodson, Ryeley Ellsworth, Lacey Kauffman

Karla Martin, Bella Maroney, Izabella McKenzie, Izzy Seaton

Grassland Ensemble.....Christopher Anderson\*, Brayden Anderson  
Haley Gergely, Penelope Kolenc, Jena Morris, Chris Troup

Dance Captain - Lainey Smith

*\*denotes captain of their ensemble*

# PRODUCTION STAFF

Director/Choreographer/Producer.....Kyli Stoner  
Assistant Director.....Dylan Pal  
Co-Tech Director/Production Assistant.....Hallie Williams  
Production Assistants.....Jordan Gilbert, Savanna Stants and Julie Shuber  
Set Design.....Kyli Stoner and Hallie Williams  
Lighting Design.....Kyli Stoner  
Sound Design.....TBD  
Costume Design.....Kyli Stoner and Dylan Pal  
Set Build Volunteers.....Caliope Young, Billy Spell  
Joe Nader, Joe Nader, Jackie Nader, Brandon Keselyak  
Madison Keselyak, Hayden Cooper, Krista Anderson, Bill Anderson  
Mel Whalen, Erica McPeak, Bailey Trent  
Elisa Sullenberger, James Sullenberger, Kellie Wilson

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# BIOGRAPHIES

(in alphabetical order)

**Brayden Anderson (Grassland Ensemble):** Brayden is in 8th grade and is performing in his last YIMS musical! He appeared in *Seussical the Musical, Jr. (Who) and Matilda, Jr. (Michael Wormwood)*. Before that, he performed in a production of *Beauty and the Beast (Maurice)* in 3rd grade. He has been playing soccer for many years with Yough Youth Soccer and the YIMS team. He is also a member of guitar club, ski and snowboard club, jazz band, and student council. He thanks his parents and grandparents for all their support during the rehearsal process! He has enjoyed his time with YIMS Drama and sad it will come to an end. He would like to thank Miss Kyli and her staff for all of their work that makes each year's musical a success, giving him new friends and experiences along the way.

**Christopher Anderson (Grassland Ensemble Captain):** Christopher is in 6th grade and is making his second appearance on stage after last year's *Matilda, Jr. (Tommy)*! During musical season, he balances his time also playing soccer for Yough Youth Soccer Association and the Pittsburgh Riverhounds. In school, he is a member of student council, ski and snowboard club, jazz band, and chorus. He would like to thank his parents and grandparents for all of their love, support, and help getting him to/from rehearsals! As a second year veteran of YIMS Musical, he has loved every moment of his experience and is thankful for all of his new friends and opportunities because of it! He would like to thank Miss Kyli and her staff for their hard work and dedication that has made his time at YIMS fun!

**Emma Boyer (Prideland Ensemble):** Emma is in 5th grade and is making her first appearance on the YIMS stage! Previously, she has had performance experience in her church's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. She participates in school chorus and church youth choir. She is also a church youth cantor, church youth greeter, and year-round softball player! She would like to thank her family for all the love and confidence they give her.

**Lillian Crawford (Shenzi):** Lillian is in 5th grade and hits the stage for her theater debut! Outside of school, she is a cheerleader and gymnast. At home, she loves to spend time with her dogs, Penelope and Eddie. Not only does she draw her dogs, but she creates all sorts of art! She is a big fan of fun trinkets and even more fun hats!

**Jesse Dermotta (Nala):** Jesse is an eighth grader at YIMS and is excited to be playing the part of Nala this year. Her theatre credits include playing Matilda in last year's YIMS production of *Matilda Jr.* Jesse also recently played the role of Olaf in the Geyer Performing Arts Center's holiday production of *Frozen Jr.* and mostly recently had a featured role in the Greensburg Civic Theatre production of *Pinkalicious*. Jesse was also the youngest and only middle school student selected as a Finalist in this year's First Night Sing Off Competition in Pittsburgh. At Yough, Jesse is a multi-sport athlete competing in track and field, soccer and basketball as well as being on Student Council. Jesse would like to thank her family and Miss Kyli for all of their support.

**Ava Dietz (Timon):** Ava is in 8th grade making her last appearance on the YIMS stage! Her heartfelt run has included her performances of *Seussical the Musical Jr.* (Thing 1) and *Matilda Jr.* (Nigel). Outside of school she also appeared in a play version of *Beauty and the Beast* (Beauty). She is also involved in Yearbook, basketball, JHS, and WIRC. She is, of course, sad that this is her final musical here at YIMS, but is currently more focused on creating an enjoyable performance tonight. She is excited for this show and all of the hard work everyone has put in!

**Abby Dodson (Prideland Ensemble):** Abby is in 7th grade and is thrilled she found YIMS Musical so she can make her debut! She is a member of art club, the soccer team, chorus, and the Treble Makers. She also plays for the YISA travel soccer team and learned to snowboard this winter! She is so excited for her first theater performance, giving her a chance to expand her very artistic soul. She already works with many other art forms, including sculpting, painting, and animation!

**Ryeley Ellsworth (Prideland Ensemble):** Ryeley is in 7th grade and this is her second show with YIMS. In *Matilda Jr.*, she appeared as Mrs. Phelps. She is a member of the knitting club and draws and crochets in her free time.

**Chloe Fisher (Pumbaa):** Chloe is in 8th grade and returns to the YIMS stage for the last time after her performances in *Seussical the Musical Jr.* (Thing 2) and then *Matilda Jr.* (Bruce), for which she was a Platinum Star Award recipient. She is involved in many school activities including Yearbook, WIRC, Cougar News, and cheer!

**Leanna Gates (Hyena/Wildebeest):** Leanna is in 6th grade and returns to the stage after her appearance in *Matilda Jr.* (Ensemble)! She has had so much fun performing alongside her friends in the hyena ensemble! In her free time, she loves to crochet or sit down with her lovely cats, Tiger and Fluff!

**Haley Gergely (Grassland Ensemble):** Haley is in 5th grade and is making her YIMS debut as a member of the Grassland Ensemble! She is involved with her church CCD class and loves to sing, be creative, and enjoys fashion. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Nevaeh Glesk (Young Simba):** Nevaeh is in 6th grade and is breaking out with her first big lead role after appearing last year in *Matilda Jr.* (Ensemble)! She is involved in other YIMS performing arts programs including chorus, band, and county chorus. She also plays softball and participates in garden tractor pulling. She loves horses and is an aspiring equestrian!

**Ben Greenwood (Mufasa):** Ben is in 7th grade and is making his theater debut! He plays football and basketball for YIMS and outside of school he enjoys gold, soccer, and sleeping. He has had fun with his friends throughout the rehearsal process!

**Piper Hoffmann (Lioness):** Piper is in 5th grade and joins us for her first YIMS show! Previously, she appeared in *The Star* at Maestro Minds. As an honor roll student, she participates in school chorus, SAA softball, dance training at Soul Steps, and her church. She also cannot stress enough how much of an animal lover she is!

**Ari Juskowich (Young Nala):** Ari is in 6th grade and returns to the stage for her second performance with YIMS! Last year, she discovered *Matilda Jr.* and had a blast in the show as Amanda Thripp. Now she is so excited about this year's musical and hope everyone enjoys it! She is a YIMS cheerleader, and in her free time she loves swimming, dancing, and painting.

**Lacey Kauffman (Prideland Ensemble):** Lacey is in 5th grade and is making her musical debut! She is a proud member of the Prideland Ensemble and is having fun! Outside of school, she plays softball.

**Penelope Kolenc (Grassland Ensemble):** Penelope is in 5th grade and is thrilled to be making her YIMS Musical debut as a member of the Grassland Ensemble. When Penelope is not onstage, she enjoys drawing and painting.

**Shelby Mailki (Ed):** Shelby is in 6th grade and is excited for her second show at YIMS! She appeared in *Matilda Jr.* last year, but outside of her strong love of theater, she is involved in student council, creates painting and drawings, and loves spending time with her friends.

**Bella Maroney (Prideland Ensemble):** Bella is in 7th grade and is absolutely thrilled to be making her theater debut! She was always fascinated by theater, but was hesitant to try it until now. She has faced her nervousness with bravery and was so happy to be a part of every minute of the rehearsal process. Going forward, she hopes to become a star in musical theater! She would like to thank all of the YIMS Drama staff and, of course, her family.

**Karla Martin (Prideland Ensemble):** Karla is in 6th grade and is making her theater debut! She found YIMS Musical through a friend, and now she has made a bunch of new ones, too! Outside of the musical, she is involved with knitting club, gaming club, and guitar club. Although she says it takes her a few practices with partners to be confident with her choreography, she cannot wait to put on a great show for you now!

**Enzo Massaro (Simba):** Enzo is in 6th grade and returning for his second musical performance! After his appearance in *Matilda Jr.* (Eric), he has come to really enjoy acting because he sees it as an opportunity to make friends that he would have never known otherwise! His other artistic endeavors include creating "masterpieces" of different mediums, drumming in the YIMS band, and knitting club. Looking forward, he hopes to perform in more musicals because he has gained so much confidence through theater. He hopes it brings others the same joy when they watch the show!

**Izabella McKenzie (Prideland Ensemble):** Izabella is in 6th grade and joins us for her second YIMS production. She performed in *Matilda Jr.* (Ensemble) last year. She also participates in WIRC for the school, twirls with Golden Triangles, and is a Girl Scout!



**Jena Morris (Grassland Ensemble):** I'm sure Jena has interesting things to say and we would love to learn more about her but she didn't turn in her bio.

**McCartney Nader (Rafiki):** McCartney is in 8th grade and is making her final appearance on the YIMS stage after quite the full musical theater experience! She performed in both *Seussical the Musical Jr.* and *Matilda Jr.* She also appeared in community theater productions of *Elf*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *All Shook Up*, and *Frozen Jr.* She's a member of Yearbook and student council, and dances competitively with Fire Dance Company. She is so excited to be performing a break-out role in this show, and she would like to express how thankful and happy she is to be able to experience this show alongside so many very talented people!

**Emma Poland (Prideland Ensemble Captain):** Emma is in 6th grade and this is her second YIMS musical! She is a member of the checkers club at school and she is a cheerleader, loves the color pink, and all of her friends!

**Leigha Price (Hyena/Wildebeest):** Leigha is in 6th grade and returns for her second YIMS musical! After her experience in *Matilda Jr.*, she found her love for singing and performing. She is a member of chorus and participates in county chorus. She also loves video games and playing checkers in Checkers Club!

**Izzy Seaton (Prideland Ensemble):** Izzy is involved with many clubs and extracurricular activities, however, she didn't turn in a bio, so we'll never know!

**Emma Smith (Sarabi):** Emma is in 7th grade and this is her first show at YIMS! In addition to leading the prideland as Sarabi, she participates in competition dance outside of school. She plays for the YIMS soccer team and is a member of the WIRC team. She previously appeared as Miss Trunchbull in *Matilda Jr.* She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Kaylee Smith (Lioness):** Kaylee is in 5th grade and is making her first YIMS Musical appearance! She is quite the athlete, playing recreational soccer and basketball. She also loves drawing and playing the piano. She is excited to perform in her first show and has had so much fun discovering dance and theater during the rehearsal process!

**Lainey Smith (Sarafina/Dance Captain):** Lainey is in 6th grade and enjoys the work she gets to do with her second show at YIMS! Last year she appeared in *Matilda Jr.* (Acrobat). In school, she loves playing her flute in band, as well as being a member of chorus, county band, student council, and Surprise Club! Outside of school, she stays busy competing with her dance team at Dancin' J's, playing piano, and showing her cows and goats on the 4-H circuit.

**Brody Spell (Hyena/Wildebeest):** Brody is in 7th grade and this is his first appearance on the YIMS stage! In his debut role as Hyena/Wildebeest, he was the first cast member to receive a "bonus gold star" for his work on and offstage. Brody is a member of the guitar club at school and plays rec league soccer in his free time. He thanks Billy for inspiring him and Ben for doing this with him!

**Nathan Steban (Hyena/Wildebeest):** Nathan is in 8th grade and is so excited to have joined YIMS Drama to make his first and final musical appearance! He has made many new friends along the way and enjoys learning about performing. Off stage, he loves playing video games! He hopes everyone enjoys the show and has as much fun as he does!

**Jimmy Sullenberger (Scar):** Jimmy is in 5th grade and is making waves in his first production ever! He has come to love the craft of theater, finding new ways to create “a villain who is still enjoyable and entertaining.” Outside of YIMS Musical, he loves spending his time bowling. He’d like to thank his parents for their support and hopes they enjoy the show!

**Christopher Troup (Grassland Ensemble):** We would love to know more about Christopher, but he didn’t turn in a bio :(

**Hailey Whalen (Zazu):** Hailey is in 8th grade and brings a lot of theater experience to the stage! At YIMS, she has appeared in *Seussical the Musical Jr.* (Young Kangaroo) and *Matilda Jr.* (Agatha Trunchbull). Outside of school, she performed in *Elf* (Tiara), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Children’s Choir), and *Frozen Jr.* (Ensemble). Off stage, she is participates in WIRC and Yearbook, volunteers at Sewickley Library, and became a young entrepreneur with her crochet business. Check out Charming Crochet if you would like a handcrafted piece from Hailey!

**Mia Whalen (Banzai):** Mia is in 5th grade and is making her YIMS Musical debut! She has previously performed in *Frozen Jr.* at the Geyer Performing Arts Center. Outside of performing on stage, she also enjoys reading and crafting.

**Baylee Williams (Hyena/Wildebeest Captain):** Baylee is in 6th grade and is returning to the stage after her appearance in *Matilda Jr.* last year. She is very involved in school programs, such as chorus, county chorus, and World Travelers Club. Outside of school, she loves “baking all the goodies!” She is excited for another year on stage and had a blast with this year’s cast.

**Baylee Williams (Hyena/Wildebeest Captain):** Baylee is in 6th grade and is returning to the stage after her appearance in *Matilda Jr.* last year. She is very involved in school programs, such as chorus, county chorus, and World Travelers Club. Outside of school, she loves “baking all the goodies!” She is excited for another year on stage and had a blast with this year’s cast.

**Mackenzi Wilson (Lioness):** Mackenzi is in 6th grade and is thrilled to be a part of her second show at YIMS! She previously appeared in *Matilda Jr.* (Hortensia) and is a member of the volunteer club at school. She would like to thank her great grandpa for his love and support and her pap for watching and cheering her on up in heaven.

# PRODUCTION STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

**Jordan Gilbert (Production Assistant):** Jordan is a West Newton native and alumni of Yough School District. In school, she was an active theatre participant, and she is pleased to be able to provide a musical theatre experience to kids at YIMS. She is a current student at University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg and an assistant manager at 60 Minute Missions Escape Room. Jordan continues to participate in community theatre adventures both on and offstage. She is an independent seller on Redbubble.

**Julie Shuber (Production Assistant):** Julie is a sophomore at Yough Senior High School. She is no stranger to the YIMS stage and has appeared in *Freaky Friday* and *Seussical Jr.* This is Julie's second year serving as a production assistant with YIMS Drama. She is a member of the stage crew for Yough High School and has assisted with *Witch's Brew* and *The Wizard of Oz*. She most recently starred as The Boat in Yough High School's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Julie is excited to continue her journey with the YIMS Musical!

**Savanna Stants (Production Assistant):** Savanna is a sophomore at Yough Senior High School. She danced at KWDC in West Newton for six years of her life. In the third grade, she performed as Annabell in a Jr addition of *The Little Mermaid* at West Newton Elementary and since then, she has loved performing on stage in plays and musicals. Throughout middle school, she performed at YIMS as Smee in *Peter Pan Jr*, dance captain in *Freaky Friday* and The Cat in the Hat in *Seussical Jr.* This past November, Savanna played Figgy in a *Witch's Brew* at Yough HS. She has also performed at the Geyer Performing Arts Center in Scottsdale in a one act play and as Young Cain in *Children of Eden*. Not only does she love to perform but she loves to help with the stage crew as well. She helped last year here at YIMS with *Matilda Jr* as a production assistant and recently at her high school with the *The Wizard of Oz*. She is so excited to be back this year and help with *The Lion King Jr!* Theatre is a passion of hers that has grown over time and she owes most of that to the director, Miss Kyli, and her older sister, Shaina.

**Hallie Williams (Co-Tech Director, Production Assistant):** Hallie graduated from Yough High School in 2013, after which she received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Seton Hill University. She currently works as a physician assistant for the UPMC Comprehensive Epilepsy Center in Pittsburgh. Hallie got her start in theatre on the YIMS stage. She continued to participate in musicals throughout all four years at Yough High School as well as participate in community theatre into her college years. During her years at Seton Hill, she worked in the university theatre department scene shop and volunteered with the YIMS Musical production staff from 2014 - 2016. She is thrilled to be back with the YIMS Musical staff again!

**Dylan Pal (Assistant Director):** Brought aboard for his first year with YIMS, Dylan is a Latrobe Senior High School graduate. He had a rounded performing arts journey in band, choir, show choir, dance, and theater before attending the University of Kentucky for Animal Science. After a lengthy equestrian career in Lexington, Dylan returned to the area during the pandemic and reignited his love for theater. He appeared in numerous local productions including *RENT* (Mark Cohen), alongside several Lion King, Jr. cast members in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Joseph), alongside our own Miss Kyli in Disney's *Newsies* (Jack Kelly), and most recently *A Chorus Line* (Paul San Marco). This year, he also returned to his childhood dance studio, Susan Yadamec Dance Co., as an instructor of musical theater classes. A BroadwayWorld Pittsburgh Regional Award winner this season, Dylan looks to continue his involvement in the surrounding theater programs, excited to gain directorial experience for the first time! He thanks his newfound friends and family for welcoming him into a wonderful community and Miss Kyli for gifting him the joy of teaching these YIMS students.

**Kyli Stoner (Director, Choreographer, Producer):** This is Kyli's seventh year with YIMS. Kyli is a Connellsville native and 2016 graduate of Saint Vincent College. She currently serves as the Marketing and Development Director at Westmoreland Cultural Trust and is a member of the Zoning Hearing Board for the City of Greensburg. Kyli was a student at Houck Dance Studio in Uniontown where she specialized in tap and ballet and received vocal and piano training from Kelly Bell in Connellsville. Kyli spent her time at Saint Vincent performing in, directing, choreographing, and music directing multiple productions for both the student-run group and music department. She worked professionally as an Assistant Stage Manager for Saint Vincent Summer Theatre for four years. She continues to be involved both on and offstage in multiple theatres in the area, especially Stage Right! in Greensburg. Some favorites include: *Children of Eden*, *Cabaret*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Newsies*, and *Young Frankenstein*. She is grateful for the theatre community that has become her chosen family and for the students for entrusting her to help them build a foundation in theatre education that will hopefully last for years to come.

**HAKUNA  
MATATA**

# GOLDEN STAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

Lillian Crawford  
Nathan Steban  
Ari Juskowich  
Emma Boyer  
Baylee Williams  
Hailey Whalen  
Emma Poland  
Mia Whalen  
Bella Maroney  
Ben Greenwood  
Lainey Smith  
Christopher Anderson  
Brody Spell  
Leanna Gates  
Kaylee Smith  
Emma Smith  
Piper Hoffman  
Penelope Kolenc  
Jesse Dermotta  
Shelby Mailki  
McCartney Nader  
Brayden Anderson  
Ava Dietz  
Abby Dodson  
Jimmy Sullenberger  
Nevaeh Glesk  
Enzo Massaro  
Ryeley Ellsworth  
Chloe Fisher

## PLATINUM STAR AWARD WINNER

Ava Dietz

The golden star is issued at the end of rehearsal to a student who represents what being a member of the theatre community is all about; kindness, empathy, leadership, dedication, preparedness, eagerness, and teamwork.

These students have lit up the stage using their personalities and not necessarily how fast they picked up dance moves or how long they held out a note.

# **McCartney/Rafiki**

**We are  
so proud of your  
accomplishments!**

**You are our  
sunshine!**

**-Ma and  
Pappy**



**To the  
cast and crew,**

**Thank you for all  
your hard work.**

**Enjoy every  
performance!**



Chloe,  
Congratulations on your role of Pumbaa.  
We are very proud of you and know you'll do  
great. Break a leg :)



Love You,  
Dad, Becca, Haley, and Peyton

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**Best of Luck Jesse**

**You are a shining STAR**

**Love Mom, Dad, Lindsey, Jaime and Morgan**





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We are so proud of you,  
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You will never know the JOY  
you bring to our life!

You are so creative and have  
such a loving soul!

We are so excited to watch  
you perform in your first play!

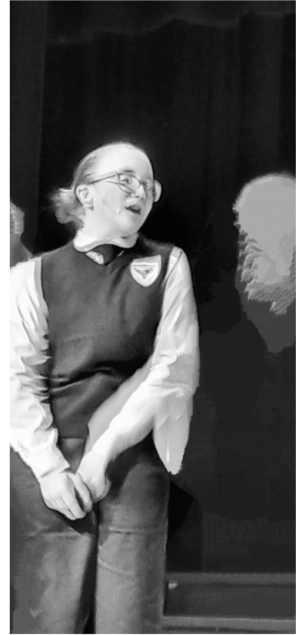
Have a blast and make lots of  
happy memories!

Love,  
Dad, Mom, & Tyler





**We are so  
proud of  
you diva!**



**From the 3rd grade play to Thing 1,  
to Nigel, and now Timon.  
You are always so fun to watch on  
stage. Keep doing what you love.**



**Love You  
Mom,  
Roger,  
Sissy, and  
Brother**



ENZO,  
WE ARE BEYOND PROUD PROUD OF YOU  
AND YOUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.  
THE WORLD IS YOUR STAGE!  
LOVE ALWAYS - YOUR CHEERING SQUAD  
MOM & DAD, NICO, MASON, CHLOE, DANTE, SCARLET, & MARTINO





**BREAK A LEG  
JAM! WE'RE ALL  
SO VERY PROUD  
OF YOU!**

*Love, Mom, Dad, Hannah, Grandma,  
Michael, Nana, Howard, and all your aunts,  
uncles, and cousins.*

*We know you will be so  
amazing!*

Lacey

We couldn't be prouder of you!

Love

Your Family





# Izabella McKenzie



Break a leg, Bella! I am so proud of you  
and can't wait to see you shine on stage  
for your second musical!

Love,  
Mom



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# -LAINIEY-

We are so  
excited  
to watch you  
perform as  
Sarafina and  
dance  
captain!



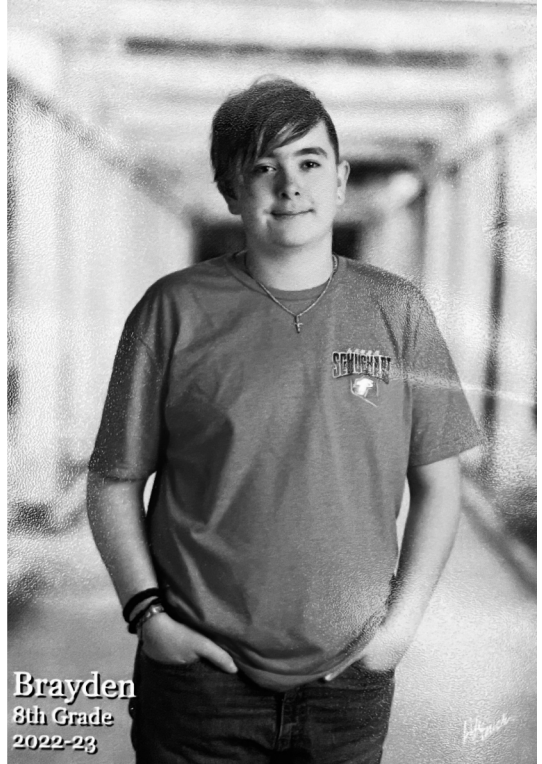
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Mommy and Daddy,  
Cottyn and Hunter,  
Mimi and Pappy,  
Grandma and PopPop



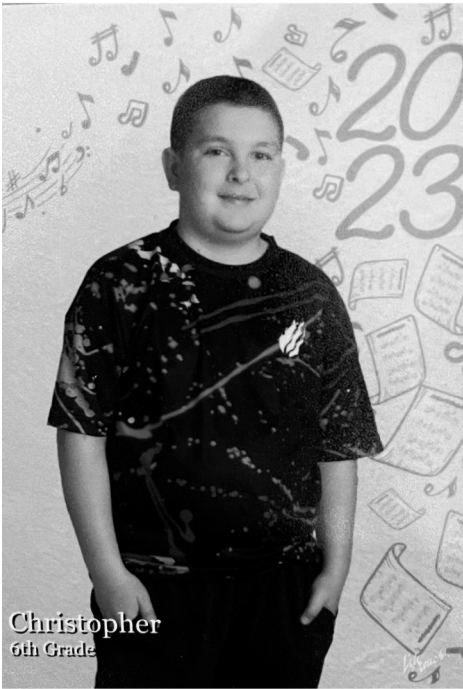
Ava,  
We are so proud of the  
wonderful person you  
are becoming.  
You can accomplish  
anything you put your  
mind to.  
We love you.  
Love,  
Dad, Christina,  
Waylon, and Aunt  
Michelle

Brayden,  
Congratulations on a great  
show. I can't believe this is  
your last show at YIMS.  
You have been in every  
performance since you  
were in 5th grade and we  
are so proud of you for all  
of your hard work and  
dedications that you put  
into all of your practices.  
We can't wait to see what  
you do when you go onto  
high school next year.  
Way to go, good luck, and  
Hakuna Matata!  
We love you  
Mommy & Daddy



Brayden  
8th Grade  
2022-23





Christopher,  
Congratulations on a great performance. All of your hard work and dedication has paid off. Your dad and I are so proud of you. You're a great young man and you always put 100% into everything you do which shows in your performances. Way to go, good luck, and Hakuna Matata!

We love you  
Mommy & Daddy

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**to the cast of**

## **THE LION KING JR!**



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### **BRAYDEN AND CHRISTOPHER**



**WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL THE HARD WORK THE TWO OF YOU HAVE DONE TO  
MAKE THIS A GREAT PERFORMANCE. YOU ARE TWO OF THE GREATEST  
GRANDKIDS WE COULD ASK FOR.**

**GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!**

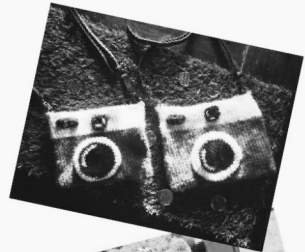
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**PAP AND GRANDMA**

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**Baily, Billy, Aunt & Jay**



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**Congratulations to the cast of  
The Lion King Jr  
on a great performance!**



**Westmoreland County  
Commissioner Doug Chew**

**Lilly,  
Congratulations on your first musical!  
We know you will do great as Shenzi!  
Love Dad, Mom, and Izzy**



Piper, we are so proud of you  
for trying something new! We  
love watching you perform,  
you'll be a fierce lioness.

Break a leg!

Love, Mom, Dad,

Keenan, and Harper

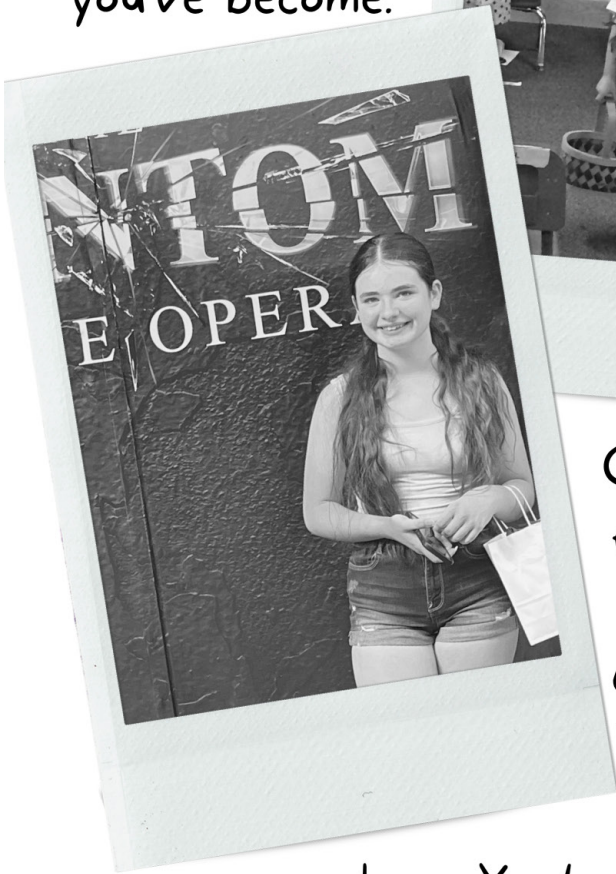


**CONGRATULATIONS KAYLEE ON YOUR  
FIRST PLAY!**



**LOVE MOM, DAD, HAYDEN, AND TYLER**

From Little Red Hen to Rafiki, we couldn't be more proud of the performer and person that you've become.



Congratulations to you and the rest of the cast and crew. Have fun, and enjoy every minute.

Love You!  
Mom, Dad, and Alyce

# Hailey & Mia



We are so proud of both of you.  
You two are amazing. All of your  
hard work is about to pay off;  
You're going to do great.

Break a Leg!  
We love you,

Grandma, Pap Pap, &  
Aunt Mindy





# Emma Jean

From the softball field to performing on stage, You always give it your all!  
Congratulations!! Love Mom & Dad



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST OF LION KING, JR.!



I could not be more proud of you all. I have loved each and every one of you grow into wonderful actors and performers. Thank you for welcoming me into your program. Through all of the wacky vocal warmups, the character homework, the daily high-fives—every moment of it has been a highlight. But what makes me prouder is seeing the kindness you show your castmates. Even over these last few months, it's incredible to see how you have individually grown into good young people.



To my 5th, 6th, and 7th graders: I cannot wait to see you all on stage again next year!  
What a talented group you are!

And to my 8th graders: Soak up every last minute of your time here. You deserve every minute of your time in the sun! I wish you all a successful journey in the arts if you choose to keep it in your life, and please know I'll always be there to help if you need.

And don't forget: **"Change is good!"**

All my thanks to Miss Kyli for bringing me aboard, for without her I never would have discovered all of you wonderful people. Her hard work to make this program shine has always made me want to be a better actor, teacher, and human.

It genuinely has been one of the hallmark moments of my life guiding you all through discovering the craft of theatre. Please continue to do what brings you your own joy.

**"Remember who you are."**



Break legs, you wild animals!

—Mr. Dylan—



# Savanna & Julie

Nothing gives me greater joy in my life than seeing the two of you grow into the best versions of what I hope to be - empathetic, passionate, and you don't take yourselves too seriously.

Thanks for being the best "mini me's" I could ever ask for. Your futures are bright and I am honored to be a part of it.



Love Always,  
Miss Kyli

## The Cast of The Lion King Jr

**Thank you for trusting me to be your director. Theatre is such a special thing, and my hope is that you can take what you've learned and hold those experiences close to your hearts and take your talents beyond your wildest dreams. Here's to a great season!**

**-Miss Kyli**

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### BRINGING THE ARTS TO LIFE

We pride ourselves on continuing our tradition of providing an accessible and educational theatre experience by producing the highest-quality musicals at no mandatory cost to the students or their families.

For the past eight years, YIMS Musical has brought a diverse combination of musicals to the stage. From well-known classics to brand new modern works, the production staff works tirelessly to ensure the YIMS students get to experience performing in multiple show styles.



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