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Disney

THE LION KING Jr

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March 20-22nd, 2020
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THE LION KING JR

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

DISNEY'S THE LION KING JR
is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com
CAST (in order of appearance)
RAFIKI .................................................. Tabitha Montanez
MUFASA ............................................... Gianni Sommo
SARABI ................................................. Bianca Tynes
ZAZU .................................................... Dylann Seigmond
SCAR ...................................................... Kenneth Pelphrey
YOUNG SIMBA (Fri/Sun Mat) .......... Jordan Lewis
YOUNG SIMBA (Sat/Sun Eve) ......... Ryan Bellamy
YOUNG NALA (Fri/Sun Mat) ........... Mollie Germain
YOUNG NALA (Sat/Sun Eve) .......... Sage Cobb
SARAFINA .............................................. Gabriella Coffin
BANZAI ................................................ Maddox Wesh
SHENZI ................................................ Isabelle Meachen
ED .......................................................... Brician Belizaire
TIMON ..................................................... Jayden Davis
PUMBAA ............................................... Denise Wray
SIMBA ..................................................... Khalil Antoine
NALA ....................................................... Sylvia Sonenstein
BALLERINA BIRD ................................. Maya Coffin

FLORA & FAUNA ENSEMBLE
Jackson Berry, Khloe Lawson-Stewart, Malaina Montanez, Micah Thomas

HYENA ENSEMBLE
Emily Bassett, Kassiani Nicolakis, Joshua LaFogg, Lachlan Sheehan-Samuel

LIONESS ENSEMBLE
Gabriella Belizaire, Kendall Blair, Gabriella Coffin, Maya Coffin, Kyleigh Gala

SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS
Scene 1: PRIDE ROCK ................................... "Circle of Life"
Scene 2: SCAR'S CAVE ................................... "Grasslands Chant"
Scene 3: THE PRIDELANDS ............................ "The Lioness Hunt"
Scene 4: SCAR'S CAVE ................................... "I Just Can't Wait to Be King"
Scene 5: THE PRIDELANDS ............................ "Be Prepared"
Scene 6: ELEPHANT GRAVEYARD .................. "They Live In You"
Scene 7: THE PRIDELANDS ............................ "The Stampede"
Scene 8: THE GORGE ................................... "The Mourning"

[There will be a 15 minute intermission]

Scene 9: THE DESERT & THE JUNGLE............. "Hakuna Matata"
Scene 10: SCAR'S PRIDELANDS .................... "Shadowland"
Scene 11: THE PRIDELANDS ........................ "Can You Feel The Love Tonight"
Scene 12: THE JUNGLE .................................. "He Lives In You"
Scene 13: PRIDE ROCK ................................... "Luau Hawaiian Treat"
.................................................. "Finale" / "Bows"
CREATIVE TEAM

Executive Producer Susan Larkin
Associate Producer Lara Morton

Directed by Lara Morton
Music Direction by Lydia Iarocci
Choreography by Briana Dawson
Fight Choreography by Chris Pytlak

Acting Coach/Assistant Musical Direction by Susan Larkin
Scenic Design & Artistry by April Chateauneuf

Costume Design by Patricia Burkhart O’Neill and Jake Egan: Custom Creatives, Boston, MA (jakeeganohara.com)

Lighting Design and Board Operation by Katherine Brown
Sound Design by Richard Ives

Original Poster Artwork by April Chateauneuf

Special Properties and Additional Costumes/Accessories by Chayse Sanders, Sandy Morton, Lara Morton, Barbara Sonenstein, Jessica Spinelli, Susan Larkin

STAFF & CREW

STAGE MANAGER: Briana Dawson
ASST. TO DIRECTOR/CAST GRANDMA: Sandy Morton
SET CONSTRUCTION: April Chateauneuf, Wayne Gallipoli, Bob Granoth, Sandy Morton, Lara Morton, Susan Larkin

MUSIC TECHNICIAN: Jeffrey Coffin
HOUSE MANAGEMENT: Bob and Cathy Granoff
CREW CHIEF: Keona Gomes
ASSISTANT CREW CHIEF: Dana Wray
PROPS MASTER/SPOT OP: Noah Sonenstein
CREW: Jacob Ebert, Annabelle Tore, Henry Young
PUBLICITY: Susan Larkin and Lara Morton
WARDROBE ASSISTANTS: Susan Larkin, Chayse Sanders, Polly Schumann, Sandy Morton
CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR: Barbara Sonenstein

BACKSTAGE HELPERS
Kara Montanez, Marcia Berry, Page Pelphrey, Tina Monteiro, Kim Belizaire, Dawna Galberth, Kari Caesar, Ta’LannaMonique Miller, Stephanie Sheehan, Duane Sheehan, Catherine Neri, Lauren Blair
Khalil Antoine (Simba, Elephant, Flora & Fauna)

Khalil Antoine is an eighth grader at Engineering and Science University Magnet School and stars as Simba. No stranger to the stage, Khalil has played the roles of “Sebastian” in The Little Mermaid, “Young Simba” in The Lion King Junior, and the “Big Bad Wolf” in Shrek Junior. Khalil enjoys playing basketball, fine dining, and traveling.

Emily Bassett (Hyena, Zebra, Others)

Emily is a 6th grader at West Shore Middle School in Milford. This is her first musical production and she is extremely excited to get out there and dance. In her spare time Emily likes to play softball, cook and make TikTok dancing videos on her phone. She hopes to be an internet sensation in the future!

Brician Belizaire (Ed, Birds, Pumbaa U/S)

Brician Belizaire is a 7th grader at Amity M.S. in Orange. He has participated in several theater productions, including playing “Elmer” in Newsies at Fairfield Woods M.S. in 2019 and “Von Hussler” in Amity M.S.’s production of Mary Poppins last weekend. Brician has participated in Odyssey of the Mind creative teamwork competition and enjoyed working with his teams to create original scripts, backdrops, and perform for judges and audience members. He enjoys playing piano, cello, singing, dancing, launching rockets, and being a comedian. He is thrilled to be a part of Lion King Jr.

Gabriella Belizaire (Lioness Ensemble, Others)

Gabriella Belizaire is a 5th grader at Race Brook Elementary School. This is her first official theatre production. Gabrielle’s participated in Odyssey of the Mind creative teamwork competition for two years and enjoyed working with her teams to create original scripts, backdrops, and perform for judges and audience members. She was proud to be a part of the OotM World competitions last May. She enjoys art, soccer, dancing, singing, and playing cello. She’s excited to be a part of Lion King Jr.

Ryan Bellamy (Young Simba Sat/Sat/Sun Eve, Flora & Fauna Fri/Sun Mat, Rafiki U/S)

Ryan Bellamy is a sixth grader at Church Street School in Hamden. In his spare time, he likes to craft, cook and build legos. Ryan also loves to act and is interested in learning directorial duties. This is his 4th production but certainly not his last.

Jackson Berry (Field Mouse, Flora & Fauna)

Jackson Brendan Berry is a second grader at St. Bridget School in Cheshire. This is his first theatre production and he is so excited to be part of The Lion King Jr. cast. When he is not rehearsing, Jackson is playing soccer, singing in the chorus or making mischief with his little sister. Jackson wants to thank his family for their unconditional support and hopes you enjoy the show.

Kendall Blair (Lioness Ensemble, Others)

Kendall Blair is beyond excited to be performing and making her debut in “The Lion King Jr.” Always smiling, Kendall is in 5th grade at Race Brook School in Orange, CT. She has participated in several theater productions, including Amity High School’s summer programs, playing “Rosie” in Camp Rock. She also loves dancing, baking, and spending time with friends. Kendall hopes to be on Broadway one day, and she wants to thank her family for always supporting her.

Sage Cobb (Young Nala Sat/Sat/Sun Eve, Gazelle, Flora & Fauna Fri/Sun Mat)

Sage Cobb (Young Nala) is a 3rd grader at Six to Six Magnet School. Sage is ecstatic to be performing as Young Nala in The Lion King Jr. This is her first production, but she loves every moment of learning about theatre and being on stage. Sage would like to thank Ms. Lara, Ms. Susan, Ms. Briana and Ms. Lydia for all that they have taught her. She appreciates her family & friends for their support. To her cast mates: “Let’s do this!”

Gabriella Coffin (Sarafina, Lioness Ensemble)

Gabriella Coffin is excited to be in Lion King Jr. Gabriella has been in Annie (Square Foot Theatre), Pied Piper (Crystal Theatre), Snow White (Crystal Theatre), and 101 Dalmatians Junior (Shubert Theatre Camp) and is happy to be doing another show. Gabriella likes to play basketball, dance and play cello in her school orchestra. She would like to thank all the families and cast for supporting her, as well as thank her parents and her sister for believing in her. Gabriella hopes you enjoy the show!

Maya Coffin (Lioness, Ballerina Bird, Jr. Dance Captain)

Maya Coffin loves to act and learn new things every day. She is passionate about dancing and takes classes several times a week with New Haven Ballet and has performed in The Nutcracker with them 3 times. Maya is so proud to be in this production of Lion King Jr. and wants to thank her family and all the directors who helped put this show together, especially Ms. Briana for choreographing such a beautiful dance solo for her.
Jayden Davis (Timon, Elephant, Flora & Fauna)

Jayden Davis is a seventh grader at John C. Daniels School in New Haven. He had roles in two school plays, Seussical Jr. and Peter Pan, in which he played the title role of "Peter Pan". He was an extra in the Equalizer 3 movie, but his scene was ultimately cut from the film. For the past six years he has been a liturgical dancer at Walk of Faith Church. Jayden also has a beautiful singing voice. When he grows up he would like to be a plastic surgeon or a chef.

Kyleigh Gala (Lioness Ensemble, Others)

Kyleigh Gala is a 3rd grader from Milford, CT. She has been in three previous productions. Kyleigh loves to sing and act, but when not performing she enjoys playing softball and reading graphic novels. Kyleigh is excited and can not wait for show time!

Mollie Germain (Young Nala Fri/Sun Mat, Gazelle, Flora & Fauna Sat/Sat/Sun Eve)

Mollie is a 3rd grader and is currently homeschooled. She has been super excited to be a part of this production. This is Mollie's first time acting, but she has developed her stage presence from singing and dancing naturally at home, and she is looking forward to continuing a pursuit of acting. She takes dance lessons, swimming class, plays soccer and keyboard in hopes of discovering her passion. Mollie is grateful and thanks all staff for the opportunity and the support from her cast members, as well as her parents for motivating and believing in her.

Joshua LaFogg (Hyena, Giraffe, Buzzard)

Joshua LaFogg attends Bailey Middle School and is a member of Yale Pathways to Science Program. He has been an avid Biology reader starting at four years old. His present passion is studying birds. He is very excited to be a Hyena, Giraffe and Buzzard in 'The Lion King Jr.'

Khloe’ Lawson Stewart (Flora & Fauna, Giraffe)

Khloë Lawson-Stewart is a fourth grader at Quinnipiac STEM magnet school. This is her first theater production and she is very thrilled to be a part of The Lion King Jr. cast. When she’s not rehearsing, Khloë plays with her little brother and makes jewelry. Khloë wants to thank her mom, dad, uncle and grandparents for encouraging her and supporting her every step of the way. She hopes to be an actor one day.

Jordan Lewis (Young Simba Fri/Sun Mat, Cheetah, Flora & Fauna Sat/Sat/Sun Eve)

Jordan Lewis is a 4th grader and a great big brother who started singing at the age of two. He's very passionate about the arts and music. He has been a cast member of Robinson Crusoe and Singing for the Stage at Fairfield University. Jordan wants to thank his Mom and Dad for their continuous support and give a big special thank you to his amazing Vocal coach Lucia, without whom none of this would be possible. Follow him on IG @Jlewiss_sings

Isabelle Meachen (Shenzi, Zebra)

Isabelle Meachen is in 8th grade at Nathan Hale School. She has participated in many productions, most notably playing "Wendy" in Peter Pan. Isabelle performs with FOCUS Teen Improv (Madison) and Performance Plus Teen Improv (West Haven). Isabelle wants to thank Ms. Morton for not only giving her this opportunity, but guiding her through life in the theater. She wants to thank her mother, father and grandparents for their support and encouragement through all of her endeavors.

Malaina Montanez (Flora & Fauna, Zebra)

Malaina is so excited to be a part of the Ensemble in the first FUSE/Handful Productions show of The Lion King Jr. where she is "Flora and Fauna". Previously, Malaina was in the show Wizard of Oz Jr. as the "Mayor of Munchkinland, Ozian Beautician and a Winkie Guard". In her spare time, Malaina enjoys watching musicals, playing with her two dogs and playing the piano. She would like to thank all of the directors, cast and crew for all of their hard work and a wonderful experience! Enjoy the show.

Tabitha Montanez (Rafiki)

Tabitha is ecstatic and honored to be playing the role of "Rafiki" in The Lion King Jr. Other memorable roles include "Della" from The Gift of the Magi, the Jet and Shark Ensemble in West Side Story and "Story Book Character, Duloc Dancer and Wedding Singer" in Shrek the Musical. Tabitha auditioned for America's Got Talent in 2019. She would like to thank Ms. Lara, Ms. Susan, Ms. Lydia, Ms. Briana and Ms. Sandy, the whole LKJ cast, crew and Jake Egan O’Hara for Tabitha’s costume masterpiece. “The past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it.”

Kassiani Nicolakis (Hyena, Giraffe, Buzzard)

Kassiani Nicolakis is a freshman at Amity High School. She has participated in Spartan Players' productions Once on This Island (ensemble) and High School Musical Jr. (Ms Tenney/ensemble). She enjoys singing and playing many musical instruments, performs as an Odyssey Greek Dancer, plays volleyball with Yale (Team Impact) and also on the Southern CT Storm Special Hockey team. She is excited to be a part of LKJ and thanks her family for always encouraging her to perform!
Kenneth Archer Pelphrey (Scar)

Kenny is an 8th grader from Guilford whose past credits include “Buddy The Elf” in Elf Jr., “Brett” in 13, “Bert” in Mary Poppins Jr., “Donkey” in Shrek Jr., “Horton” in Seussical Jr. Kenny performs improv comedy with FOCUS Teen Improv and studies voice and dance. A devoted wrestler, he looks forward to balancing acting pursuits with athletics in high school. He dedicates this performance to his sister, Frances, who loves Disney more than life. Insta: @kennypelph

Lachlan Sheehan-Samuel (Hyena, Gazelle, Grub)

Lachlan Sheehan-Samuel is a 9 year old, third grade homeschooler. While Lion King Jr is his acting debut in musical theater, he has previous acting experience with the Yale Children’s Theater. When he’s not on stage, you may find him reading books, playing football, writing stories, or having fun with friends and siblings.

Dyellan Siegmund (Zazu)

Dyellan Siegmund is a 16 year old Junior at ACES Whitney Academy EXPLORE & CREATE. As a recent addition to Ms. Lara’s Performance Plus Teen Improv class, Dyellan aspires to become a professional voice actor as his future career, and he aims to help make this production feel lively and exciting. Dyellan is supported by his family and pets, and he wishes for everyone he meets to smile and be entertained.

Gianni Sommo (Mufasa)

Gianni Sommo is an 8th grader at North Branford Intermediate School. He has participated in one other musical, playing “Buddy the Elf” in the NBIS spotlight players production of Elf Jr. In Gianni’s free time, he likes to hang out with friends and spend time with family. He is planning on doing more productions in the future. Follow him on Instagram @giannisommo

Sylvia Sonenstein (Nala, Cheetah, Flora & Fauna, Sr. Dance Captain)

Sylvia Sonenstein (Nala) is a Freshman at Daniel Hand in Madison. She attends Westbrook Dance Academy where she has been studying Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Lyric and Pointe for 13 years. She performs on the WDA senior competition team and is a member of FOCUS Teen Improv. Past roles include: Brooke Windham (Legally Blonde), Patrice (13), Margot (The Diary of Anne Frank), Rose Alvarez (Bye, Bye Birdie), Jovie (Elf Jr.), Peter Pan (Peter Pan). Sylvia would like to thank her amazing director for the opportunity to play Nala, as well as her friends and family for their love and support!

Micah Thomas (Flora & Fauna, Gazelle)

Micah Thomas is a third grader at Mathewson Elementary School in Milford, CT. This is his first theatre production, and he is happy to be a part of the Lion King Jr. cast. Micah is very excited and has put his all into rehearsing and is thrilled to perform live. Outside of theatre, Micah is an avid artist, Taekwondo student, and swimmer. Micah wants to thank his Dad, Mom, and baby sister for encouraging and supporting him.

Bianca Tynes (Sarabi)

Bianca Tynes is currently in 8th grade at North Branford Intermediate School. She is thrilled to be playing the part of “Sarabi” in her fourth theater production. Most recently, she played the role of the “Macy’s Manager” in her middle school’s production of Elf Jr. Bianca enjoys singing and dancing and being a part of the LJK cast at Fuse Theatre.

Maddox Wesh (Banzai, Birds)

Maddox Wesh is a sixth grader at Harborside Middle School in Milford. This is his first official theatre production, yet he has been entertaining his family and friends since he could dance around the room. Maddox has a big personality and enjoys making everyone laugh and have a good time. Maddox is also interested in drawing and playing football. Maddox is very passionate about an acting career, and wants to thank his parents for encouraging him to pursue his passion! The sky’s the limit!

Denise Wray (Pumbaa, Zebra, Flora & Fauna)

Denise is a 12 year old 7th grader from North Branford. Her passion is Broadway, playing the piano and singing. Denise first fell in love with theater in 5th grade while performing in Elf Jr. and Beauty and The Beast Jr. (“Chip”) with Lara, and she hasn’t stopped yet. Her most recent role was The Witch in Into the Woods Jr. at the Madison Arts Barn. Denise wants to thank Ms. Lara and Ms. Susan for everything. She also would like to thank her gammy and pop for getting her to rehearsals on Saturdays. Denise says Hakuna Matata to her friends in the cast and crew-- break a leg everyone!
SUSAN LARKIN (Executive Producer) attended UCLA and has a BA in Theater Arts. She pursued an acting career in L.A. for ten years before moving to CT with her husband. She studied voice with Grammy Award winning composer/conductor Lucas Richman, and locally with Paul Elkin. She is a SAG performer who has performed in television, commercials, and theater from Shakespeare to Gilbert and Sullivan. Most notable roles are Ophelia in Hamlet, Sandy in Grease, Connie in 1940’s Radio Hour, Iolanthe, in Iolanthe, and Meg in Crimes of the Heart. In CT selected roles include April in Company and Prudence in Beyond Therapy. In CT Susan taught acting/auditioning classes at the Naugatuck Community College Kids on Campus Summer program and the Amity Teen Center. Susan also has an MBA from Albertus Magnus College, graduating with Honors and is a co-owner of Performance Plus/RVP Studios. Susan co-founded FUSE Theatre of CT (www.fusetheatre.org) with Lara Morton in 2019. She wants to thank Lara for lighting the fuse for getting back into theatre, and Lance, Bob and the Performance Plus Staff for their support of this production. @fusetheatrect

LARA MORTON( Director/Associate Producer), is the Founder/Director of Handful Productions (www.handfulproductions.com) and Co-Founder/Vice President of FUSE Theatre of CT (www.fusetheatre.org). Lara currently directs and instructs FOCUS Teen Improv of Madison, Adult and Teen Improv at Performance Plus/RVP Studios, is employed by Yale School of Medicine as an actor in their Standardized Patient program, and conducts Professional Development workshops entitled "Improv(e)verything: Using the Principles of Improv to Enhance Everyday Life." Lara earned a Bachelor of Science in Theatre (with Honors) from SUNY Oneonta in 1993 and has been directing, writing, teaching and performing ever since. She is profoundly grateful for her partner in crime, Susan Larkin, and the warm welcome and unwavering support from the staff of Performance Plus/RVP Studios. She wants to thank her mother, Sandy, for jumping into the fray with her for the first time with this ambitious production of 'The Lion King Jr.' and dedicates this production to her sister-in-law, Donna Morton. Instagram: @handfulproductions @fusetheatrect
BRIANA DAWSON (Choreographer) is the Dramatic Arts and Dance Teacher for Nathan Hale School in New Haven, CT. She has also taught for Cooperative Arts and Humanities High School (New Haven), where she co-directed and choreographed In the Heights and is currently serving in the same capacity for the upcoming performance of Rent. Briana is also a member of Elm Shakespeare Company’s Education Department at Southern Connecticut State University. She most recently co-directed Vintage Soul Productions' Daisies on Harlem's Doorstep at the Norwich Arts Center. Briana is very excited to tell the beautiful story of The Lion King Jr. through dance, and is extremely proud of these talented kids for their hard work and dedication to craft.

APRIL CHATEAUNEUF (Set Designer/Scenic Artist/Original Poster Art) is excited to be a part of this production. April attended Yale School of Drama for Scenic Art. She is full-time Scenic Artist at The Goodspeed Opera House who has also worked freelance for past productions at Hartford Stage and Yale Repertory Theater, and has designed numerous educational and community theatre productions throughout Connecticut. April's favorite project to date was The Nutcracker for The Boston Ballet.

LYDIA IAROCCI (Music Director) is a composer, producer, writer, and multi-instrumentalist, a transplant to Connecticut from frosty Buffalo, New York. Lydia is the creative force behind Semaphora (semaph.org), a folk-funk fusion project featuring songs that tell stories about the ways people navigate technology and the natural world. The first Semaphora album, 'Zootonic,' is available wherever you might typically find music on the internet, and a second album is scheduled for release later this year. Lydia's previous musical direction credits include Jesus Christ Superstar with Madison Lyric Stage, Legends of the Forgotten Borough with New Haven's Bregamos Community Theater, and Handful Productions' S.A.T.B. Cabaret. Lydia would like to remind you to support local artists and love the earth. She has truly enjoyed working with this cast of gifted youth, and would like to thank the team at FUSE for bringing her on board for this project.

CHRIS PYTLAK (Fight Choreographer) has been a professional fight choreographer for the last 12 years, working on many independent films and theatre productions in CT and NYC. He has worked and trained with many stunt coordinators from Star Wars Ep. 2 & 3, Spartacus, Power Rangers, The Highlander, Underworld and many others. He is a member of the Society of American Fight Director and Art of Combat, and founder NITF Stage Combat group. When not working as a fight choreographer, he teaches 5th grade in Ansonia, CT.

KATHERINE BROWN (Lighting Designer) - Katie is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State University’s Theatre department, where she now acts as master electrician after spending last season working at Hartford Stage. Recent credits include Red Velvet (Master Electrician), Our Town (Lighting Designer), The Compleat Wrks of Wllm Shkspr (Abridged) (Master Electrician), Pippin (Master Electrician), Matilda (Lighting Designer, Sound Designer, A1), and The Flamingo Kid (Spot Op). Find her work at katherinebrowndesigns.com

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Words can’t express the gratitude we have to share this thing called life with you. Every day you bless us with your contagious smile, bountiful laughter, and your one of kind sass. Your love for the arts is blossoming you beautifully into your garden of many talents. We gladly join you on this journey and are proud of all your accomplishments. We “just can’t wait” to see all that is in your future. Continue to allow God to lead and guide you. You are beautiful, you are brave, and you are mighty! You’re our superstar! Hakuna Matata baby!

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“Great Job Sage Cobb, love Hepa”

“Congratulations Timon—Jayden Davis—So Proud of You!” — Stacy Monico

“Magnify the Lord, God Bless you Brother Jayden!” — Sister Vanessa Smith, WOF Church

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“Kyleigh, you are amazing! We all love you!”

“Kassiani—You are always our shining star! Love Momma, Daddy & Ephemia”

"Hakuna Matata" I’m proud of you Jayden. Love Mommy

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