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The Musical JR.



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Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by **William Steig**

Book and Lyrics by **David Lindsay-Abaire**

Music by **Jeanine Tesori**

Originally produced on Broadway by **DreamWorks Theatricals** and **Neal Street Productions**

Original Production Directed by **Jason Moore** and **Rob Ashford**

“I’m a Believer” by **Neil Diamond**

Director & Musical Direction: **Heather Walker**

Choreography: **Katie Czajkowski**

Dance Captain: **Jay Schwab**

Costume Design: **Heather Riddle**

Scenic Design: **Amber Suding, Brianna Funk, & Becky Funk**

Hair & Makeup Designer: **Vicki Jensen**

Lighting & Sound Design: **Josh Hontz**

Assistant Sound Designer: **Emmy Lange**

Assistant Lighting Designer: **Olivia Martinez**

Properties Artisans: **Vicki Grossman & Kenny Grossman**

Light Board Operator: **Vanessa Van Atta**

Sound Board Operator: **Grace D’Astice**

Microphone Operator: **Kinzie Ravesloot**

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Thank you to **Elise Stoffer, Actor's Youth Theatre & Renee Werkheiser, Art & Sol Performing Arts**, for allowing us to borrow/rent costumes and props for *Shrek the Musical JR*.

Note From the Director

It has been a joy to direct *Shrek the Musical JR*, a show full of life lessons. Throughout the show, we see various characters learning to be themselves and celebrate each other's differences. They learn to work together and stand up for what is right. They learn about true friendship and about true love. Shrek himself learns all these things and more, as he begins his journey with one mission in mind and gradually, and unexpectedly, changes his priorities.

Like Shrek, sometimes our own journey through life doesn't go the way we expect. Shrek begins, frankly, with selfish motives. He just wants to be left alone on his swamp. To get what he wants, he is forced to accept multiple intrusions to his quest. Life often brings unexpected troubles that we must accept to continue with life.

Shrek is reluctant each time he is presented with what he sees as an obstacle. But as he softens toward his companions, he learns friendship, love, and community. He is ultimately much better off for the obstacles he had hoped to avoid.

So, when you set out on a quest, embrace the struggles, they will undoubtedly teach you something, and you may end up better in the end!

Heather Walker, Director

The Cast of *Shrek the Musical JR.*

Shrek.....	Calvin Corey
Princess Fiona	Ada Poormon
Lord Farquaad	William Richardson
Donkey	Mia Hurley
Pinocchio / Rat	Reagan Little
Wicked Witch / Knight 4 / Rat.....	Jay Schwab
Gingy.....	Sienna Stoll
Peter Pan / Knight 2 / Rat.....	Taryn Getting
Dragon / Rat.....	Valerie Winch
Big Bad Wolf / Knight 3	Brenna Eagmin
Ugly Duckling / Knight 1	Kendall Fugatt
Pig 1.....	Allison Eck
Pig 2.....	Zara Sego
Pig 3.....	Kennedy Cook
Puss 'n' Boots / Pied Piper / Guard	Craig Piazza
Mama Bear / Mama Ogre.....	Isela Tovar
Papa Bear / Papa Ogre	Janella Beaver
Baby Bear / Little Ogre	Jaxon Lage
Story Teller 1.....	Elsie Donsker
Story Teller 2.....	Vanessa Yazdani
Story Teller 3 / Rat.....	Norine Lindeman
Bishop / Ensemble.....	Jordan Gabbert
Captain of the Guards / Ensemble	Justis Schneider
Young Fiona / Ensemble.....	Charlee Shaver
Teen Fiona / Rat / Ensemble	LillyBelle Lange
Tinker Bell / Ensemble	London Cairney

Shrek the Musical JR.

Musical Numbers

“Big Bright Beautiful World”	Story Tellers, Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Little Ogre, Shrek
“Story of My Life”	Fairy Tale Characters
“What’s Up Duloc?” (Part 1)	Duloc Performers
“What’s Up Duloc?” (Part 2)	Farquaad, Duloc Performers
“What’s Up Duloc?” (Reprise)	Farquaad, Duloc Performers
“I Know it’s Today”	Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Adult Fiona
“Travel Song”	Donkey, Shrek
“Forever”	Dragon, Knights
“This is How a Dream Comes True”	Fiona
“Morning Person”	Fiona, Woodland Creatures, Pied Piper, Rats
“I Think I Got You Beat”	Fiona, Shrek
“Make a Move”	Donkey, Storytellers
“Morning Person” (Reprise)	Fiona
“Freak Flag”	Fairy Tale Characters, Shrek, Donkey
“Big Bright Beautiful World” (Reprise)	Shrek
“Finale”	Company
“I’m A Believer”	Company



Who's Who in *Shrek the Musical JR.*



Janella
Beaver



London
Cairney



Kennedy
Cook



Calvin
Corey



Elsie
Donsker



Brenna
Eagmin



Allison
Eck

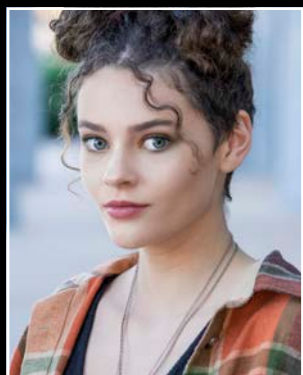


Kendall
Fugatt



Jordan
Gabbert

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Taryn
Getting



Mia
Hurley



Jaxon
Lage



LillyBelle
Lange



Norine
Lindeman



Reagan
Little



Craig
Piazza



Ada
Poormon



William
Richardson

Who's Who in *Shrek the Musical JR.*



Justis
Schneider



Jay
Schwab



Zara
Sego



Charlee
Shaver



Sienna
Stoll



Isela
Tovar



Valerie
Winch



Vanessa
Yazdani

Who's Who in *Shrek the Musical JR.*

Janella Beaver (*Papa Bear / Papa Ogre*)

Janella is 12 years old and in 7th grade. Janella is a huge fan of Broadway musicals, and *Shrek the Musical* is one of her favorites. Janella enjoys drawing and playing video games. She is grateful for the friends she has made at Spotlight Youth Theatre and has had a ton of fun working with the cast of *Shrek the Musical JR.* Thank you to Heather and Katie for all their hard work. Janella also wants to give a special THANK YOU! to her parents, sister, and family for their love and support.

London Cairney (*Tinker Bell / Ensemble*)

London is a sixth grader at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School. *Shrek the Musical JR* is her debut performance at Spotlight Youth Theatre. This summer she played Ariel in Nashville Children's Theatre's production of the *Little Mermaid JR*, and Tessie in *Annie* at the Franklin Theatre in Franklin, Tennessee. She has also performed in several Art & Sol productions in Arizona including *Frozen JR*, *Matilda*, and *The Sound of Music*. London is thrilled to be a part of *Shrek the Musical JR*!

Kennedy Cook (*Pig 3*)

Kennedy is excited to make her Spotlight debut as Little Pig #3. Kennedy is 11 years old, and a 5th grader at St. Francis Xavier. Kennedy previously played Charlie in *Believe*, a Christmas show produced by Northstar Academy of Dance. She also previously performed on the Northstar company dance team and in several Art & Sol shows. In addition to acting and singing, Kennedy enjoys dancing, spending time with her family and friends, and playing with her dogs. Kennedy would like to thank Kenny, Heather, Katie, and the entire Spotlight Youth Theatre staff for this amazing experience of being in *Shrek the Musical JR*. Enjoy the show!

Calvin Corey (*Shrek*)

Calvin plays *Shrek* in this show. This will be his 19th show overall. Calvin's most recent show was SYT's *Oklahoma!* He is in 9th grade and attends Mountain Ridge High School. He has been enjoying the show and hopes you will too!

Elsie Donsker (*Story Teller 1*)

Elsie is thrilled to be back on stage after a much-longer-than-expected absence over the last two-and-a-half years! To return in the show *Shrek the Musical JR* is extra special, as that was her first-ever show six years ago. This is her second show at Spotlight Youth Theatre, having previously appeared in *Frozen JR*. She has also been a part of several productions at both school and with Desert Stages Theatre. Thank you to everyone for your continued support, especially Grandpa Bruce, Grandma Carol, and her brother, Owen.

Brenna Eagmin (*Big Bad Wolf / Knight 3*)

Brenna is thrilled to be performing in her third show at Spotlight Youth Theatre. Brenna is 13 years old and in eighth grade at Desert Shadows Middle School where she is in the Bravo Performance Choir. Brenna is a member of NJHS. She plays volleyball and takes contemporary dance – but theatre is her first love. She also likes to bake and travel. Brenna would like to thank Heather and Kenny for another amazing opportunity.

Who's Who in *Shrek the Musical JR.*

Allison Eck (*Pig 1*)

Allison is 13 years old and is very excited to be playing the role of Pig 1! This is Allison's first musical. She is currently an 8th grade student at Ruth Fisher Middle School. She would like to give a shoutout to her mom, dad, and grandma for taking her to rehearsal and supporting her. She would also like to shoutout Alexis Ortega for always dealing with her being busy and being her best friend!

Kendall Fugatt (*Ugly Duckling / Knight 1*)

This is Kendall's first time on the Spotlight Youth Theatre Stage. She joined Spotlight last season in the Celebration Performance Group. Previous theater productions she has been in are Stage Dreams' Production of *Frozen JR* where she played Olaf. Kendall was also an Oompa Loompa in the Stage Dreams' Production of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Kendall has been a member of the Lori Ford singing group for the past eight years.

Jordan Gabbert (*Bishop / Ensemble*)

Jordan is a Junior at Pinnacle High School and has been doing theatre for almost six years starting as an orphan in *Annie*. She has done many other shows such as *Sound of Music* as Liesl, *Aladdin* as Omar, and *Cinderella* as Cinderella. This is her first time with Spotlight Youth Theatre, and she is so excited to be in *Shrek the Musical JR* as the Bishop. Outside of theatre she loves to write and play tennis, training to make the high school team again this year. She is so excited to a part of this production and hopes you will enjoy the show!

Taryn Getting (*Peter Pan / Knight 2 / Rat*)

Taryn, who is playing Peter Pan, a tap-dancing rat, and a knight in *Shrek the Musical JR*, loves sports, dancing and acting. She lives with her family in Phoenix and attends Deer Valley High School as a ninth-grade student. Her favorite subjects are ELA, theatre, and dance. She has previously played characters such as Mason from *Madagascar JR*, and Merida from *Brave*. Her first musical was *Winnie the Pooh Kids*. She is currently in a performance troupe called Evolution at Spotlight Youth Theatre and hopes to be a television actress.

Mia Hurley (*Donkey*)

Mia is a 14-year-old freshman at ACAA Secondary. She is so excited to be back on the SYT stage! She'd like to thank Heather and Katie for trusting her with this role and giving her this opportunity!

Jaxon Lage (*Baby Bear / Little Ogre*)

Jaxon is very excited to be a part of the cast for *Shrek the Musical JR*! He most recently performed in *Children of Eden* (Young Cain) at Theater Works. He is currently a part of the Confetti Performance Troupe at Spotlight Youth Theatre and was in a Theater Alive performance of *School House Rock* where he played George. Jaxon is in 5th grade and attends Basis Peoria. He enjoys playing video games with his friends, watching and playing sports, and singing whenever he finds a chance.

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LillyBelle Lange (*Teen Fiona / Rat / Ensemble*)

LillyBelle is an 8th grader at Apache Elementary School. She loves to sing and dance. When she's not a part of a show she plays competitive volleyball. She is a member of Evolution at SYT and was recently in *Charlotte's Web* here as well! LillyBelle would like to thank Heather, Katie, and Kenny for this opportunity and thanks to this awesomesauce cast and crew! Thanks to Renee for being the best, my family and friends too! Thank you for coming to the show and please support local theater!

Norine Lindeman (*Story Teller 3 / Rat*)

Norine, who is 16 years old, is ecstatic to be making her Spotlight debut! This last spring, she was involved in an original musical production called *Annalie and the Circus Show* put on by the non-profit organization, TRIAD, in conjunction with Kat's Artist Tree. Other favorite credits include her roles in the dance productions put on by her dance studio, Steppin' Out Performing Arts, including: The Enchantress in *Beauty and the Beast*, Zeus in *Hercules*, and Maui in *Moana*. She would like to thank her mom for driving her back and forth to rehearsals and her family just for being them. She would also like to thank Heather, Katie, and the rest of the amazing cast for making this experience so special!

Reagan Little (*Pinocchio / Rat*)

Reagan is so excited to be back at SYT playing Pinocchio! Her most recent roles include storyteller/child in *Children of Eden* (Theater Works), and the Blue Fairy in *Pinocchio JR.* (Starlight Theater). Favorite SYT roles include Charm the stepsister in *Cinderella: A Rock and Roll Fairytale JR.* (ariZoni Rising Star Nomination), Goose in *Charlotte's Web*, and an orphan in *Annie*. Reagan is also a member of ABT's performance troupe, HyRev. Reagan is grateful to her family and friends for their support. She is also grateful to Heather, Katie, and Kenny for this fun opportunity!

Craig Piazza (*Puss 'n' Boots / Pied Piper / Guard*)

Craig is a 5th grader at Copperwood Elementary School. This summer he participated in one of SYT's summer camps with a little encouragement from his music teacher. He was thrilled to be a part of *The Great Toy Escape* and fell in love with the theatre experience. *Shrek the Musical JR* is his first full production. Craig's other interests include amateur geology, Minecraft, and playing with Legos.

Ada Poorman (*Princess Fiona*)

Ada is a Junior Music major at Arizona School for the Arts and a Company Dancer at Steppin' Out Performing Arts. She's beyond thrilled to be back for another Spotlight production! Previous SYT credits: Natalie in *HAIR*, Stepmom in *Cinderella – A Rock 'n' Roll Fairytale*, Featured Dancer/ Castle Staff in *Disney's Frozen JR.*, and Prudence in *Beat Bugs: A Musical Adventure*. Ada would like to thank Heather and Katie for this incredible opportunity, Kenny for all his caring and advice, and finally Marlo, Rachel, Renee, her friends, and her family for their endless love and support. Now get ready to let your freak flag fly and enjoy the show!

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William Richardson (*Lord Farquaad*)

William is so glad to be back at his happy place with such a great cast of talented friends. He is a dual enrollment student at AAEC/EM Community College. Roles he has played include Wilbur from *Charlotte's Web*, Sky from *PolkaDots* (Spotlight), Michael from *Elf: The Musical* (Arizona Broadway Theater), Tigger (Theater Works), and finally, his favorite role, Crick, *Beat Bugs* (Spotlight). When not performing, he is busy doing homework, playing the piano, and annoying his five cats, normally simultaneously. Thanks to Heather for sharing her musical and production talents, Katie Czajkowski for the fun choreography, and the entire team that makes putting on a show at Spotlight so special. Thanks also to Renee for her continued encouragement.

Justis Schneider (*Captain of the Guards / Ensemble*)

Justis is very pleased to once again be on stage at Spotlight Youth Theatre – this time as the Captain of the Guards. Her most recent roles were as a student in *Junie B. Jones the Musical* at Theatre Works and D'Artagnan in *The Island of Dr. Libris* at Starlight Theater. Justis loves summer camps at Spotlight and was a part of *Avengerz* this past summer. Justis loves singing, playing the piano, being in a performance troupe, and of course, being in plays and musicals. She adores animals, especially her two cats, Chester & Cheeto. She hopes you enjoy the show and let your freak flag fly!

Jay Schwab (*Wicked Witch / Knight 4 / Rat*)

Jay, 15, is a Junior at Desert Edge High School and is a member of Varsity Women's Choir, Thespians, and Spotlight Youth Theatre's Evolution Performance Troupe. They love all things theater and are thrilled to be back for another production with their Spotlight family. Their favorite performances at Spotlight include *The Lighting Thief*, *Hair*, and *Frozen JR*. Jay is grateful to their family for always supporting their passions and would like to thank Heather, Katie, and the production team for this amazing opportunity!

Zara Sego (*Pig 2*)

Zara (10) is excited to be back performing at Spotlight Youth Theatre. She has had a blast with her fellow castmates rehearsing for this fun show. Zara is a fifth grader at Acacia Elementary where she is a member of student council, cheer squad and drama club. Zara recently performed as Junie B Jones in *Junie B Jones the Musical*, and earlier this year as Joe in *Schoolhouse Rock* at Theater Works. She is also a current member of SYT performance troupe, Celebration. Zara wants to thank Heather and Katie for making this a great experience!

Charlee Shaver (*Young Fiona / Ensemble*)

Charlee loves Spotlight Youth Theatre and is so happy to be back on stage with this group. Her past shows at Spotlight include *Beat Bugs*, *Cinderella – A Rock 'n' Roll Fairytale*, *PolkaDots*, and *Charlotte's Web*. Charlee is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Oakwood Elementary School, where she is the Student Council Vice President and a member of the softball team. She has learned so much from Kenny and Heather and is so grateful for the continued opportunities to grow doing what she loves best – performing!

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Sienna Stoll (*Gingy*)

Sienna is excited to be back on the Spotlight Youth Theatre stage! She is 12 years old and in the 6th Grade at St. Francis Xavier. Most recently she performed as Louisa in *The Sound of Music* at Almost Famous Theatre Company and Marta in Xavier/Brophy Theatre's production of *The Sound of Music*. Other SYT credits include Sadie in *Peace, Love, and Cupcakes*, and Cinderella in *Cinderella – A Rock 'n' Roll Fairytale* (ariZoni Rising Star Nomination). Sienna would like to thank her voice teacher, Renee, and Kenny, Heather, and Katie for this amazing experience in *Shrek the Musical JR!* Enjoy the show!

Isela Tovar (*Mama Bear / Mama Ogre*)

Isela is excited to play Mama Ogre and Mama Bear. She is 15 years old and relatively new to theater (this being her third production), but she is in love with it and hopes to continue this passion in the future and hopefully as a profession! Her previous shows were *Beauty and the Beast*, in which she played a laundry lady and understudied for Chip; and the *Little Mermaid JR.* as Aquata, a Mersister and a princess. In those productions she also helped with makeup, set design, and prop design. She enjoys singing, dancing, and art, and she is very excited to join this cast to help bring the *Shrek the Musical JR* to life!

Valerie Winch (*Dragon / Rat*)

Valerie is very grateful to have been given this opportunity to perform in *Shrek the Musical JR!* She was last seen on stage at Theater Works in *Children of Eden* as a Child Storyteller. Valerie is a part of SYT's Company in Celebration and Arizona Broadway Theater's HyRev. Valerie is eleven years old and in the 7th grade Gifted Program at Horizon Elementary School. Her hobbies include dancing, singing, drawing, and knitting. Valerie would like to thank Renee Koher and her mom for all that they do for her and Heather Walker and Katie Czajkowski for believing in her. Here's to an amazing run with a great cast and crew!

Vanessa Yazdani (*Story Teller 2*)

Vanessa is 12 years in the 7th grade at Arizona Conservatory for Arts and Academics. Vanessa loves to dance and sing. Vanessa has participated in several youth theater programs and productions throughout the Valley in the last four years. Vanessa is excited to be a part of *Shrek the Musical JR.* with Spotlight Youth Theater. Vanessa would like to thank Ms. Heather, Kenny, and Ms. Katie for helping make this a great show. Vanessa hopes you all enjoy the show!

Katie Czajkowski (*Choreographer*)

Katie is so excited to be back at SYT! Katie first got involved at Spotlight back in 2012 as a cast member. Those previous 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*, and *Lizzie the Musical*. Since then, she graduated with a degree in Musical Theater from Millikin University. Katie would like to thank this incredibly talented cast for all their hard work and this wonderful creative team for helping put this show together. She wants to thank Heather for being a constant in this process and loved working with her again. She would like to thank her mom and grandma for always supporting her, and she'd especially like to thank her fiancée, Marielle, for all her support and love. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

Who's Who in *Shrek the Musical JR.*

Brianna Funk (*Set Designer*)

Brianna is excited to be working with Spotlight Youth Theatre on *Shrek the Musical JR.* She is the owner and director of Imagine Theater Company, a theater for actors with disabilities, but is new to set design. A special thanks to Kenny and Spotlight Youth Theater for always making theater accessible to all. Enjoy the show and let your freak flags fly!

Becky Funk (*Set Designer*)

This is Becky's first design project with Spotlight Youth Theater. She is the assistant director for Imagine Theater Company and has been the scenic painter for many shows and has loved working on *Shrek the Musical JR* as a designer. She wants to thank her family for all their love and support.

Kenny and Vicki Grossman (*Properties Artisans*)

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 a great new season. Kenny still loves eggs. To Jamie and Carly, "We love you and miss you." Thank you to cast, crew, directors, designers, families, volunteers, and board members.

Josh Hontz (*Lighting and Sound Designer*)

Josh Hontz is the Vice President of Spotlight's Board of Directors and has worked as a sound and lighting designer in the Valley since 2014. He has received eighteen ariZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence for his sound, lighting, and media designs. He is also a pianist and plays for musical theaters around town. Outside of the theatre, Josh enjoys gardening and spending time with his lovely wife, Katie, and his sweet dog, Linda.

Vicki Jensen (*Hair and Makeup Designer*)

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!

Emmy Lange (*Assistant Sound Designer*)

Emmy is excited to assistant sound design for the first time! She loves to be on the stage and enjoys the magic of being in the tech booth. Emmy was most recently seen on stage in *Oklahoma!* and *Lizzie* off-stage. Spotlight is Emmy's second home, and she is happy to welcome you in! She would like to thank her mother, Kenny, and Josh for giving her this opportunity. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!

Olivia Martinez (*Assistant Lighting Designer*)

Olivia is absolutely thrilled to be a part of this production! This is her first time helping design a show and she hopes she didn't mess up too badly. Her first solo flight as a lighting designer will be in the upcoming production of *Last Chance Angels* here at Spotlight! She would love to thank Josh for his support, guidance, mentorship, and Carmel Ribbon Crunch Frappuccino's during this process, her mom for supporting all her endeavors, and her dog, TJ. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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Heather Riddle (*Costume Designer*)

Heather is a mom of five kids, wife, part time nurse, piano teacher, business owner, and Production Coordinator at Desert Foothills Theater. She has costume designed over 30 shows at many valley theaters and has multiple 'Zoni nominations and was just recently awarded a 'Zoni for her costume design of *Hair* here at SYT. She is thankful to Kenny and Heather for giving her this amazing opportunity. She is grateful for her extremely supportive husband who is always encouraging and to her kids who are constantly her costume assistants and live mannequins.

Amber Suding (*Set Designer*)

Amber has designed the sets for *Merrily we Roll Along* and *Company* in the past. This is their first time working with Spotlight Youth Theatre and looks forward to working with them again in the future! This set and show slays, and everyone did an amazing job.

Heather Walker (*Director and Music Director*)

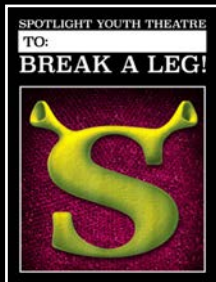
Heather has directed, and music directed several shows here at Spotlight. She is very excited to be working with the amazing cast of *Shrek the Musical JR!* Heather has also directed numerous camps and workshops here at Spotlight. She is the director of Confetti and Celebration, our performing troupes for students 9–16 years old as well as our teen troupe, Evolution. Heather is also the music teacher/choir director at Copperwood Elementary School. Heather is passionate about the positive effect the performing arts has on kids! When she is not directing or teaching, Heather loves reading, puzzles, and spending time with her family. Heather thanks her family for their continuous support and Katie for going the extra mile for this show!



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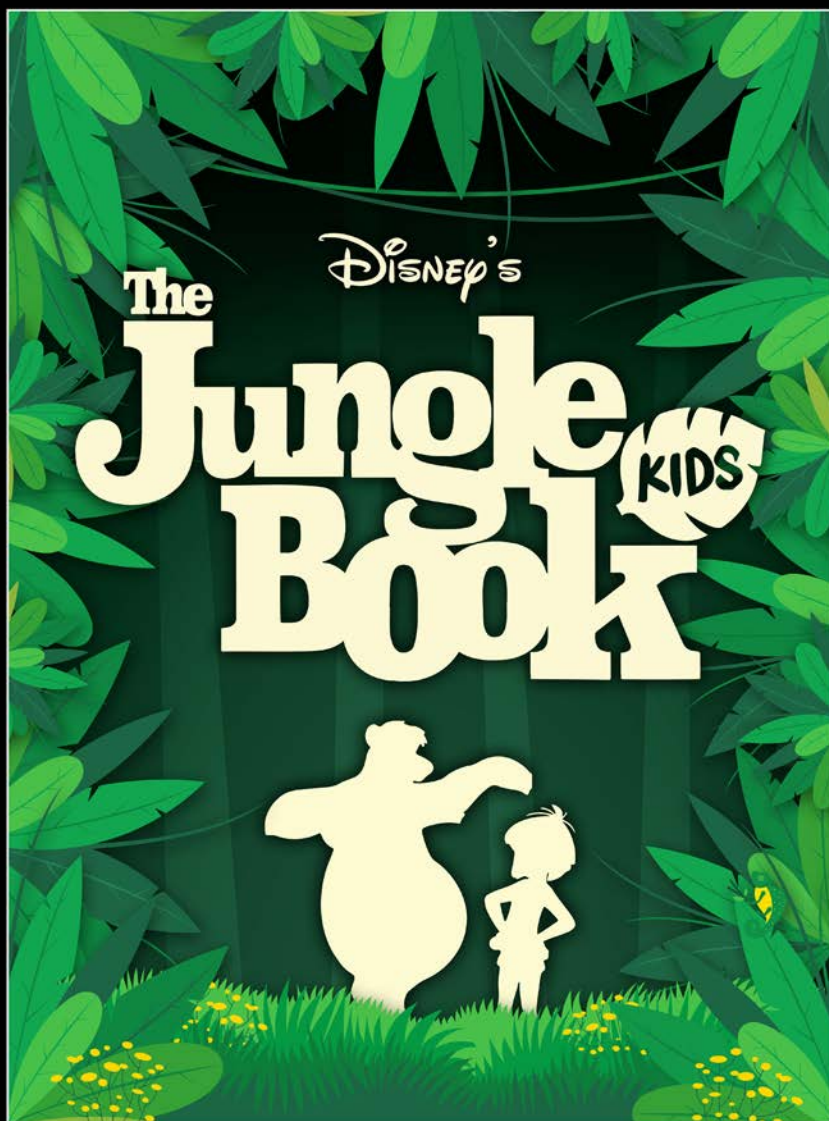
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SPOTLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE AUDITION NOTICE



Spotlight Youth Theatre's
Production of

Once

Production Dates:

Jan. 20—Feb. 5, 2023

Ages: 14—19

Audition dates: Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at 6PM. and Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, at 6PM

Callbacks: Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 5:30PM

Online audition form: sytaz.org/audition-form-once

Requirements: Please prepare a short folk/rock song in the style of the show.

If you are able, please prepare to accompany yourself on the instrument on which you are most proficient.

Playing an instrument is not a requirement to audition for this show. If you do not play an instrument, we will have an accompanist. Please come with sheet music clearly marked.

Show instruments include, but not limited to: guitar, piano, violin, cello, bass, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, accordion and concertina, harmonica, and percussion.

Headshot and résumé required for audition. All roles are open to inclusive casting.

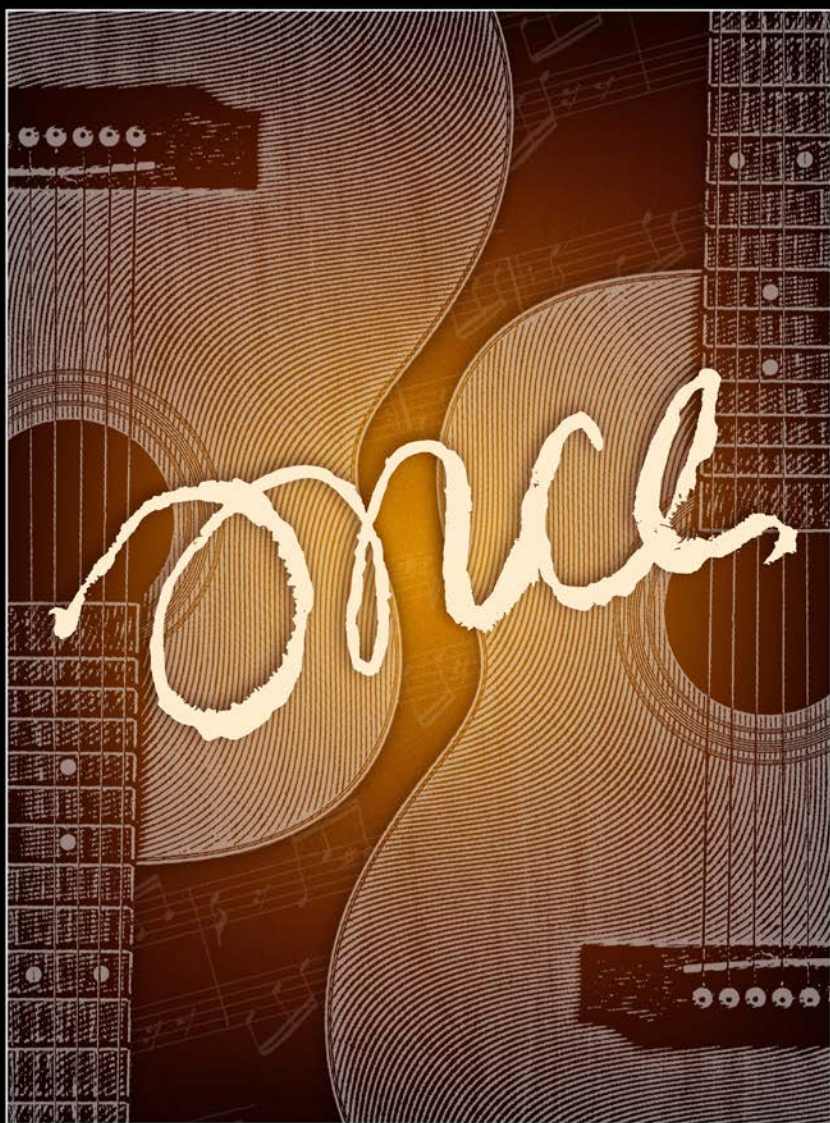
Video submissions also accepted:

- Complete the online audition form.
- Video the required musical performance, and email the video file or link to once@sytaz.org by noon on Sunday, October 30, 2022.
- Headshot photo and résumé are required for video auditions, either uploaded with the online audition form or attached to the email.
- Attendance at callbacks is still required in-person.

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Spotlight Youth Theatre's mission is to provide youth and their families a safe, welcoming environment where the individual is supported, teamwork is embraced, and creativity is encouraged through high quality performing arts and educational programs that enrich and strengthen our community.

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 community theater where the impossible becomes possible through the combined efforts of our families, our sponsors, and most of all, the children who shine onstage.
4. 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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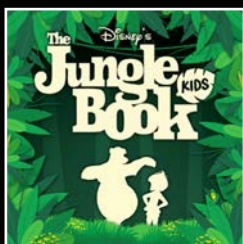
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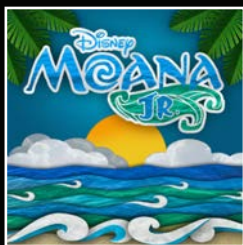
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