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THE MUSICAL

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Music & Lyrics by
JOHNNY MARKS

Arrangements by
TIMOTHY SPLAIN

Script Adaptation by
ROBERT PENOLA

Orchestrations by
WILLIAM C. WHITE

Based on the animated television special *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*
adapted from the story by Robert L. May and the songs by Johnny Marks.

Developed by
CHARACTER ARTS CREATIONS, LLC

Director: **Marielle Czajkowski**

Music Director: **Josh Hontz**

Choreographer: **Katie Czajkowski**

Costume Design: **Makayla Jewell**

Scenic Design: **Brianna Funk & Becky Funk**

Lighting Design: **Addison Lauder**

Sound Design: **Nevaeh Monk**

Technical Supervisor: **Josh Hontz**

Hair & Makeup Design: **Vicki Jensen**

Properties Design: **Kenny & Vicki Grossman**

Media Design: **Broadway Media Distribution**

Dance Captain: **Finley Wilbur**

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Light Operator: **Sienna Nading**

Microphone Operator: **De'Layla Wilcox**

Deck Manager: **Vanessa Yazdani**

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Note From the Director

Before the first rehearsal for this production, I shared the notion with our cast and their family members that pretty much everybody knows the story of Rudolph. Diving deeper into the history, Rudolph has truly been a staple in every Christmas season for the past 84 years. Robert L. May wrote the book about Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer in 1939, and it distributed 2.4 million copies in its first year of publication. May's brother-in-law, Johnny Marks, turned that story into a song, and it hit Number 1 on the Billboard charts in 1949. Arthur Rankin, Jr., and Jules Bass then adapted the song (without any other source material) into a stop-motion animated special in 1964, first airing on NBC. CBS has since aired that special on television every single year for the past five decades.

Today, in 2023, it can be very easy to fall into the mental trap of, "people would not want to see this show on stage when they have heard the story so many times." Or, even worse, "people do not care about this story anymore." If these assumptions were true, nobody would ever re-watch a Disney movie, dress like their favorite characters, or visit the parks. No one would get chills when they listen to their favorite song for the thousandth time. Theater artists would be bored with their craft when stepping onstage to perform the seventeenth run of a show. And yet, we still rewatch movies and cry. We still revisit theme parks and laugh. We still listen to our favorite music and smile. We still play dress up, we still tell stories, and we look forward to the chance to tell them again and again.

With Rudolph, he reminds us of a very important lesson at the end of every year: those who you think have the least to offer could be the ones with the most to give. This is a time of life when it is very easy to point out how we are different from our neighbor. "We look different...we have different ideals...we behave in a different manner...we could never get along..." the list goes on. Rudolph and his friends are a constant that we can depend upon, uniting us in spite of our differences whether we are 4 or 94 years old. Tradition and nostalgia are keys to our holiday spirit, and we hold them dear when we think the world might fall apart. We invite you to celebrate this story with us once again, lauding the misfit who saved Christmas.

I want to offer my sincerest thanks to Kenny for this opportunity and for his continual guidance and wisdom. To Josh and Katie, your support during and outside of rehearsals has been essential to this production's success, and I thank you deeply for all your dedication. To our designers: Brianna, Becky, Makayla, Addi, Nevaeh, Vicki Grossman, and Vicki Jensen, your artistry is simply top-notch, and I am the luckiest to have shared this experience with you. To the parents who assisted with lobby monitoring, set building, carpooling, and other volunteer positions, you keep the youth theatre world spinning and we could not have made it all work without your help.

And finally, to this incredible cast: Thank you for trusting me for these last several weeks, and thank you for bringing joy to this process each day. Never forget how much we adults need to see smiles like yours from time to time!

I hope everyone enjoys the show!

Marielle Czajkowski

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Rudolph.....	Aiden Haren
Sam.....	Elin Williams
Yukon Cornelius	Alix Knight
Santa Claus	Griffin Wilbur
Mrs. Claus	Kate Logan
Hermey.....	AJ Riddle
Young Rudolph / Elephant.....	Bennett Riddle
Donner	Phoenix Solera
Mrs. Donner / Dolly.....	Abby Baumbach
Fireball / Plane.....	Daniel Parascandola
Clarice	Serena Shorey
Boss Elf / Charlie In-the-Box.....	Ayden Newton
Abominable Snowman.....	Cory Kalman
Herald Reporter / Reindeer.....	Lyric Sharpe
Daily Mail Rep / Reindeer.....	Cora Hancock
Train / Reindeer.....	Belle Torres
Clarice Dad / Bird Fish.....	Finley Wilbur
Coach Comet / Cowboy	Peyton Johns
King Moonracer / Elf	Kingston Petty-Purcell
Chronicler Reporter / Elf.....	Isabella Hines
Chicago Reporter / Elf.....	Liberty Sharpe
Misfit Toy / Elf	Adelaide J. Bankhead Sheets

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Musical Numbers

“A Holly Jolly Christmas”	Sam, Ensemble
“Rudolph Intro”	Sam
“Jingle, Jingle, Jingle”	Santa, Reindeer, Young Rudolph
“When Santa Claus Gets Your Letter”	Elves
“Hermey the Misfit”	Hermey
“Rudolph the Misfit”	Young Rudolph
“There’s Always Tomorrow”	Clarice
“We are Santa’s Elves”	Elves
“We’re a Couple of Misfits”	Rudolph, Hermey
“Fame and Fortune”	Yukon, Hermey, Rudolph
“Silver and Gold”	Sam, Elves
“The Most Wonderful Day of the Year”	Misfit Toys
“There’s Always Tomorrow” (Reprise)	Rudolph
“Rockin” Around the Christmas Tree”	Elves, Santa, Mrs. Claus
“We are Santa’s Elves” (Reprise)	Elves
“A Merry, Merry Christmas to You”	Santa, Reindeer, Misfit Toys
“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”	Company

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SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE

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INSTRUCTED BY JOSH HONTZ

Josh Hontz has worked as a designer and music director in the Valley since 2014.

He graduated from the ASU School of Music and has received twenty-five AriZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence for his work.

Josh's highlights have included music directing for *The Prom*, designing sound/lighting/media for *Once*, and mentoring Spotlight's youth to learn how to design for a production.

Outside of show biz, Josh works as a systems & applications administrator at Estrella Mountain Community College.



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Adelaide J. Bankhead Sheets (Misfit Toy / Elf)

From dancing to commercials to making her stage debut in *Rudolph*, Addie has enjoyed dancing and singing since before she was born. A 9-year-old 4th grader at Shaw Montessori, Addie fell in love with *Hamilton* in 2021 so much so, her parents have a no-*Hamilton* rule on the weekends! Addie joined SYT in 2023 with *Nevermore* Summer Camp and currently is a member of the *Celebrations Troupe*. Addie thanks Marielle, Josh, Katie, Kenny, and her parents for helping her earn her dream of being in a play. Addie would say “happy holidays to you” but she is at rehearsals at the moment!



Abby Baumbach (Mrs. Donner / Dolly)

Abby is beyond excited to join the cast of *Rudolph*. She is a 7th Grader at Shea Middle School where she has the opportunity to participate in the North Valley Arts Academy Dance & Theatre Programs. A Black Belt in Karate, Abby performs with her Karate Troupe *Team Intensity* at Burch's Karate. Most recently she had the privilege of performing as Emily in *Freckleface Strawberry* (Spotlight), Ariel in *The Little Mermaid* and The Wicked Witch in *The Wizard of Oz* (Temple Theatre) as well as performing in *Freaky Friday* and *Frozen* at Desert Stages Theatre. Abby thanks her castmates and directors for all their love and support!



Cora Hancock (Daily Mail Rep / Reindeer)

Cora is excited to make her debut on the Spotlight stage in *Rudolph*. She is part of the Spotlight *Celebration Troupe* and has recently performed in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Wizard of Oz* at Arizona Broadway Theater and *Alice in Wonderland* at Starlight Community Theater. She is thankful to her coaches and parents for giving her the chance to be involved in something she loves so much.



Aiden Haren (Rudolph)

Aiden is 12 years old and attends 6th grade at Madison Meadows Middle School. He discovered his love of theatre when he was eight years old and has been on stage ever since. He is very excited for his first show at Spotlight! When he's not in a show, Aiden loves to read, watch movies, go camping, and write novels and scripts. He would like to thank Marielle, Kenny, Katie, Josh, and the team for this amazing opportunity and all their support as well as all his new friends in the cast for this awesome experience.



Isabella Hines (Chronicler Reporter / Elf)

Isabella loves being part of Spotlight Youth Theatre! She started with the *Sparkles Troupe* in 2020. She has performed at many different venues such as The Arizona State Fair, Phoenix Zoo Lights, and *Glendale Glitters* as well as on stage at SYT. She has also participated and performed in *Disney's Moana Jr.* and Spotlights summer camps *Avengers* and *The Great Toy Escape*. Isabella also enjoys playing the piano, ukulele, and clarinet. Isabella would like to thank all the people who keep SYT going! Isabella looks forward to being part of the SYT family for many years to come.

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Peyton Johns (Coach Comet / Cowboy)

Peyton is an Arizona native. She has always loved to sing and perform. She has been performing in musical theater since first grade. This is her first Spotlight Youth Theater production, and she's having an amazing time making new friends and memories. She wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!



Cory Kalman (Abominable Snowman)

Cory is excited and honored to be included in the cast of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, The Musical Jr.* at Spotlight Youth Theatre. Cory is a long-time member of Imagine Theater Company. He sends a special thanks to Marielle for giving him the opportunity to be part of his first SYT production. Performing on stage is Cory's first love. He also thanks all of those involved in the production of *Rudolph*. Cory thanks his family for all their help in allowing him to continue his theater life.



Alix Knight (Yukon Cornelius)

Alix is 16 years old and goes to Cactus High School. She has participated in productions such as *Runaways* as one of the kids and in *The Prom* as a techie. She loves anything to do with art and the arts. She would like to thank her director for putting up with her millions of questions. Enjoy the show, Whoopee!



Kate Logan (Mrs. Claus)

Kate is thrilled to be making her Spotlight Youth Theatre debut in *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, the Musical Jr!* Her recent theater credits include *Finding Nemo Jr* (Seagull/Ensemble), *The Sound of Music* (Nun, Ensemble), and *Seussical Jr* (Ensemble). When she's not on stage Kate loves spending time with family and friends. She would like to thank her parents for their unending support and Marielle and Katie for the opportunity to spread Christmas Joy! Enjoy the show!



Ayden Newton (Boss Elf / Charlie In-the-Box)

Ayden is excited to be returning to the SYT stage! He is in 5th grade at Arrowhead Montessori. Ayden would like to thank everyone who has helped him during this show's run, but especially his family for all their love, support and Uber driving him to and from SYT.

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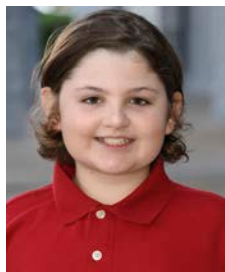
Daniel Parascandola (Fireball / Plane)

Daniel is a ten-year-old 5th grader who enjoys swimming, storytelling, gaming, playing the piano, and Lego Star Wars. With a great sense of humor and a budding interest in the dramatic arts, Daniel is excited about his debut in a non-school theater production. His hope is to entertain the audience, aiming to share the magic and joy of the Christmas spirit with everyone attending, fostering a memorable and heartwarming experience for all.



Kingston Petty-Purcell (King Moonracer / Elf)

Kingston is 9 years old, attends the 4th grade at Christ Lutheran, and loves all things musical theatre! His most recent performances include *Matilda Jr.* (Bruce) with Inspire Entertainment, *Legally Blond Jr.* (Scottish Dancer) and *Lion King Jr.* (Lion Cub) with Art & Sol. When he's not on stage he enjoys voice & piano lessons, swimming and Tae Kwon Do. He sends love and gratitude to his family for supporting him in his dream to perform on Broadway someday! A sincere thank you to the SYT production team for the opportunity to star as King Moonracer in *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, The Musical Jr!*



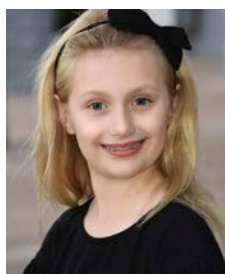
AJ Riddle (Hermey)

AJ is thrilled to be returning to Spotlight in *Rudolph!* AJ's first show at SYT was *Charlotte's Web* (photographer/ensemble). Other recent credits include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (youth choir) and *Mame* (Young Patrick) at Arizona Broadway Theatre Company, *Lion King, Jr.* (Timon) and *Matilda* (Nigel) at Theater Works. AJ also participated in ABT Academy's *Finding Nemo, Jr.* (Marlin). AJ sincerely thanks Marielle, Josh, Katie, Kenny, and vocal coach Renee for their INCREDIBLE guidance! He sends a special break-a-leg to little bro Bennett and hopes you have good teeth, so you don't have to set up an appointment with him.



Bennett Riddle (Young Rudolph / Elephant)

Bennett has watched his big brothers on this stage for years, and is now making his Spotlight debut, as Young Rudolph & Spotted Elephant. This is truly a dream come true. Bennett was recently in *Finding Nemo, Jr.* as Squirt (ABT Academy). Bennett likes to sing, dance, tumble, play sports, and be your basic typical everyday Ninja! Bennett thanks Marielle, Josh, Katie, Kenny, and vocal coach Renee for all the support and sends a break-a-leg to big bro, AJ. He would like to wish you all a Happy Holidays and remind you that just like Rudolph, it is our unique differences that make us special!



Liberty Sharpe (Chicago Reporter / Elf)

Liberty is a 2nd-grader at Archway North Phoenix Elementary and is super excited to be in her first production with Spotlight Youth Theatre! Liberty has a natural grace and elegance and is an exceptionally talented gymnast. Besides musical theater, she also enjoys playing the piano, basketball, and practicing her back handspring. Since she was a toddler, she's been known as "the class clown" and she loves to make people laugh. Liberty would like to thank her parents and her big sister Lyric for all their guidance and support.

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Lyric Sharpe (Herald Reporter / Reindeer)

Lyric is a 10-year-old 5th-grader at Desert Cove Elementary and is incredibly excited to be in her first production with Spotlight Youth Theatre! Her most recent performances include *Annie*, *Frozen*, *Junie B. Jones* and Dream City Church's *The Celebration of Christmas*. When she's not on stage she enjoys playing basketball, the piano, reading and learning about cybersecurity. Lyric is an exceptionally kind and compassionate person who loves to help others and rescue animals. She'd like to thank her parents, Marielle, Katie, and God for this wonderful opportunity. She'd also like to thank her little sister Liberty for being her biggest fan.



Serena Shorey (Clarice)

Serena is excited to appear in her first show at Spotlight. She is in 7th grade at ASA where she enjoys choir and theater. Serena has performed in many productions, most recently in *Elf*, *Willy Wonka*, *The Music Man*, and *The Sound of Music*. Serena would like to thank the director, choreographer, cast, and crew for this amazing opportunity, as well as her friends and family for their love & support. Enjoy the show!



Phoenix Solera (Donner)

Phoenix is a 6th grader at Arrowhead Montessori and made his debut at SYT as Shere Khan in 2022's *Jungle Book*. His hobbies include basketball and video games. Phoenix would like to thank Marielle and the cast and crew of *Rudolph* for all their hard work and most of all his parents, for driving him back and forth and giving him their constant support. Thank you and enjoy the show!



Belle Torres (Train / Reindeer)

Belle's love for acting began when she was a preschooler. Her first love was the show and movie, *Frozen*! Belle's wonderful imagination and creativity have extended to her ability to create costumes and props from scratch! Belle currently participates in Mr. Luke's Drama class at school. Belle would like to thank Marielle, Josh, Mrs. Katie, and Kenny for sharing their support and welcoming Belle into the Spotlight Youth Theatre Family. You are making a difference! Thank you! from Belle and the rest of the *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, the Musical Jr.* cast!!



Finley Wilbur (Clarice's Dad / Bird Fish / Dance Captain)

Finley is excited to be doing her first full production at Spotlight. She would like to thank Marielle, Katie, Josh, and the amazing cast of *Rudolph* for making this experience so fun. She would also like to thank Ms. Alex, Mr. Darren, and her whole family for always supporting her. Wishing a holly, jolly holiday to everyone!

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Griffin Wilbur (Santa Claus)

Griffin is excited to be taking on such a classic role during his favorite time of year. His favorite previous roles were Baloo in *The Jungle Book Kids* (Spotlight) and Marlin in *Finding Nemo, Jr.* (Theater Works). He would like to thank Marielle, Katie, and Josh for making this experience so much fun as well Mr. Darren and Ms. Alex. Shout out to his parents and sister for always supporting him. He ho-ho-hopes you have a holly, jolly show and a wonderful holiday season!!



Elin Williams (Sam)

Elin is excited to be making her spotlight debut! She is 12 years old and in sixth grade. This is only her fourth play that she has been in! She has been in The Arizona Broadway Theatre productions of *Frozen Jr* (House Maid), *Nemo Jr* (Pearl's Mom and Peach), and *Winnie the Pooh* (Pooh). She is so very excited to now be a part of the SYT family. She is thankful for everyone at SYT, especially the cast and crew for making this experience such an amazing one! Enjoy the show!

Katie Czajkowski (Choreographer)

Katie first got involved with Spotlight in 2012 as a cast member. Some performance credits include *Footloose*, *A Chorus Line*, *42nd Street*, and *Bring It On*. She has also choreographed Spotlight productions including *Ramona Quimby*, *Honk Jr.*, *101 Dalmatians Kids*, *Aristocats Kids*, *Shrek Jr.*, *Lizzie the Musical*, *Once* (ariZoni nom), and *The Prom*. She graduated with a degree in Musical Theater and a minor in dance from Millikin University. Katie would like to thank this cast for all their hard work, and Josh and this wonderful creative team and crew for helping put this show together. She would especially like to thank her wife, Marielle, for making this first show they got to work on together such an amazing experience. She would also like to thank her Mutter and Grandma for always supporting her.

Marielle Czajkowski (Director)

Marielle is SO excited for all of you to experience the winter wonderland magic of our Rudolph production! Her previous directorial credits include *Twelfth Night*, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with Shakespeare Corrected in Decatur, IL. That program gave Marielle the opportunity to bring theatrical experiences to incarcerated individuals, adults with different abilities, and kids participating in the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. After moving to Arizona, her first Spotlight Youth Theatre project paired her with the renowned Chanel Bragg, co-Directing *Lizzie: The Musical* together. It was a "bloody" good time, and she's very excited to continue working with this amazing SYT community. Marielle has also been seen on stage in Theater Works' *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* as well as *Mary Poppins*.

Marielle works full-time for Acceptd, an application and audition platform that connects artists with hundreds of organizations around the world. These include universities, conservatories, orchestras, competitions, dance studios, performance troupes, and more. Marielle's wife, Katie, has been her rock during the entire *Rudolph* rehearsal process, as well as throughout their last six years together (six months married.) The opportunity to work on this production as a Director/Choreographer duo has been an absolute dream. Marielle counts herself lucky every day to have found a partner in Art and in Life through Katie. She would like to thank her parents, Mary and Chris, for being steadfast supporters of Marielle's theatre endeavors, starting from her elementary school days all the way through earning her Bachelor of

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Arts in Theatre. She then gained two more parental figures through her mother- and grandmother-in-law, Deb and Christiane - all of your guidance and patience during busy rehearsal seasons is greatly appreciated. Marielle never wonders "what could have been" as her family encourages her to live out her passions every day. She hopes you enjoy the show!!

Becky Funk (Scenic Design)

This is Becky's third set design project with Spotlight Youth Theater. She previously set designed *Freckleface Strawberry* and *Shrek the Musical Jr.* She is the assistant director for Imagine Theater Company and has been the scenic painter for many shows. She has loved working with Spotlight again on this production. She wants to thank her family for all their love and support.

Briana Funk (Scenic Design)

Brianna is excited to be working with Spotlight again on *Rudolph*. She previously was the set designer for *Freckleface Strawberry* and *Shrek the Musical Jr.* A special thanks to Kenny and Spotlight Youth Theatre for always making theater accessible to all. Love to her family, especially her husband, Travis, who gets roped into her crazy theater hijinks!

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.

Josh Hontz (Music Director / Technical Supervisor)

Josh has worked as a designer and music director in the Valley since 2014. He graduated from the ASU School of Music and has received twenty-five AriZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence for his work. Josh's highlights have included music directing for *The Prom*, designing sound/lighting/media for *Once*, and mentoring Spotlight's youth to learn how to design for a production. Outside of show biz, Josh works as a systems & applications administrator at Estrella Mountain Community College. Thank you for supporting local theater!

Vicki Jensen (Hair & Makeup Design)

Vicki is thankful for the opportunity to work with Spotlight Youth Theatre. She has lived in Phoenix for just over four years and fell in love with theatre when she was invited to attend her daughter's friends' play where everyone who was cast in it had an intellectual challenge of some sort. She was blown away! She wanted to get involved in any way possible! So, she went back to college majoring in theatre and then took a professional makeup course last year just to get more education. She loves makeup and what it can do for us and for theatre!

Makayla Jewell (Costume Design)

Makayla is a middle school science teacher by day and loves putting together bold, wacky and sparkly outfits for herself. This will be her second year as a costume designer, with her first show ever being *Little Women*, moving into *Heathers the Musical*, and then to *Beauty and the Beast the Musical*. She adores getting to mix and match styles, patterns, colors, and textures. If a little glitter can be added she will be over the moon. *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer the Musical Jr.* will be Makayla's first youth production. This musical has been such a great experience. The kids, the team, and getting to work with Spotlight Youth Theatre for the first time has been such a jolly experience!

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Addi Lauder (Lighting Design)

Addi is 16 years old. She attends Thunderbird High School. Some of her favorite roles have been Sophie in *Mamma Mia* at THS, Thalia in *The Lightning Thief* at SYT, Candy in *Zombie Prom* at THS and Company in *Runaways* at SYT. Addi would like to thank Josh, Kenny, and Marielle for the amazing opportunity to design for *Rudolph*. Addi would also like to thank Rachel, Dorry, and Owen for being awesome, and Olivia for getting her into theatre.

Nevaeh Monk (Sound Design)

Nevaeh is 15 years old and a junior at ACAA. This happens to be her third time sound designing for a Spotlight production. Her past two times included last year's pick a season show, *Hands on a Hardbody*, and this season's opening show *The Prom*. She was incredibly excited and grateful to have gotten the opportunity to work on this show, since it holds a special place in her heart during this time of year. She would specifically like to thank her mentor Josh Hontz for all his advice and guidance throughout the process, as well as Kenny Grossman and Marielle Czajkowski for their continued support.

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 Hermey, we are so proud of
 our favorite dentist and
 * how you always shine on *
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 Dad, Mom, JR & Bennett
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♥ **Christina Mauro**

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**Addie, we would drive you to the
 moon and back to support your
 dreams. We love you so, so, so, so
 much and are incredibly proud and
 blessed to be your mom and dad.**

 To: My little Reindeer
 ♥ Belle ♥
 We Love You So Much!
 You are Amazing, We are So Proud
 xoxoxo Break a Leg ♥ xoxoxo

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Addie is ready to wow the world with her performance! It will be memorable for the entire audience! Behold, a star is BORN!



**Omobirin Omodele Jegede
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.**



**Hey, Shawty!! Love
you, Addie Baddie!!**



Jenelle "Nelly" Blackwell

**Congratulations Addie! I'm rooting for
you! Let your light shine bright!!!!**



Tonya Spears-Willis

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



**Thank you for everything,
Marielle & Katie
Czajkowski!!**



Addie J. Bankhead Sheets

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Addie, have so much fun and make great memories! Congrats on your theatrical debut!!!!



Yolanda M. Mattox



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Addie, you are going to do an amazing job! Congrats on this role! Keep smiling and keep being YOU!



Liz Goldstein



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Woof, woof, Addie,
meow, meow!



Killface, Fred, Remy, Bella,
Beyoncé, & Mistletoe

* Break a hoof! * We ♥ you! *
Beinnett, our Young
Rudolph & Spotted
Elephant- We are so
proud of you as you
take flight in your first
big show! * Love, Papa Mama
JR & AJ *

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Great work, Addie! You
slay!!

♥ Your BFFF, Ed Kavazanjian



You are so loved,
Addie James!

♥ In memory of Reginald Jackson, Jr

Addie, you are beautifully and
wonderfully made! Congrats on
your theatrical debut!!!!

♥ Konitra Larkins

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



Finley,
I hope you have
a holly, jolly show!
Proud of you! ♥ MOM

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GOOD LUCK

Daniel 

**WE LOVE YOU! XOXOXOXO
MOM & DAD**

SHINE BRIGHT

ADDIE!

♥ **Carmen C. and Kelly Jackson**

**Always be GREATER,
Addie!**

♥ **Loura Whitney**



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**On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer
and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and
Donner and ADDIE! Your star is on
the rise - keep shining bright!**

♥ **Jenny Tyniec**

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Addie, good luck sweet girl on your performance. You will be amazing!!!



Dianna Watkins-Dickerson

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



You have the entire Sigma Family cheering you on, Dearest Adelaide!!



Donna J. Nicol, PhD

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



Griffin:

I ho-ho-hope you have a wonderful show! Proud of you!
♥ Mom

Way to go Addie!!



Olivia Lansing

**Love to see you
shining so brightly!**



Shanna K. Kattari, PhD, MEd, CSE, ACS



**Addie, this world is big; but YOU,
my dear, is BIGGER!!!! Go get em'
and show them who YOU are!!!**



Kamisha Dumas



**Congratulations,
Adelaide!!**



LaKeisha Harris, PhD

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



Isabella



*We are so proud of you!
Keep moving forward and following your
dreams*

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**Kenny Grossman, I want to
be just like you when I grow
up!! We <3 you!!**

♥ **Addie J. Bankhead Sheets**

**Way to go Addie!! You are a
shining star!!**

♥ **Dr. Jennifer Chandler**



Go, Addie!!

♥ **Cousin Nick in Georgia (son of eeyip
friend Vanetta Vincent-Richard)**



Can't wait see you on
BROADWAY
Kingston!

Love you so much,
Mom & Dad

**Not just a
hatrack,
King!**

Love, Auntie Lori



**You have the entire Sigma Family
cheering you on, Adelaide!!**



Donna J. Nicol, PhD

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**Addie! Congratulations to you
on your 1st Playbill in Rudolph.**

**Love from Cynthia, Cameron,
Collin, and Ravyn 2023**

**We are smiling down so
proudly on you and love
you so much!**



Grammy and Grampy

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Break a leg, Adelaide!



JJ Spreitzer



Love You
so much and a million

Kingston!!

XOXOXOXO

Mimi

The world is ready for Rudolph
played by the marvelous Addie! Go
Addie, go! And Bella, thank you for
your supporting role 🐾



Kaela Saenz Oriti



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Congratulations to the cast and crew of
RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER THE MUSICAL JR!
Break ALL the legs! We are so proud of you!

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LET ME JUST...

tell you how awesome
I think you are, Kingston!

LOVE, AUNTIE LISA

**Congratulations, Addie!! YOU
ARE ALREADY A STAR!!!!**



Quinette Bulls



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**Break A Leg,
Phoenix!**

~ Steph C.

**GO ADDIE GO!! WE ARE SO PROUD
OF YOU!! KEEP SPREADING YOUR
BLACK GIRL MAGIC!!!**



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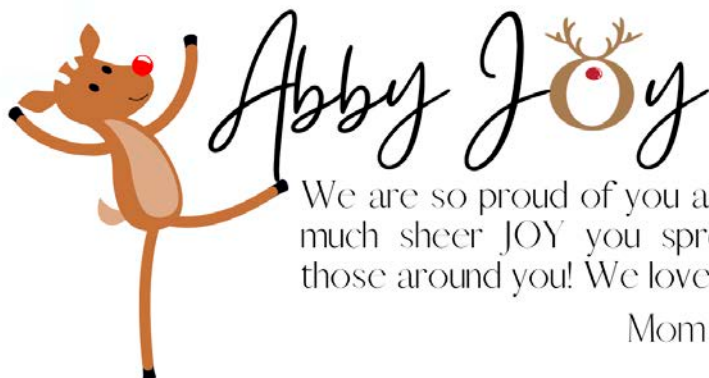
Aiden,

We are so proud of you!
Have so much fun and
break a leg :D Congrats...
Keep doing what you love
xoxo Mom, Dad + Kate



The perfect Santa
Ho Ho Ho!!! Love,
Griffin Dad

Liberty - You are the
cutest, most mischievous
elf we've ever known...
except for Otto, of course!
We love you! • Mom + Dad xo



We are so proud of you and how
much sheer JOY you spread to
those around you! We love you!

Mom & Dad

My Favorite Misfit
Toy!!!
Go Finley Love,
Dad

CONGRATS. KATE!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND
LOVE WATCHING YOU SHINE ON STAGE!
BREAK LEGS!



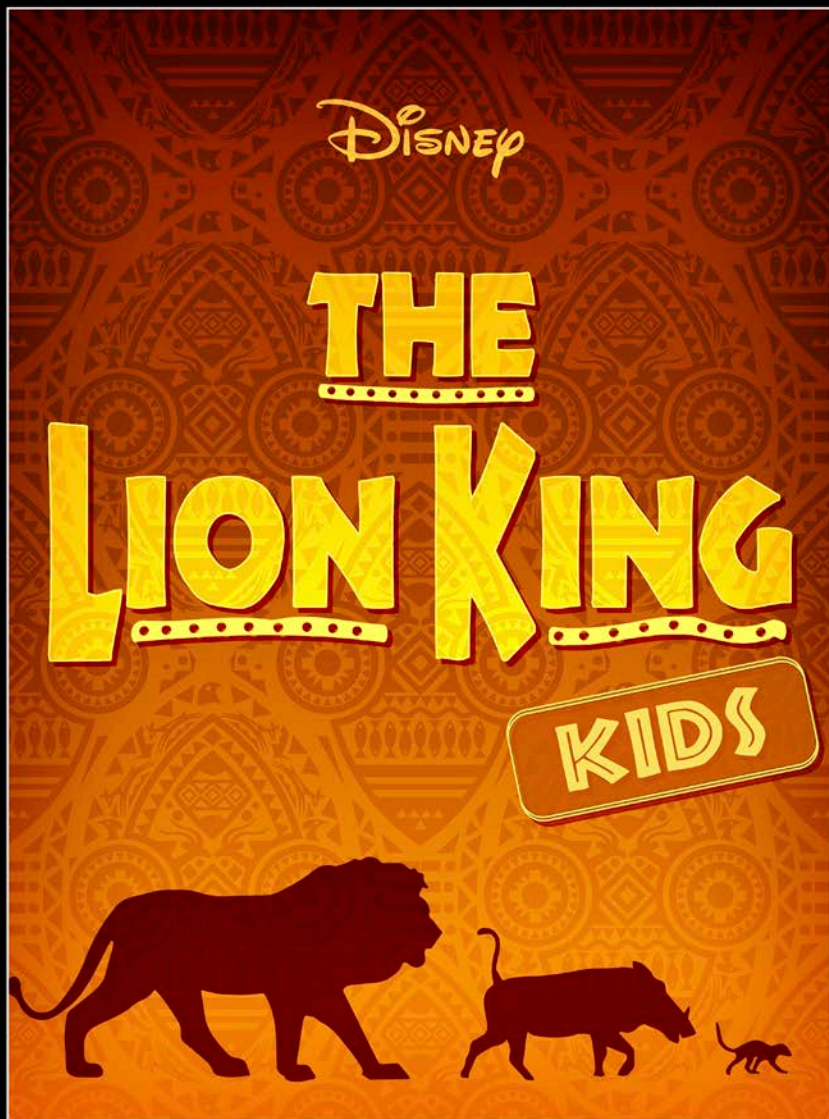
LOVE. MOM & DAD.
JUDE & EMME & MILES



Lyric - We are so proud
of you! I am amazed by
your beautiful voice & kind
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P.S. How do you feel about pollution?

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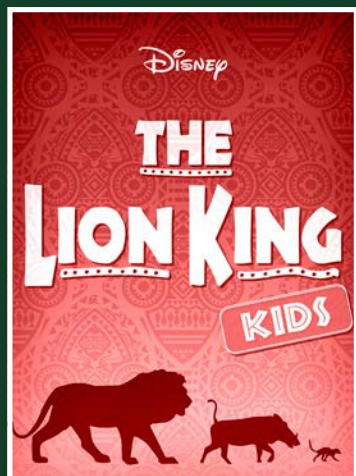
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HOLIDAY WORKSHOP



Spotlight Youth Theatre's Production of Disney's

The Lion King Kids

Workshop Dates:

Dec 26, 2023—Jan 5, 2024

Monday—Friday • 9AM—3PM

Mandatory Parent Meeting:

Tuesday, Dec 26, 2023, at 9AM

Show Dates:

Jan 5 & 6, 2024

Ages: 7—16

Even though this is a no-cut show and everyone who registers is guaranteed a part, we still would like each actor to audition.

Workshop participants should come to the first rehearsal on Tuesday, Dec 26, 2023, prepared to audition with material from the show. Participants do not need to prepare a song or monologue. Remember to have fun! Headshot and resume are optional.

Tuition: \$250

Director: Alyssa Armstrong

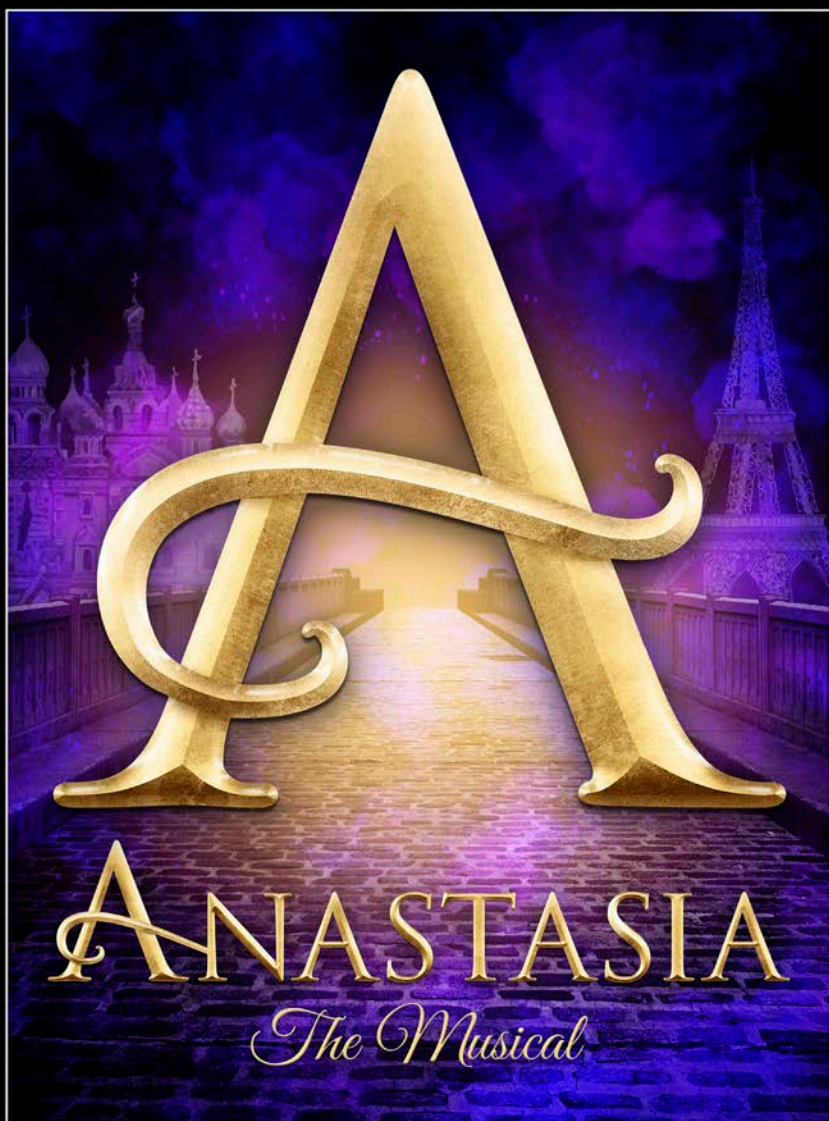
Musical Director: Eeshan Kumar

Choreographer: Kendra Goodenberger

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Playfest 2023-'24

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- ***The Making of Boys Town the Musical*** written by **Katerina Anderson** and directed by **Olivia Martinez**
- ***The Knights of Modern Day*** written by **Spencer Wareing** and directed by **Maria Cruz**
- ***Nico's Plushies*** written and directed by **Max Mendoza**
- ***Frank's Ultimate Guide to Depression*** written by **Tejas Sahni** and directed by **Wardeh Rose Hanna**

Ages: **Principle roles for ages 8 to 19.** The casts of these four plays may play multiple roles.

Audition dates: **Saturday & Sunday, January 6 & 7, 2024, at 6PM**

Callbacks: **Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6PM**

First rehearsal: **Thursday, January 11, 2024**

Production dates: **February 9–18, 2024**

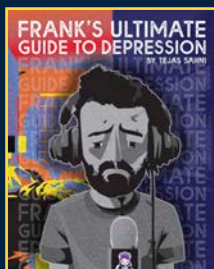
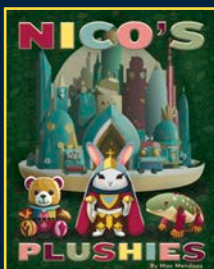
Online audition form: **sytaaz.org/audition-form-playfest**

Requirements: **Please come prepared to perform two contrasting, character-driven, one-minute monologues of your choice. Headshot photo and résumé are required.**

Video submissions also accepted:

- Complete the online audition form.
- Video the required monologue performance, and mail video file or link to **playfest@sytaaz.org** by 6PM on Saturday, January 6, 2024.
- Attendance at callbacks is still required in-person.

For more information or to register: **sytaaz.org/playfest-2023-24**



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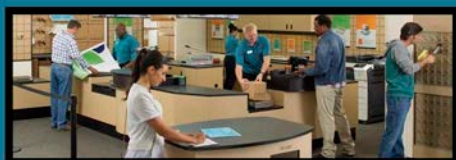
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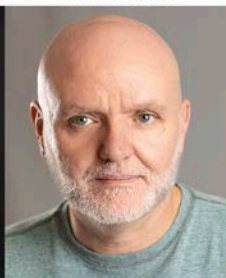
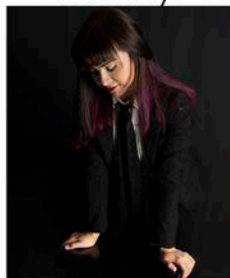
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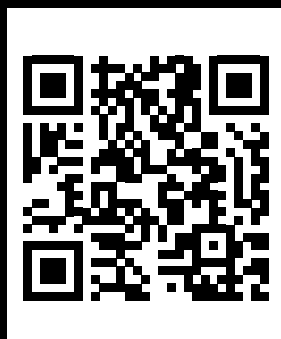


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Spotlight Youth Theatre's vision:

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.
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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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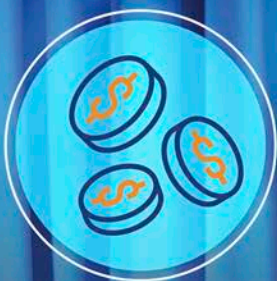
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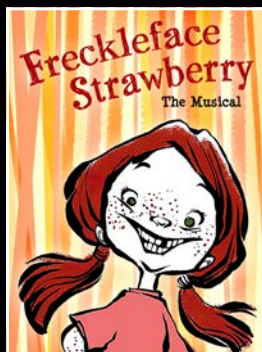
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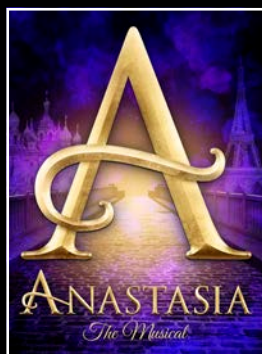
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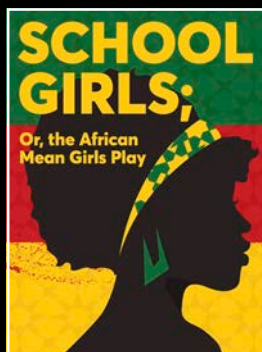
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