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Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

MARY POPPINS JR



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Spotlight Youth Theatre Proudly Presents

DISNEY AND CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S **MARY POPPINS JR.**

A Musical Based on the stories of **P.L. Travers**
and the Walt Disney film

Original Music and Lyrics by
Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by
Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by
George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by
Cameron Mackintosh

Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of
Timothy Allen McDonald

Original London and Broadway Production Credits:
Produced by **Cameron Mackintosh and Thomas Schumacher**
Scenic and Costume Design: **Bob Crowley**
Co-Direction and Choreography: **Matthew Bourne**
Directed by: **Richard Eyre**

Director: **Clara Kundin**
Musical Director **Heather Walker**
Choreographer: **Falin Taylor**
Stage Manager: **Tiffany Huisman**
Costume Design: **Heather Riddle**
Scenic Design: **Michael Armstrong**
Lighting and Sound Design: **Olivia Martinez**
Technical Coordinator: **Josh Hontz**
Hair and Make-up Design: **Ian Rey Sausedo**
Properties Design by: **Kenny Grossman, Vicki Grossman and the cast and families**
Dance Captain: **LillyBelle Lange**
Sound Board Operator: **Sarah Ray**
Light Board Operator: **Nova McGoldrick**
Sound Playback and Spotlight Operator: **Tyler Trish**
Additional creative set painting by **Grace D'Astice & Logan Swope**

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Special thanks to **Doug Novotny**, the **Spotlight Youth Theatre Board of Directors**, and the **friends & family members** who volunteered to make this show so successful.

Note From the Director

What a privilege it has been to work with these young artists on *Mary Poppins Jr.* This was my first time working at Spotlight Youth Theatre, and I found the community of young people to be talented, hard-working, and kind as we tackled this challenging, music-packed production. As we worked, I found myself connecting the strength of the Spotlight community with the themes of the show.

While we are all familiar with the fun songs and dances from this musical, at its heart, *Mary Poppins Jr.* is a show with a serious message about what it means to be a good person. Mary Poppins helps the Banks family learn to treat everyone with respect, no matter their place in society. She reminds them how to enjoy life, how to help others, and how to value what is truly important: family.

As we rehearsed this show I was welcomed to the Spotlight family, and the lessons from the show were reinforced in the way this community supports each other. I am grateful to the hours of volunteer labor, the hard work at home on lines and choreography, and the commitment to fun through traditions like Spirit Week. *Mary Poppins Jr.* teaches us how to support each other through strife and conflict, and the Spotlight community exemplifies this lesson.

Thank you for sharing your time and your talents with me and inviting me to be a small part of this wonderful community. It's been a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious time!

Clara Kundin

The Cast of *Mary Poppins JR.*

Mary Poppins	Isela Tovar
Bert.....	Reagan Little
George Banks	William Richardson
Winifred Banks	Savannah Farr
Jane Banks	Aubrey Scott
Michael Banks.....	Beckett Buelna
Katie Nanna / Ensemble.....	Rylan Ginsberg
Mrs. Brill / Ensemble.....	Kate Logan
Robertson Ay / Ensemble.....	Liam Davenport
Miss Andrew / Ensemble	Janella Beaver
Neleus / Ensemble	LillyBelle Lange
Bird Woman / Ensemble.....	Vanessa Yazdani
Mrs. Corry / Ensemble	Alix Knight
Miss Smythe / Ensemble.....	Abby Baumbach
John Northbrook / Ensemble.....	Tommy Hebel
Von Hussler / Ensemble.....	Harper Thompson
Chairman / Ensemble.....	Griffin Wilbur
Policeman / Ensemble.....	Gabby Beeso
Statues / Ensemble	Vanessa Van Atta Finley Wilbur
Honeybees / Ensemble.....	Lily Fitzgerald Vada Sorby
Messenger / Ensemble.....	Ingrid Neilson
Bird Dancer Soloist.....	Finley Wilbur
Northbrook Understudy.....	Vanessa Van Atta

Mary Poppins JR. Musical Numbers

“Prologue”	Bert, Ensemble
“Cherry Tree Lane” (Part 1)	George, Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Robertson Ay
“The Perfect Nanny”	Jane, Michael
“Cherry Tree Lane” (Part 2)	George, Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Robertson Ay, Jane, Michael
“Practically Perfect”	Mary, Jane, Michael
“Practically Perfect” (Playoff)	Bert
“Jolly Holiday”	Bert, Jane, Michael, Neleus, Statues, Ensemble
“Winds Do Change”	Bert
“A Spoonful Of Sugar”	Mary, Honey Bees, Jane, Michael, Winifred, Mrs. Brill, Robertson Ay
“Spoonful” (Playoff)	Winifred
“Precision and Order”	Clerks, Von Hussler, Miss Smythe, Northbrook, Chairman
“A Man Has Dreams”	George
“Feed The Birds”	Bird Woman, Mary, Ensemble
“Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious”	Mary, Mrs. Corry, Jane, Michael, Bert, Ensemble
“Twist and Turns”	Bert
“Playing The Game/Chim Chim Cher-ee”	Mary, Bert, Ensemble
“Cherry Tree Lane” (Reprise)	Winifred, Jane, Michael, Mrs. Brill, Robertson Ay, George
“Brimstone and Treacle” (Part 1)	Miss Andrew
“Let’s Go Fly A Kite”	Bert, Michael, Jane, Ensemble
“Brimstone and Treacle” (Part 2)	Miss Andrew, Mary
“Practically Perfect” (Reprise)	Mary, Jane, Michael
“Step In Time”	Bert, Mary, Jane, Michael, Ensemble
“Step In Time” (Playoff)	Bert, Ensemble
“A Spoonful Of Sugar” (Reprise)	Bert
“Anything Can Happen” (Part 1)	Mary, Jane, Michael, Winifred
“Give Us The Word”	George
“Anything Can Happen” (Part 2)	Winifred, Mary, Michael, Jane, George
“Goodbye Then, Mary”	Mary
“Anything Can Happen” (Finale)	Company

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PICK-A-SEASON

OUTDOOR FAMILY FUNDRAISING EVENT



THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 • 5:30–8:30PM

LOCATION: SYT Parking Lot

Bring your chairs and blankets!

FOOD: Potluck with a Mexican flair

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which shows to feature in

Spotlight Youth Theatre's

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Who's Who in *Mary Poppins JR.*



Abby Baumbach (Miss Smythe / Ensemble)

Abby is a 7th Grader at Shea Middle School where she has the opportunity to participate in the North Valley Arts Academy Dance & Theatre Programs. She has grown to love musical theater and has most recently had the privilege of performing as Emily in *Freckleface Strawberry* and Mrs. Donner in *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer* (Spotlight), Ariel in *The Little Mermaid* and The Wicked Witch in *The Wizard of Oz* (Temple Theatre) as well as ensemble roles in *Freaky Friday* and *Frozen* at Desert Stages Theatre. Abby thanks the directors and audience for making this such an amazing experience!



Janella Beaver (Miss Andrew / Ensemble)

Janella is thrilled to be in *Mary Poppins Jr!* Miss Andrew is one of her favorite roles yet. Her most recent roles were Pumbaa in *The Lion King Jr.* and Dory in *Finding Nemo Jr* (Orange Cast) at Theater Works. She is so excited to perform with such a talented cast. She would like to thank her friends and family for all their support!



Gabby Beeso (Policeman / Ensemble)

Gabby Beeso is 12 years old and attends Arrowhead Montessori. She has had a passion for singing since she was a toddler. Gabby also enjoys dancing and acting. Currently she takes voice lessons and participates in drama club at school. Gabby was awarded Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a Supporting Role – Musical, Junior Division for *Disney's The Jungle Book KIDS* at the 2022/2023 GOBIES.



Beckett Buelna (Michael Banks)

Beckett Buelna, a 4th grader at Desert Willow Elementary School, is excited to be starring in his 10th production. Some of his favorite roles include Fletcher in *Freaky Friday* (DST), Hei Hei in *Moana Jr* (DST), Pumbaa in *Lion King Kids* (SYT), Young Kangaroo in *Seussical Jr* (DST) and Lucky in *101 Dalmatians Jr* (DFT). He was also honored to originate the character of Jack in *The Knights of Modern Day* (SYT Playfest). Beckett is a student at BKA in NYC. He can be found on Instagram at @beckettbuelna. He would like to thank Kenny, Clara and the staff and crew at SYT, as well as his family and friends, for supporting him as he pursues his dream! *Everything is possible, even the impossible!*

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Liam Davenport (Robertson Ay / Ensemble)

Liam is a 13-year-old 7th grader at Western Sky Middle. At Spotlight he has performed in *The Lion King Kids* (Scar) and *Playfest* (Tim, Dragon, Documentary Director). Some of his favorite previous roles include Rumpelstiltskin (*Fairy Tale PD*), Ichabod Crane (*Legend of Sleepy Hollow*), and Lefou (*Beauty and the Beast*). Liam enjoys going to the theater, Disney World and spending time with his Frenchie, Cooper. Liam, would like to thank his family for their love and support. He is grateful to the *Mary Poppins Jr* production crew, his fellow actors and Kenny for bringing an amazing theatre experience to us all. Enjoy the Show!



Savannah Farr (Winifred Banks)

Savannah Farr is a sophomore at Xavier College Preparatory, and she is thrilled to perform in her fourth Spotlight Youth Theatre production! Some of her favorite roles include Miss Honey in *Matilda* (Greasepaint Youth Theater), Summer Hathaway in *School of Rock* (Starlight Community Theater), and Jovie in *Elf* (Desert Foothills Theater). Savannah would like to give a special thanks to Renéé, Clara, Heather, Falin, and Kenny for their love and support!



Lily Fitzgerald (Honeybee / Ensemble)

Lily is seven years old. She loves dance, musical theater and Taylor Swift. She first joined Spotlight last summer for camp and has loved every minute since. She's so happy to have been chosen to be part of this production of *Mary Poppins*. She's looking forward to being a part of Spotlight Youth Theater for many years to come.



Rylan Ginsburg (Katie Nanna / Ensemble)

Rylan Ginsberg is excited to be performing her first Spotlight Youth Theatre production. Most recently, she was seen in the Starlight Community Theater performance of *13* and the Desert Foothill Theater production of *The Secret Garden*. Before moving to the Phoenix area in 2023, Rylan was a regular performer at the Upstage Theater in Los Angeles. She is grateful to be part of a cast that is as passionate about the theater as she is.

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Tommy Hebel (John Northbrook / Ensemble)

Tommy Hebel is so thrilled to be performing at Spotlight Youth Theatre for the first time!! Prior roles include Michael Banks (*Mary Poppins*), Patrick (*Mame*), Tiny Tim (*A Christmas Carol the Musical*), Donkey (*Shrek the Musical*), Munchkin (*The Wizard of Oz*), Michael Banks (*Mary Poppins JR.*). He wants to thank all the people who believed in him such as his parents, family, friends, and those he has looked up to and learned from throughout his performances. He is so excited to meet new people during this amazing production at Spotlight Youth Theatre!



Alix Knight (Mrs. Corry / Ensemble)

Alix is 17 years old and is proud to be a member of the *Mary Poppins Jr* cast. She is a junior at Cactus High school. When she isn't acting, she is participating in other arts like knitting, drawing, and sewing. She has participated in Spotlight shows such as *Runaways* and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.* She is thankful for the patience of the directors for handling her endless questions. Have fun watching the show!



LillyBelle Lange (Neleus / Ensemble)

LillyBelle is so excited to be back on the Spotlight stage! She's a freshman at Sunrise Mountain. She loves to sing and dance. Recent credits include *13* at Starlight and *The Prom*, *Moana Jr* and *Shrek Jr* at SYT! She's a member of HyRev at ABT as well. LillyBelle would like to thank Clara, Falin, Heather and Kenny for this opportunity & thanks to this awesomesauce cast and crew! Shoutout to Renee for being the best, my family & friends too! Thank you for coming to the show and please support local theater!



Reagan Little (Bert)

Reagan is 14 years old and is in 8th grade. She is thrilled to be back performing on the Spotlight stage! Her most recent roles include *Lucy* in *13* (Starlight), Strawberry in *FreckleFace Strawberry* (SYT), Ellie Blake in *Freaky Friday* (DST), and Pinocchio in *Shrek Jr.* (SYT -AriZoni Rising Star Nomination). Other favorite roles include The Blue Fairy in *Pinnocchio Jr.* (Starlight), Goose in *Charlotte's Web* (SYT), and Storyteller/Child in *Children of Eden* (Theater Works). Reagan is also a member of ABT's performance troupe "Hy-Rev". Reagan extends heartfelt thanks to her supportive family and friends, as well as Clara, Heather, Falin, and the entire production team for this incredible opportunity!

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Kate Logan (Mrs. Brill / Ensemble)

Kate can't wait to return to the Spotlight stage in *Mary Poppins Jr!* Her first show at SYT was *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr* (Mrs. Claus). She has also recently been seen in *Finding Nemo Jr* (Theater Works), *The Sound of Music* (TVP), and *Seussical Jr* (TVP). When she's not on stage, you can find Kate snuggled up with her pup or spending time with family and friends. She would like to thank her parents and siblings for their encouragement... and Clara, Heather, Falin and Kenny for this opportunity! Hope you enjoy the show!



Ingrid Neilson (Messenger / Ensemble)

Ingrid Neilson is an 11-year-old 5th grader in Phoenix, AZ. She is very excited to be a part of *Mary Poppins Jr.* at Spotlight Youth Theatre. She was most recently seen in the Madison Meadows Theatre production of *A Butterfly's Day* (Bumble). Ingrid loves performing on stage and has enjoyed participating in Spotlight's performance troupes and theater camps. Ingrid loves to play with her dogs, read books, hang out with friends and explore colors in fashion. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and her middle school theater teacher, Liz Gengle, for all of her guidance.



William Richardson (George Banks)

William is thrilled to be part of this talented cast of friends. He is 14 and a dual enrollment student at AAEC/EMCC. Select roles include: Lord Farquaad, *Shrek* (Zoni nom), Wilbur, *Charlotte's Web* (Zoni nom), Christian, *Fun Home* (Spotlight), Michael, *Elf* (Arizona Broadway Theatre), Tigger (Theater Works), and his all time favorite Crick, *Beat Bugs* (Spotlight). Thanks to Kenny, Clara, Heather, Falin and Tiffany, and the many others whose tireless support behind the stage makes Spotlight so special. Thanks to Renee for continued encouragement.



Aubrey Scott (Jane Banks)

Aubrey Marie Scott is 9 years old & is making her way in the world of theatre! This is her very first production at SYT & she is absolutely thrilled to be here, & to be playing Jane Banks! Her previous shows include *The Wizard of Oz* (ABT/Munchkin), *Finding Nemo Jr* (Theater Works/Tad, Squirt, Jellyfish), *Matilda* (Art & Sol/Amanda Thrupp), and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (ABT/Children's Choir). Aubrey would like to thank Spotlight Youth Theatre for this amazing opportunity, & the entire cast & crew for the unforgettable experiences!

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Vada Sorby (Honeybee / Ensemble)

Vada is nine years old and this is her first time performing for Spotlight Youth Theatre. She is very excited and has been having a great time!! Her other performances include *Frozen Jr.* at Chandler Youth Theater, and *Moana Jr.* Spring Camp. Besides doing musicals, Vada loves to act, play soccer, swim, and hang out with her friends. She'd like to thank everyone at Spotlight for making this a great experience, and her family for all their support!



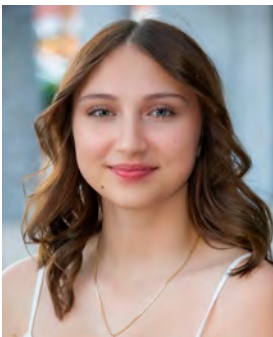
Harper Thompson (Von Hussler / Ensemble)

Harper is a 6th grader on the Principal's List at West Wing. This is Harper's 14th production and his first at Spotlight Youth Theatre. Harper's favorite roles, so far, were as Eddie in *13: The Musical* and as Piglet in *Disney's Winnie the Pooh Kids*. Harper is an avid reader and a blue belt in karate. He loves to dance, sing, and make people smile. Harper can't wait to share this supercalifragilisticexpialidocious show with you!



Isela Tovar (Mary Poppins)

Isela Tovar is excited to join the cast of *Mary Poppins Jr.* as Mary Poppins! This is her 10th production; other productions include *The Play That Goes Wrong* (Annie), *Beauty and the Beast* (Belle), *Moana Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.*, *Captain Fantastic*, and *The Little Mermaid*. She hopes to continue to pursue musical theater in the future, as a profession, due to her love of singing and performing. She would like to thank the directors for giving her this amazing opportunity and she can't wait to help this wonderful cast bring the practically perfect show *Mary Poppins Jr.* to life!



Vanessa Van Atta (Statues / Ensemble)

Vanessa is 15 years old and a freshman at O'Connor High School. She is so happy to be back at Spotlight for her part in the ensemble for *Mary Poppins Jr.* She is so thankful for this role and all the roles she has been cast in as well as the work she has done behind the scenes on the lighting and sound. She would like to thank her family, friends, and Spotlight for believing in her and giving her this opportunity!

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Finley Wilbur (Statues / Ensemble / Bird Dancer Soloist)

Finley is excited to be doing her second production at Spotlight. She was previously in *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.* (Spotlight) and *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Theater Works). She would like to thank the production team and the amazing cast of *Mary Poppins* for making this experience so memorable. She would also like to thank Mr. Shonn, Mr. Darren, and her whole family for always supporting her. She hopes you have a “Practically Perfect” day!



Griffin Wilbur (Chairman / Ensemble)

Griffin is excited to be in the cast of *Mary Poppins*. Some of his previous roles include Santa in *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.* and Baloo in *The Jungle Book Kids* (Spotlight) as well as Marlin in *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Theater Works). He would like to thank the entire production team at Spotlight for making this a memorable experience. Special thanks to Mr. Darren and Mr. Shonn. Shout out to his parents and sister for always supporting him. Remember “anything can happen” in youth theater!



Vanessa Yazdani (Bird Woman / Ensemble)

Vanessa is 14 years old in the 8th grade at Arizona Conservatory for Arts and Academics. Vanessa has been in many productions around the valley and has also done tech for shows at SYT. She wants to thank everyone that is a part of this production and for giving her this opportunity. Vanessa hopes you all enjoy the show!

Clara Kundin (Director)

Clara Kundin is a theater-maker and educator. She is a current M.F.A. candidate in Theater for Youth and Community at Arizona State University. Directing: *The One and Only Sarah Stonely* (Thought Bubble Theater Festival), *Sammie & Gran* (Climate Change Theater Action/ASU), *Loudmouth* (The Tank/Rebel Playhouse), *cards.* (Permafrost Theatre Collective), *The Donors* (site specific), and *The One and Only Sarah Stonely* (Thought Bubble Theatre Festival). New York Performance: *Luna Eclipse* (spit&vigor), *The Jewish King Lear* (Metropolitan Playhouse), *Doomocracy* (Creative Time), *{my lingerie play}* (Rattlestick Theater), Helena in *The Rover and The Tempest* (Torn Out Theater), *Lake Victory* (GYM at Judson), *The Lysistrata Project* (Irondale Center). Clara served as the Founding Executive Director of Rebel Playhouse from 2016-2019. www.clarakundin.com.

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Tiffany Huisman (Stage Manager)

Tiffany is excited to be back behind the scenes Stage Managing for *Mary Poppins Jr.* Tiffany has been part of the SYT family for over six years as a parent and stage manager. She has performed in four adult fundraising productions at SYT. She grew up in the theatre and is so grateful that SYT has created a space for young people to be who they truly are in a safe space. This show is near and dear to her heart and she is grateful to have been part of this adventure. Thanks to Kenny and the entire production team.

Falin Taylor (Choreographer)

Falin is so thrilled to have been a part of this beautiful show! Starting as a youth performer at SYT, Falin now works as a choreographer for SYT Company's performance troupes (Celebration and Evolution), and multiple shows around the valley, including *Oklahoma*, *The Lightning Thief* (ariZoni award), *Fun Home*, *Moana Jr.* (ariZoni nomination), and *Frozen Jr.* (ariZoni nomination), all here on the Spotlight stage! On stage she's recently been seen as Spot Conlin (*Newsies*, TW) *Cassie* (A Chorus Line, DST), and Lulu in *Cabaret* (SYT). Falin would like to thank her family, this incredibly talented cast, the coolest coworkers ever Clara & Heather, Tiffany, Kenny, the crew, and all of SYT. Enjoy!

Heather Walker (Music Director)

Heather is excited to be music directing *Mary Poppins JR* at Spotlight! Heather has been directing here at Spotlight for over ten years now, including musicals, theater camps and the troupes, "Spotlight Company." Last season, she music directed *Moana Jr* and directed/music directed *Shrek Jr.* Around the Valley, Heather has also directed at TheaterWorks and is a music teacher/choral director in the Peoria School District. Heather thanks her family for their continuous support and this super fun cast, crew, and production team.

Olivia Martinez (Light & Sound Designer)

Olivia is so excited to bring this Disney classic to the Spotlight Stage! Recent technical credits include *Freckleface Strawberry*, *Playfest*, *Last Chance Angels*, and *Jungle Book Jr.* When not designing, Olivia loves to perform onstage. Recent stage credits include Sandy Cheeks in *Spongebob Squarepants the Musical*, Ensemble in *Runaways* (AriZoni Award), Eamon/Emcee in *Once*, and Emma Borden/Bridget Sullivan in *Lizzie*. Olivia would like to thank her family and friends, Josh, Clara, and Tiffany, and especially her dogs: TJ, Maxx, and Bandit. She hopes you enjoy the show and remember, "In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun!"

Michael Armstrong (Scenic Designer)

Michael has been a scenic designer for local theaters since his first Arizoni Awarded show *Velveteen Rabbit* in 2008. He has since designed multiple award-winning shows at Spotlight Youth Theatre, Desert Stages Youth Theatre and TheaterWorks where he was the Asst. Technical Director and Master Carpenter. He is excited to be back at Spotlight, the theatre he calls family.

Heather Riddle (Costume Designer)

Heather is a stay-at-home mom of 5 kids, part-time registered nurse, piano teacher and business owner. She is an ariZoni award winning costume designer and is grateful for the opportunity to work with Spotlight again. She is also grateful for her super supportive husband who is always encouraging and to her kids who step in to be her mannequins and costume assistants.

Ian Rey Sausedo (Hair & Makeup Design)

Ian Rey Sausedo has been a makeup artist for almost a decade. She has had the honor of designing many shows across the valley including *Alice in Wonderland & Heathers (Teen Edition)* at Starlight Community Theatre, as well as *Carrie The Musical* and *Evil Dead The Musical* at Brelby Theatre Co. This is her second show she is designing for Spotlight, the first two being *Freckleface Strawberry* and *Anastasia*. She wants to thank all the Spotlight family for being so collaborative and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

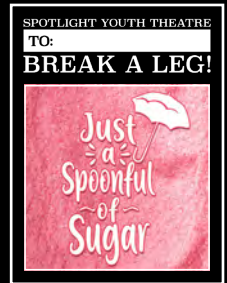
Kenny & Vicki Grossman (Properties Designers)

Kenny and Vicki have been with Spotlight Youth Theatre from the very beginning and are excited to be a part of this amazing production. They are looking forward to all the productions in this incredible season. Kenny still loves eggs. To Jamie and Carly, "We love you and miss you." Thank you to the cast, crew, directors, designers, families, volunteers, and board members.

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SPOTLIGHT ON Disney A MUSICAL REVUE

Sing • Dance • Act • Explore • Dream!

Workshop 1

March 11–15

Monday–Friday
9AM–4PM

Show Finale:

Friday, March 15, at 5PM

Workshop 2

March 18–22

Monday–Friday
9AM–4PM

Show Finale:

Friday, March 22, at 5PM

Tuition: \$200 • Ages 8 to 19

Early drop-off and late pick-up available

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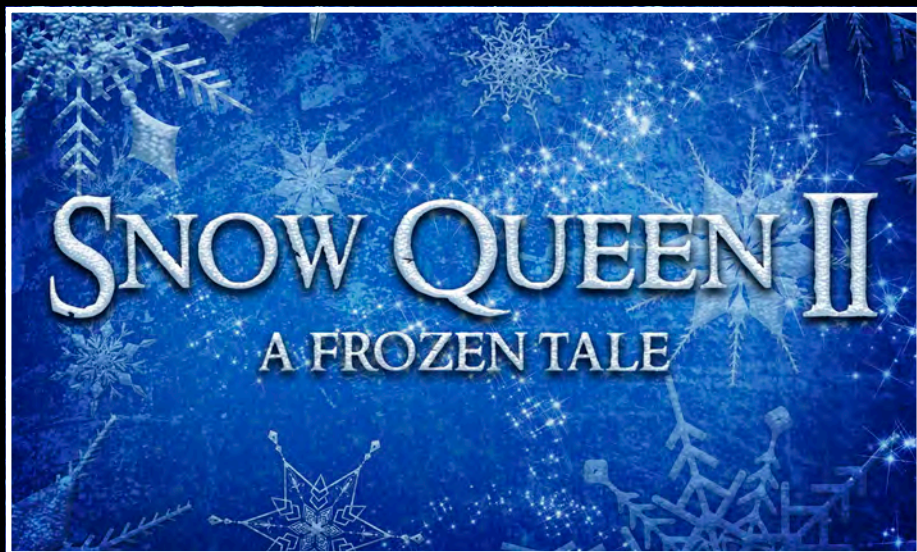


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SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE • 2024 SUMMER THEATRE CAMP

During each session of Spotlight Youth Theatre's 2024 Summer Theatre Camp, actors will learn the shows and then perform for families and friends!

SESSION 1: June 3–14, 2024



Back by popular demand! The past is not what it seems...Or is it? Conjure up freezing snow and ice as well as beautiful songs and dancing in an enchanted land, and help restore the peace.



Tuition is \$500 per two-week session; \$450 if registered on or before April 30, 2024.
M–F 9AM–3PM • Ages 8–18 • Sibling and multiple-session discount available
Registration fee includes a camp t-shirt • Before- and after-care available

To register, please visit sytaz.org/summer2024

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Little Actors Academy classes are one-week in length, Monday through Friday, 9AM - Noon. Directed by Becky Funk and Kira Kadel, Little Actors Academy classes will be held in the Spotlight Studio to coincide with SYT mainstage workshops and camps. Tuition for each one-week class is \$175.

DATES:

- March 11-15
- March 18-22
- June 3-7
- June 17-21
- July 8-12
- July 22-26

**For more information or to register,
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SESSION 2: June 17–28, 2024



In this live action Barbie musical, stereotypical Barbie and Ken must travel from their matriarchal theatre society in the East Valley to perform at a Youth Theatre in the West Valley. Along the way they learn fantastic musical numbers and make new friends.



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March 23–May 25, 2024

Saturdays from 10AM–Noon

Ages 5 to 9

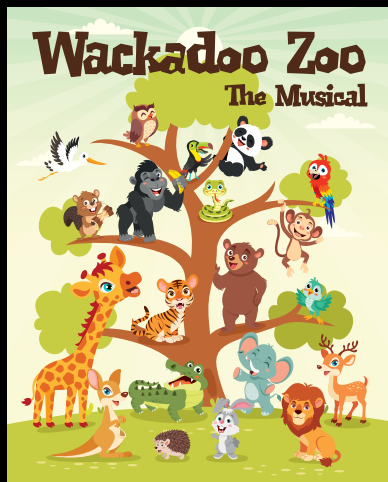
All kids and experience levels are welcome!

Cost: \$250

It is never too early to start musical theatre!

This program will teach kids the core elements of Musical Theatre including singing, dancing and acting.

Spotlight Youth Theatre's YOUNG ACTORS THESPIAN COMPANY will encourage kids to explore their creativity and imagination in an ensemble-based setting, and will give them an appreciation and understanding of the theatre stage.



Wackadoo Zoo–The Musical

This musical features happy but mixed-up animals who make the wrong sounds: cows that say "Meow," lions that crow, and monkeys that bray!

A Linguistics Professor tries to straighten them out, with hilarious results.

In the end, they learn a valuable lesson about the importance of being unique and special.

Rehearsals will be held every Saturday in the Spotlight Studio from 10AM–Noon.

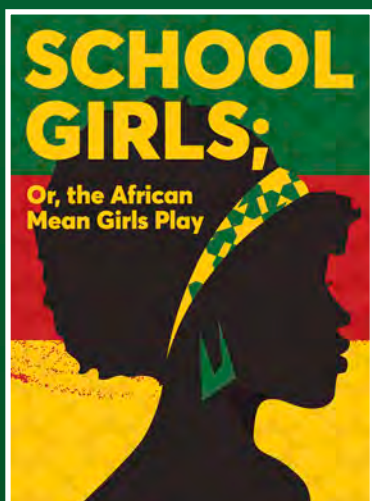
Final performances on:

- Saturday, May 25 at 1PM
- Sunday, May 26 at 1PM

For more information or to register, please call the SYT Box Office or visit our website.

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SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE AUDITION NOTICE



Spotlight Youth Theatre's Production of

School Girls; Or, the African Mean Girls Play

Written by Jocelyn Bioh, this buoyant and biting young adult comedy explores the universal similarities (and glaring differences) facing teenage girls across the globe.

Directed by Chanel Bragg

Seeking eight African/black and mixed race female identifying actresses.

**Production Dates:
April 12 – 21, 2024**

Ages: 13–19

Audition dates: Sunday, March 3 & Monday, March 4, 2024, at 6PM

Callbacks: Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6PM

Audition requirements:

- Complete the online audition form.
- Come prepared with a one-and-a-half minute contemporary monologue of your choice.
- Not knowing how to perform a West African accent should not prohibit you from auditioning. Dialect coaching will be provided.

Video submissions also accepted:

- Complete the online audition form.
- Email kenny@sytaaz.org by **9PM on Sunday, March 3, 2024.**
- Include your name with the audition video linked or attached to the email.

**Character breakdowns and audition registration form:
sytaaz.org/school-girls**

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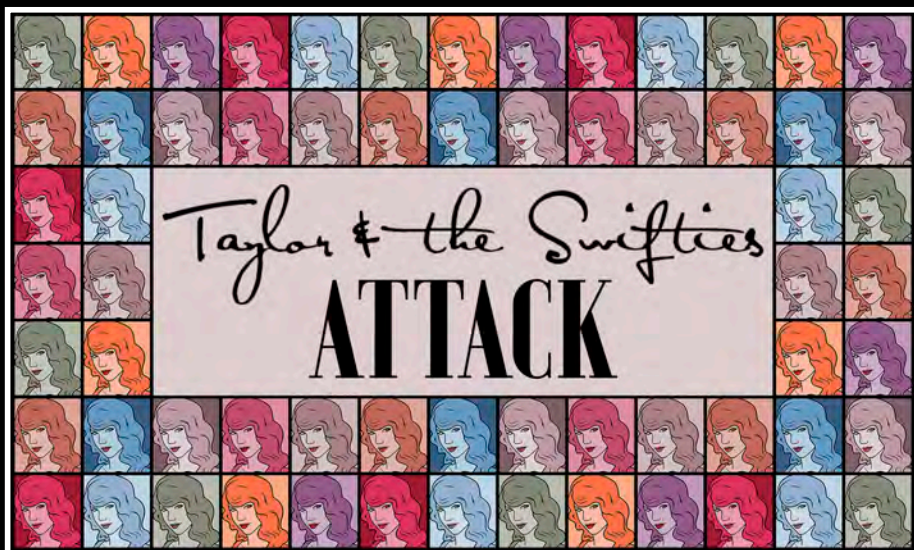


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SESSION 3: July 8–19, 2024



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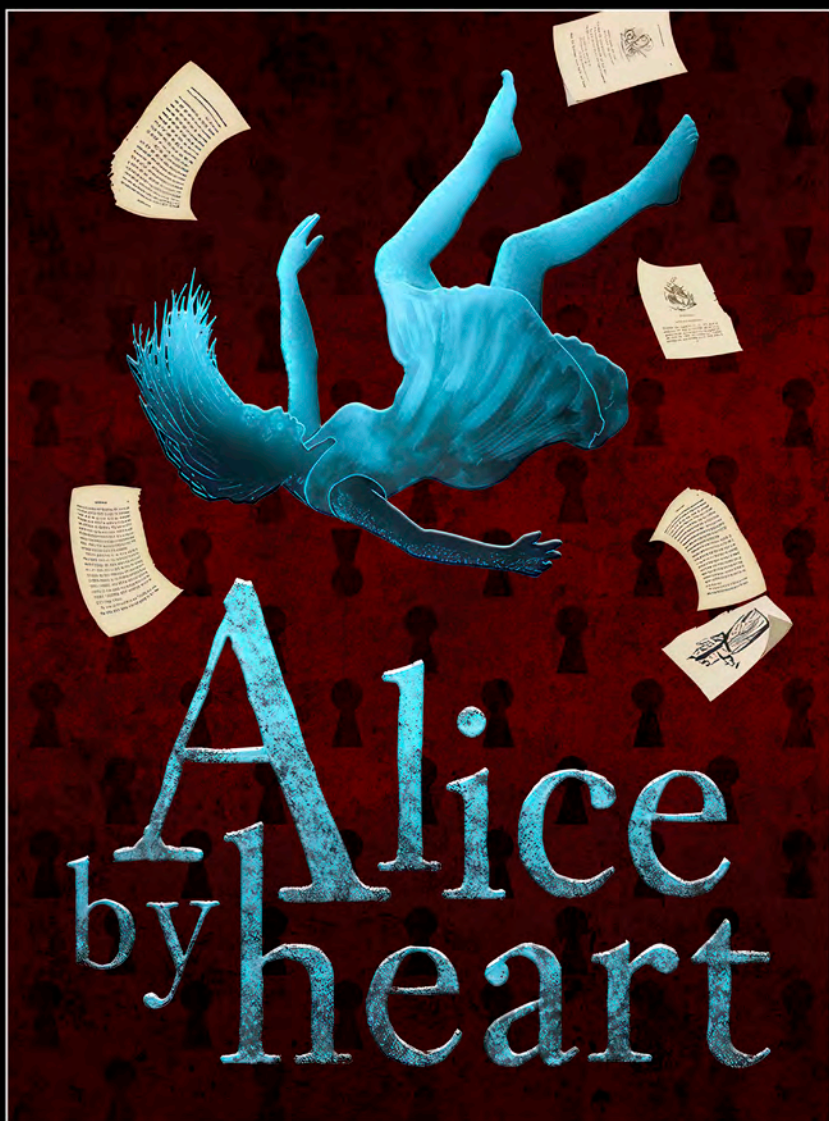
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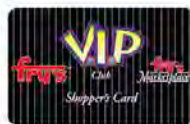


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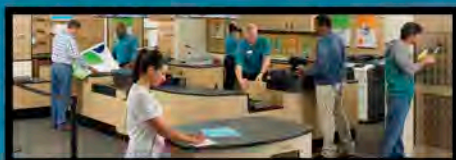
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Spotlight Youth Theatre's vision:

1. A program grounded in the belief that every child deserves a chance to shine, a place that is safe and free from negativity, and an environment where fun and hard work combine into amazing experiences, both on and off stage.
2. A theater program that is as diverse as the community we serve and where all members of the family can join in the endeavor to produce high quality theater productions that amaze and entertain.
3. A place where a child can be their authentic self, exploring the creative arts without fear, and be embraced and encouraged to grow and flourish.



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JUNE 3–14



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JUNE 17–28



In this live action Barbie musical, stereotypical Barbie and Ken must travel from their matriarchal theatre society in the East Valley to perform at a Youth Theatre in the West Valley. Along the way they learn fantastic musical numbers and make new friends.

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