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# MEAN GIRLS JR.

Memorial Auditorium Miamisburg

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Friday, April 28, 2023 7 pm

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Sunday, April 30, 2023 2 pm

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PRODUCTION OF

# MEAN GIRLS JR.

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Based on the Paramount Pictures film *Mean Girls*

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***Directors Note:***
***Kelsey Celek***

MEAN GIRLS JR.

Like many people who were teenagers in the early aughts, Mean Girls was a BIG deal to me. How many times do I quote it in everyday life? The limit does not exist…

Mean Girls Jr. provides a story that is equal parts humorous, biting, and surprisingly empowering. As I prepared to start work on this production, I had to ask myself why I find it funny. These characters do and say awful things to each other, so why do we laugh? The ways we bully each other, especially as teenagers, have changed so much since 2004 (and yet are somehow the same!). Why is that story worth telling?

Ultimately, I came to two conclusions:

1. This version of Mean Girls Jr. doesn't let its characters off the hook. They can make mistakes, but never just for a cheap laugh. Instead, our heroes have to deal with the consequences of their actions and choose whether or not to learn from them. Their lesson: "Even the people you don't like at all are still people."

2. To me at least, this story feels authentic. For better or for worse, anyone who has been a teenager will find something familiar here, and we laugh because we're saying "I've been there, too."

What a gift to be able to share the very human experience of growing up.

But, unlike the original film or its Broadway adaptation, this iteration of Mean Girls Jr. stars actual teenagers. So their experience of growing up is happening in real time as they share this story with you. And this talented cast has stepped up to that challenge. Together, they have created a learning environment where they can be vulnerable. They are not afraid to ask questions. They take responsibility when they make mistakes. They can try new things, even if they fail. My hope for our youngest audience members this weekend is that they focus on those traits above whatever else they see on the stage.

In short, though the characters in Mean Girls Jr. aren't always great teenage role models, the talented young people who portray them certainly are.

Many thanks to the CPAM team for so warmly welcoming me into this production, the artistic staff who shared their talents, and the countless volunteers who contributed to the scenery, costumes, props, ticketing, and so many elements of this show.

And to you, audience members, thank you for being here to support the work of these superb student actors. No matter how long it's been since your teenage years, there's definitely something here for you to enjoy. It'll be fetch.

## *Mean Girls Jr Artistic and Production Team*

**Director:** Kelsey Celek

**Musical Director:** Devlan Taylor

**Choreographer:** Jaime Burnham

**Stage Manager:** Jaime Burnham

**Asst Stage Manager**: Nora Skudlarek

**Set/Scenic Builder:** Justin Ward

**Props:** Haley Cole

**Technical Director:** Tim Guth

**Costumer:** Tonia Scearce

**Marketing/Publicity: Photographer:** Jason Epstein

**Projection Designer:** Patti Celek

**Producer:** Kacee Epstein

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## *Mean Girls Artistic Staff Biographies*

**Kelsey Celek (Director)** is a director and teaching artist who specializes in Theatre for Young Audiences. Some of her favorite directing credits include Tarzan (an ASL-integrated production), Elephant and Piggie's "We Are in a Play!", and Stellaluna.

Kelsey has led classes for students ages 3-adult, covering topics such as acting, musical theatre, puppetry, and devised theatre. Kelsey has also designed and implemented arts integrated curriculum for the classroom. In 2018, Kelsey was named Outstanding Fine Arts Teacher of the Year by Arts Quincy, the country's oldest fine arts council.

Kelsey has had the pleasure of working with students across the country through the Missoula Children's Theatre, the Children's Theatre of Cincinnati, and the Omaha Theatre Company. She is currently on staff for Destination Imagination and Town Hall Theatre. Her TEDx talk, "Accessibility Through the Arts", is currently available on YouTube. Kelseycelek.com.

**Devlan Taylor (Vocal Director)** is a 2017 graduate from Wright State University with a Bachelors degree in Vocal Performance. In 2021, he obtained his Masters degree in the field of Vocal Performance at the University of North Dakota. Throughout his time at school, he has performed in various solo performances, recitals, operas, and musicals.

Currently, Devlan is an adjunct professor at the University of Dayton where he teaches private voice lessons and beginner voice class. He also works at Stivers School for the Arts as an adjunct voice instructor.

This is Devlan's second show music directing for CPAM. He was music director for Little Shop of Horrors in Spring 2022. He can't wait for you to hear how wonderful the cast sounds for Mean Girls. And remember.. On Wednesdays we wear pink!

***Mean Girls Artistic Staff Biographies (continued)***

**Jaime Burnham (Choreographer/Stage Manager)** is delighted to be making her debut with CPAM. She has been dancing her whole life and loves to share her passion with others. She is a 6th grade teacher and the theater director at Bellbrook Middle School. She has directed 15+ shows, with some of her favorites being Frozen and High School Musical. Not only does she love being behind the scenes, but also on stage. She has acted in too many shows to count, but some of her favorites have been Footloose and Grease. When she isn't working you can typically find her leading worship, shopping, traveling and most often spending time with her two kids, Paxton and Kenslee and her husband, Andrew. It is such an honor to get to do what I love and work with so many talented students. Be you, be bold, be a star!

**Nora Skudlarek (Asst Stage Manager)** is a sophomore at Miamisburg High School. This is her fifth show working on the tech crew and third with CPAM. When not at school or theatre, she runs for MHS track and Cross Country team. Nora is excited for everyone to see the show and hopes that you all enjoy!

Devlan Taylor

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## *Mean Girls Jr Musical Numbers*

### Act I

Mean ..... Janis, Damian, Show Choir

It Roars ..... Cady, Students, Taylor, Caitlyn, Rachel, Mr. Duvall

It Roars (Reprise) ..... Cady, Students

Where Do You Belong? ..... Damian, Cady, Janis, Ensemble

Meet the Plastics (Part 1) ..... Regina, Gretchen, Karen

Meet the Plastics (Part 2) ..... Regina, Gretchen, Karen, Cady

Stupid With Love ..... Cady

Apex Predator ..... Janis, Ensemble

What's Wrong With Me? ..... Gretchen

Revenge Party (Part 1) ..... Janis, Damian, Cady, Ensemble

Revenge Party (Part 2) ..... Janis, Damian, Cady, Ensemble

Rockin' Around The Pole ..... Regina, Gretchen, Karen

Fearless ..... Gretchen, Karen, Cady, Ensemble, Taylor

### Act II

Whose House Is This? ..... Party Guests, Kevin G

More Is Better ..... Cady, Aaron

World Burn ..... Regina

I'd Rather Be Me ..... Janis, Ensemble

I'd Rather Be Me (Tag) ..... Janis, Ensemble

Do This Thing (Part 1) ..... Cady, Kevin G, Mathletes, Ms. Norbury, Mathletes Moderator, Marymount 1, Tony, Martin, Marymount 2, Caroline Krafft

Do This Thing (Part 2 ) ..... Cady, Ms. Norbury, Ensemble

I See Stars ..... Cady, Janis, Regina, Gretchen, Karen, Jason, Ensemble

## *The Cast of Mean Girls Jr*

Friday evening, Saturday evening, Sunday matinee

Damian ..... Parker Williams

Janis Sarkisian ..... Maggie Arnett

Cady Heron ..... Ava Newkirk

Mrs. Heron/Ms Norbury/Mrs George ..... Kirsten Cox

Mr. Heron/Kevin G ..... Phoenix Turner

Taylor/Dawn/French Teacher ..... Grace Rooney

Caitlyn/Grace/Caroline Krafft ..... Abriella Ruby

Rachel/Lizzie/Moderator ..... Anna Newkirk**

Sonja Acquino/Teary Girl ..... Haylie Chavez

Principal Duvall/Coach Carr/Jenny ..... Rebecca Organ

Regina George ..... Ella Sherck

Gretchen Wieners ..... Amaria Wallace

Karen Smith ..... Rylee Colvin*

Glenn Cocco/Marymount 1/Jason ..... Alaina Haize

Aaron Samuels ..... Dylan Meyers

Shane Oman/Marymount Captain ..... Landon Brown

Sophie/Dance Captain ..... Katelyn Anderson

Martin ..... Oscar Gilman

Ensemble:

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| Abbie Berlean | Rey Howe |
| Kei Boyd | Gracie McGuire |
| Kay Bussell | Josie Ward |

* Sunday performance "Karen Smith" will be played by Anna Newkirk

** Sunday performance will be played by Kay Bussell

## *The Cast of Mean Girls Jr*

Saturday Matinee

Damian ..... Landon Brown

Janis Sarkisian ..... Haylie Chavez

Cady Heron ..... Abriella Ruby

Mrs. Heron/Ms Norbury/Mrs George ..... Abbie Berlean

Mr. Heron/Kevin G ..... Kei Boyd

Taylor/Dawn/French Teacher ..... Grace Rooney

Caitlyn/Grace/Caroline Krafft ..... Josie Ward

Rachel/Lizzie/Moderator ..... Anna Newkirk

Sonja Acquino/Teary Girl ..... Kay Bussell

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Aaron Samuels ..... Phoenix Turner

Shane Oman/Marymount Captain ..... Parker Williams

Sophie/Dance Captain ..... Katelyn Anderson

Martin ..... Oscar Gilman

Ensemble/Show Choir:

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|---|---|
| Maggie Arnett | Ava Newkirk |
| Kirsten Cox | Ella Sherck |
| Dylan Meyers | Amaria Wallace |
| Anna Newkirk | Parker Williams |

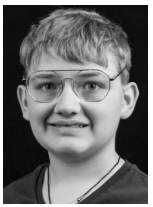
## *The Cast of Mean Girls Jr*

**Katelyn Anderson– Sophie/Dance Captain**
**Homeschool –7th**
Katelyn Anderson is excited to be performing her second show with CPAM. Her favorite role was portraying Young Simba in Lion King Jr. She also enjoys performing on television in shows such as "Panhandle". Her artistic interests continue to be pursued in vocal performances, piano and dance.

**Maggie Arnett—Janis**
**Miamisburg High School-11th**
Maggie is excited to perform as Janis in her second show with CPAM. Some of her favorite roles have been Nala (Lion King jr.), Savannah (Freaky Friday) and most importantly Interplanet Janet! She would like to thank her sister Gabbie for being the Apex Predator. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Abigail Berlean– Ensemble & u/s Mrs Heron/Ms Norbury/Mrs George**
**Miamisburg High School-10th**
Abbie Berlean is excited to be performing in her second show with CPAM. When not performing, Abbie enjoys drawing and playing the clarinet. Abbie thanks her family and friends for their phenomenal support during the show.

**Kei Boyd – Ensemble & u/s Kevin G**
**OHVA—9th**
Kei is excited to be performing in her first musical ever. She has always loved singing and has been very active with Choral/Solo work with Lebanon Schools and a few Church productions and guest appearing with praise team. In her free time, she enjoys skateboarding, camping and kayaking.



**Landon Brown – Shane Oman/Marymount Capt & u/s Damian**
**Bellbrook Middle School—8th**
Landon Brown is excited to be in his first show at CPAM. His favorite role has been Captain Hook on Tinkerbell. When not performing, Landon loves Rollercoasters and scary movies.

**Kay Bussell—Ensemble**
**Edgewood High School—12th**
Kay is so excited to be a part of Mean Girls Jr ! She has been in over 10 different productions, this will be her second play with CPAM! Some of her favorite performances include “Lion King Jr” and “Seussical Jr”. She hopes you enjoy the show!

## *The Cast of Mean Girls Jr (continued)*

**Haylie Chavez—Sonja/Teary Girl & u/s Janis**
**Ponitz Career Tech Center—10th**
Haylie is excited to be preforming in her first show with CPAM. Her favorite role has been Princess in The Little Mermaid. When not preforming, Haylie enjoys filmmaking and creative writing. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

**Rylee Colvin—Karen**
**Ohio Virtual Academy -10th**
Rylee is excited to play the role of Karen Smith. In her free time, she likes to talk to her friends and paint rocks. Some of her favorite roles include Timon in Lion King Jr. and Scuttle in The Little Mermaid. She will also be playing Tamatoa in Moana Jr in the Summer. Enjoy this amazing show!

**Kirsten Cox—Mrs Heron/Ms Norbury/Mrs George**
**Miamisburg High School—11th**
Kirsten is excited to be performing in her 13th performance with CPAM! Some of her favorite roles have been a Doo-Wop in Little Shop of Horrors and Pumbaa in the Lion King Jr. When not performing Kirsten enjoys dancing and hanging out with her friends & family. She hopes you enjoy the show!

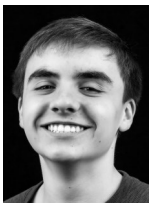
**Oscar Gilman – Martin**
**Chaminade Julienne—11th**
Oscar Gilman is excited to be preforming in his first show with CPAM. It is also the first show he has done outside of his school's productions. His favorite role was Fletcher in Freaky Friday. When not performing, Oscar sings bass in his school's acapella group, Phoenix.

**Alaina Hinze—Glenn Cocco/Marymount 1/Jason**
**Brookville High School—10th**
Alaina Hinze is excited to be performing in her first show with CPAM. Her favorite roles have been Ellie Blake in Freaky Friday and Dragon in Shrek. When not performing, Alaina loves tennis, dance, and performing with her a cappella group, Shades of Blue! Sit back, relax, and let's Do This Thing!

**Rey Howe—Ensemble & u/s Regina**
**Beavercreek High School—10th**
Rey is excited to make her CPAM debut in such a wonderful show! Her most recent role was Grandma Helene/Dr. Ehrin in Freaky Friday. When not performing, Rey works as a lifeguard and loves reading! She would like to thank Maggie Arnett and her parents for driving her everywhere and supporting her!

## *The Cast of Mean Girls Jr (continued)*

**Gracie McGuire—Ensemble & u/s Gretchen**
**Franklin High School—10th**
Gracie McGuire is a sophomore that loves theater, and the awesome people she has met in CPAM! Gracie has loved understudying Gretchen, being in the ensemble, and being a swing. Beyond the stage, she cheers for Franklin. She wants to thank her directors for everything they did for this show!



**Dylan Meyers—Aaron Samuels**
**Brookville High School—10th**
Dylan is thrilled to be performing his debut show with CPAM! Some of his favorite roles have been Donkey in Shrek, Tommy in Father Of The Bride, and Wells in Freaky Friday! In his free time Dylan enjoys running and swimming. He also loves performing with his A Capella group Shades Of Blue!

**Anna Newkirk—Rachel/Lizzie/Moderator & u/s Karen**
**Miamisburg High School—12th**
Anna is very excited to be performing in her 3rd show with CPAM. Anna has loved working closely with the cast and her amazing overstudy Rylee Colvin. When not performing, Anna enjoys watching dance moms with her younger sister. Anna would like to give a special shout-out to her twin sister Ava<3

**Ava Newkirk—Cady**
**Miamisburg High School—12th**
Ava is excited and thrilled to be in Mean Girls Jr at CPAM. This is Ava's 5th show at CPAM and has been her favorite so far. In her free time, Ava enjoys running and spending time with her family & friends. Ava would like to shout out her twin sister, Anna, for agreeing to audition with her and making her laugh every rehearsal. Enjoy the show!

**Rebecca Organ—Principal Duvall/Coach Carr**
**Southern Ohio Christian Academy—12th**
Rebecca is excited to play roles that she would not have expected to be. Exploring these characters and performing this choreography has been such a fun experience for her. Her favorite role has been Audrey Two in Little Shop of Horrors with CPAM (the only other show she's been in).

**Grace Rooney—Taylor/Dawn/French Teacher**
**CHESS Christian—8th**
Grace cannot wait to perform for CPAM for the first time. Her first role as an actress was "Mother" in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", and she has grown to adore performing and theatre ever since. In her free time Grace enjoys dance and talking with her friends and family.

## *The Cast of Mean Girls Jr (continued)*

**Abriella Ruby—Caitlyn/Grace/Caroline & u/s Cady**
**Homeschool—9th**
Abriella is so excited to be apart of this incredible cast and show!! she had previously been Ellie Blake in Freaky Friday, Val in Chorus Line, and Cinderella in Into the Woods. She would like to thank the cast for making this experience so memorable.

**Ella Sherck—Regina**
**Northmont High School-11th**
Ella Sherck is so excited to be returning for their second show with CPAM! This is their 10th year doing musical theatre, with some of their favorite roles including Gilmer in Godspell and Wendy in Peter Pan! In their free time, they perform with a dance idol group and do acapella at their school!

**Phoenix Turner—Kevin G/Mr Heron & u/s Aaron**
**Stivers School for the Arts—9th**
Phoenix Turner is excited to preform in his first show at CPAM. His favorite roles have been Mr. Mayor in Seussical and Maurice in Descendants. Outside of theatre he likes to read and do cosplay. He hopes you enjoy the show and have a fetch day.

**Amaria Wallace—Gretchen**
**Ponitz Career Tech Center—12th**
Amaria Wallace is very thrilled to be performing in her first show with CPAM. Her favorite role was being a Mersister in The Little Mermaid. Amaria loves to cheer as Varsity co-captain & she always loves to do hair when she is not performing.

**Josie Ward—Ensemble**
**Miamisburg Middle School—7th**
Josie is very excited to be a part of CPAM's Mean Girls production. She has enjoyed her theater experiences with CPAM, MHS, and the Springboro Community Theater. Josie enjoys reading, shopping, and singing…lots of singing! She would like to thank her mom, dad, and brother for all of their support!

**Parker Williams—Damian & u/s Shane Oman/Marymount Capt**
**Tri-County North—12th**
Parker is exited to be performing his first show with CPAM as Damian. He has previously done productions with Muse Machine as well as VYT and is currently in his school show. Parker's favorite quote from the show is "she doesn't even go here" and he wants to thank his family and friends.

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