



Miamisburg Riverfront Park 3 N Miami Avenue Miamisburg Ohio Saturday, September 10, 2022 2:00 & 5:30 pm Sunday, September 11, 2022 2:00 & 5:30 pm

### Welcome to the

#### Children's Performing Arts of Miamisburg

Production of:



Book & Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN Music by ALAN MENKEN

#### Music & Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music & Lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

> Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and "Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke** 

#### "It's a Small World" written by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

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It has been a joy to work with these talented actors and staff on this production of Lion King Jr. In our story you will see a beautiful beginning, growing pains, loss, happiness, love and a new beginning. As in many Disney classics, we are reminded thru despair and anger that there is hope, kindness and love.

Over the past months I have seen this group of actors become a family. They are there to help each other, applaud each other for a job well done and laugh at each other's silliness. It has been a honor to work with a very talented production staff. Watching our actors bringing our vision to life has been amazing. I would like to take this time and thank the parents and volunteers that have been helping from the very beginning to make this production amazing.

As Mufasa would say to Simba "all these things happen in the great circle of life". So sit back and enjoy our production of Lion King Jr. and again thank you for joining us.

- Donna Roth

We request that NO flash photography or videotaping be taken during the performance.

The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited

Thank You and Enjoy the Show!!

#### Lion King Jr Artistic and Production Team

Director: Donna Roth

Musical Director: Tifton Graves

Choreographer: Reagan Day

Stage Manager: Toni Scearce

Assistant Stage Manager: Nora Skudlarek

Set/Scenic Builder: Lonnie Daniels

Props: Sarah Denny

Technical Director: Tim Guth

Sound Technician: Keith Weaver

Costumer: Poleena Greely

Producer: Sarah Maynard/Kacee Epstein

Photographer: Jason Epstein (Snap Photo and Media, LLC)

Make-up/Hair: Cleo Bowling

Percussionist: Jacob Sawtelle

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Thank you for all the hours spent painting, ironing, building, coordinating, planning and bringing great ideas to this show!



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#### Lion King Jr Artistic Staff Biographies

**Donna Roth - (Director)** Donna has been involved in theatre for over 25 years as a director, stage manager, acting coach and writer of one act plays. She has worked in production management in film, as well. She is happy to be working with CPAM again on this production. She would like to thank Toni for the extra little push and her family for their ongoing support.

**Toni Scearce - (Stage Manager)** Toni has been behind the scenes for over 10 years. Toni has been with CPAM since 2012 when her children, who are CPAM alum, performed in Annie. She has costumed over 25 shows and has recently branched out to Stage Manager. Her greatest achievements are her children and winning a Daytony for costuming. She would like to thank the Board for allowing her to stretch her wings and her family for helping her learn a new aspect of theatre.

**Tifton Graves - (Vocal Director)** Tifton Graves is a native of Steubenville Ohio. He earned his Bachelor's degree in vocal performance from Youngstown State University and his Master's degree in vocal performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has performed a number of operatic roles such as Federico in Mascagni's L'amico Fritz, Monostatos in The Magic Flute, Nemorino in L'elisir d'amore, Basilio in Le nozze di Figaro, the Defendant in Trial by Jury, and Captain Fitzbattleaze in Utopia Limited. Tifton has also performed the role of Peter in the Cincinnati Opera's production of Francesca Zambello's setting of the Gershwin's Porgy & Bess. Dayton Opera as the Parpignol in La Boheme, Nelson/Crabman in Porgy and Bess, and Emporer Altoum in Turandot. Professor Graves is currently an Adjunct Professor of Voice at the University of Dayton, Voice Instructor for Stivers School for the Arts and Private voice teacher in the city of Dayton.

**Reagan Day - (Choreographer)** Reagan us so excited to be choreographing such a fun and dynamic show! She has been studying dance for 10+ years and has always wanted to be on the other side of the table. She loved being able to put her art on stage and hopes to keep choreographing more shows!

**Nora Skudlarek - (Asst Stage Manager)** This is Nora's third production, she has worked on Robin Hood, and School House Rock with Miamisburg Theatre. In her spare time she enjoys running cross country and hanging out with friends. Nora is excited to work with CPAM for the first time, and for everyone to see the show!







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### The Cast of Lion King Jr

Rafiki	Emerson B
Mufasa	Shawn F
Scar	Colson L
Simba	CJ H

#### Brown Cast (Saturday Performances)

Sarabi	Sophia R
Zazu	Noah E
Young Simba	Katelyn A
Young Nala	Ayla K
Sarafina	Victoria F
Shenzi	Olivia J
Banzai	Noa G
Ed	Blake M
Timon	Rylee C
Pumbaa	Cynthia M
Nala	Maggie A

#### **Orange Cast (Sunday Performances)**

Sarabi	Ryleigh S
Zazu	Nick B
Young Simba	Lucas H
Young Nala	Livy D
Sarafina	Madeline D
Shenzi	Sawyer S
Banzai	Audrey M
Ed	Isadore K
Timon	Jordan H
Pumbaa	Kirsten C
Nala	Addison H

<u>Lionesses</u>

Lexi R, Mia S, Aurora C, Maggie B, Hope W

Ensemble (Hyenas, Animals of the Pridelands)

Anthony M, Dexter C, Griffin C, Lucy G, Josie W, Caitlyn A

Junior Cast (Hyenas, Animals of the Pridelands)

Gabbie A, Isabelle C, Noah F, Charlotte D, Haven R, Kenzie B, Adilynn H, Jasper C, Avery D, Colton K, Sam A

#### **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

Circle of Life with Nants' Ingonyama Rafiki, Ensemble
Grasslands Chant Ensemble
The Lioness HuntLionesses
I Just Can't Wait to Be KingYoung Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, Ensemble
Be Prepared Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Hyenas
They Live in YouMufasa, Ensemble
The StampedeEnsemble
The Mourning Sarabi, Young Nala, Rafiki, Lionesses, Hyenas
Hakuna MatataTimon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Simba, Ensemble
ShadowlandNala, Lionesses, Rafiki
Can You Feel the Love Tonight Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala, Ensemble
He Lives in YouRafiki, Ensemble
Luau Hawaiian Treat Ensemble
FinaleCompany

#### The Senior Cast of Lion King Jr



#### Emerson B—Rafiki Homeschool –6th

Emerson is 11 years old . This is her first production with CPAM and she has loved playing Rafiki. In some of her past productions she has played Gingy in Shrek Jr. and Brigitta in The Sound of Music. In her free time she enjoys playing her cello, and perfecting her dance routines.



#### Shawn F– Mufasa Miamisburg High School -12th

This is Shawn's 5th show with CPAM. He's been doing theater since 8th grade, and has previously starred as Amos in Chicago and Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors. He hopes you enjoy the show.



#### Colson L—Scar Franklin High School—11th

Colson is a member of the thespians and has been in 7 shows. His favorite roles include George Badger in Treasure Island, C.C. Showers in The Diviners and Prince Dauntless in Once Upon A Mattress. Most recently, Ben in Descendants the Musical. He is thrilled to take on the role of Scar. Be prepared for an amazing performance!



#### CJ H—Simba Miamisburg High School-8th

CJ is thrilled to be performing in Lion King Jr. and would like to thank CPAM and his fellow castmates for being such ROCKSTARS! He also would like to thank his family their support and encouragement. When he isn't being king of the jungle, you'll find him coding games and discovering new technology.



#### Sophia R – Sarafina (Brown Cast) Dayton Christian – 10th

Sophia is excited to be performing in her first show with CPAM! Her favorite roles have been Lucy in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown and Gertrude in Seussical Jr. When she's not performing, Sophia spends her time listening to music and playing with her cat.



#### Noah E – Zazu (Brown Cast) Miamisburg High School-11th

Noah, 16 years old, is a Junior at Miamisburg High School. He has appeared in three short films and thirteen performances, which include his favorites as Linus in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, and Ensemble in Mamma Mia. He is excited to share this performance with you!



#### Katelyn A—Young Simba (Brown Cast) Centerville Homeschool-7th

Katelyn is excited to perform for her first time with CPAM in the role of Young Simba. She has also had the opportunity to participate as an extra in varying capacities. When not performing, Katelyn loves singing, playing the piano and dancing.



#### Ayla K – Young Nala (Brown Cast) Main Elementary—5th

Ayla is excited to be performing in The Lion King at CPAM! Finally, a show about cats! Ayla's favorite roles were Marta in The Sound of Music and Young Fiona in Shrek. When she's not on stage, Ayla loves hanging out with her cats, Muffin and Tiger Lily. She hopes you feel the love tonight!



#### Victoria F – Sarafina (Brown Cast) Homeschool-7th

Victoria is excited to be performing in her second show, her first with CPAM. Her favorite role is in this performance of Lion King Jr. When not performing, Victoria loves sketching, painting, serving at her church, and hanging out with her friends and sisters.



#### Olivia J – Shenzi (Brown Cast) Springboro High School-9th

Olivia is excited to be playing Shenzi in her first show at CPAM. You may have recently seen her in "Descendants" at SCT or as the Lion in "Dorothy in Wonderland" at THT. She is a freshman at Springboro. Olivia enjoys drawing, playing the piano, and reading. She hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Noa G – Banzai (Brown Cast) Miamisburg Middle School—6th

Noa is very excited to be Banzai in the brown cast! This is the very organization Noa started with! Noa hopes you enjoy as much as them!



#### Blake M – Ed (Brown Cast Springboro Middle School –8th

Blake is exited to be in his first performance at CPAM as Ed the hyena. He has previously starred as The Baker in Into The Woods and Flick in A Christmas Story. He hopes you enjoy this amazing show!!!



#### Rylee C— Timon (Brown Cast) Ohio Virtual Academy-10th

Rylee is ecstatic to be playing the role of Timon. Her favorite roles she has played in the past include Scuttle in The Little Mermaid and Friar Tuck in Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin-hood. While not performing, she likes to paint rocks and talk to her friends. She hopes you'll enjoy the show!



#### Cynthia M – Pumbaa (Brown Cast) Miamisburg High School— 12th

Cynthia is so excited to be playing Pumbaa! This is her 10th show with CPAM, and when she's not on stage she loves to paint and draw. She hopes you enjoy the show! Hakuna Matata~ :)



#### Maggie A – Nala (Brown Cast) Miamisburg High School– 11th

Maggie is a junior at Miamisburg High School. She is very excited to be playing Nala in her first show with CPAM. Outside of CPAM she does theater with her school. She would like to thank her family for supporting her, and she hopes you enjoy the show.



#### Ryleigh S– Sarabi (Orange Cast) Dayton Regional STEM School –8th

Ryleigh is thrilled to be in her third show with CPAM! In her free time, she enjoys reading, listening to music, and participating in student government at her school. She would like to thank the cast for making this process so enjoyable!



#### Nick B - Zazu (Orange Cast) Dayton Regional STEM School– 11th

Nick is excited to be back performing with CPAM! He has been fortunate to be a part of many of their shows, and favorite roles have included the Frog Footman in Alice in Wonderland and Nana in Peter Pan, Jr. When not performing, he loves 3-D modeling monitors and other random objects in Blender.



#### Lucas H –Young Simba (Orange Cast) Miamisburg Middle School– 6th

Lucas recently started acting after leaving the world of competitive cheer. His favorite roles include Winthrop in Music Man and Grover Dill in A Christmas Story. He enjoys taking singing with Becky Barrett-Jones. He also continues to take tumbling lessons and will start dance this Fall.



#### Livy D — Young Nala (Orange Cast) Homeschool and VCHG –5th

Livy is excited to be in her first ever production! She is 10 years old, a homeschooled 5th grader and also attends Veritas Christian Homeschool Group. She's the second oldest of four kids and loves gymnastics, reading, art, and crafting. Livy loves snuggling her black and white bunny, Domino.



#### Madeline D – Sarafina (Orange Cast) Homeschool and VCHG –7th

Madeline is thrilled to be performing in her third show with CPAM. She is 12 years old, in the 7th grade, is homeschooled and also attends Veritas Christian Homeschool Group. She has three younger siblings, and she enjoys reading, singing, painting, and cuddling her black cat, Raven.







#### Sawyer S – Shenzi (Orange Cast) Miamisburg High School– 10th

Sawyer is thrilled to be in this production with their fellow cast mates. This is their tenth production. Her favorite roles include Fern in "Charlotte's Web" and Randolph McAfee in "Bye Bye Birdie". She thanks the cast and crew for making this show happen! They hope you enjoy the show!

#### Audrey M– Banzai (Orange Cast) Beavercreek High School –12th

Audrey is thrilled to be performing in The Lion King Jr. as her first show with CPAM. Audrey's favorite roles have been Grace Farrell in Annie and Fairy Godmother in Descendants: The Musical. Outside of theatre, Audrey is a part of Beavercreek's competition show choir and plays the flute in band.

#### Isadore K - Ed (Orange Cast) Franklin High School– 11th

Isadore is very excited to be performing in her first CPAM production. She has previously done shows at SCT, BCT, LaComedia, Dayton Playhouse and her high school. Her most notable roles include Jim Hawkins in Treasure Island, Carlos in Descendants, and Mayzie in Seussical. This will be her 21st show

#### Jordan H –Timon (Orange Cast) Miamisburg High School– 11th

Jordan is excited to be performing with CPAM again. She has been performing on stage since the age of 4. Her favorite roles include: Alice in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Charlie in Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. When not on stage, Jordan is a varsity cheerleader in Miamisburg.



#### Kirsten C– Pumbaa (Orange Cast) Miamisburg High School—11th

Kirsten is excited to be in her 12th show with CPAM. Her favorite roles have been Arista in Little Mermaid and Shirlene (Doo-Wop) in Little Shop of Horrors. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Addison H –Nala (Orange Cast) Springboro High School –9th

Addi is excited to be doing her 2nd CPAM production. Some of her favorite roles include Fiona in Shrek the Musical Jr, Little Red and Cinderella in Into the Woods and Louisa in Sound of Music! She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support and she hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Lexi R– Lioness & Ensemble Miami Valley CTC-11th

Lexi is excited to be performing in her 7th show with CPAM. Her favorite role has been the Sheriff in Sherwood. In her free time Lexi likes to dance, hang out with her family, and volunteer at the Schuster Center. Lexi is excited for you to see the show! Hakuna Matata!



#### Mia S– Lioness & Ensemble Miamisburg Middle School-7th

Mia is in 7th grade and this is Mia's 3rd show. She takes voice lessons at Star City Music. She is very excited to be in Lion King. Mia is very thankful for her family and friends for supporting her though theater. She loves the friends she has made through this experience. They have been so supportive.



#### Aurora C– Lioness & Ensemble Stivers School for the Arts-8th

Aurora is excited for her first show at CPAM. Her favorite role is being a lioness in this and genie in SHREK Jr. When she's not doing theater Aurora is a dancer at Stivers and enjoys painting, ceramics, and singing. She hopes you enjoy the show.



#### Maggie B– Lioness & Ensemble Five Points –5th

Maggie has loved every second of being a lioness! This is her first acting experience and she hopes to have many more in the future. Maggie also loves softball, golf, giraffes, reading, eating sushi and riding roller coasters.



#### Hope W– Lioness & Ensemble Miamisburg Middle School—7th

Hope is enjoying being a part of The Lion King Jr. cast. She loves to dance and sing so she's a perfect fit for this performance!



#### Anthony M – Hyena & Ensemble Bauer Elementary School –4th

Anthony is very excited to be performing in The Lion King Jr. He also performed in The Little Mermaid during summer camp. Anthony loves to read and sing!



#### Dexter C– Hyena & Ensemble Bauer Elementary School –4th

Dexter is excited to be debuting in his first ever show. In addition to acting, Dexter enjoys playing soccer and eating ice cream.



#### Griffin C – Hyena & Ensemble Jane Chance Elementary School –4th

Griffin is excited to be in CPAM's production of The Lion King Jr. This is his second show with CPAM and hopes to be in many more. Outside of performing, Griffin is learning to play piano and likes to draw and write his own stories. He hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Lucy G – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Bear Elementary School-4th

Lucy is back for her second run with CPAM. She was part of the little cast in The Little Mermaid and had so much fun. You can also find Lucy cheering on the Wee Vikes, tumbling, and hanging out with her friends. She is amazing on and off the stage!!



# Josie W – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Miamisburg Middle School – 7th

Josie is very excited to be in this production of The Lion King Jr. She has had a great experience in CPAM's production of the Little Mermaid and also enjoyed her time with Springboro Community Theater's production of Descendants. Josie would like to thank all of those who support her.



#### Caitlyn A- Prideland Animal & Ensemble

This is Caitlyn's first show with CPAM. She's excited to be a part of this cast.

#### The Junior Cast of Lion King Jr



#### Gabbie A– Prideland Animal & Ensemble Mound Elementary School –3rd

Gabbie is excited to be performing in her first show with CPAM! When not singing and dancing, Gabbie enjoys playing soccer, swimming, and hanging out with her dog, Nala. She would like to thank her parents and her big sister, Maggie, for supporting her in doing the show!



## Isabelle C – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Kinder Elementary School – 3rd

Isabelle is excited to perform in her first show with CPAM. In her free time, Isabelle loves dancing, swimming, and cheerleading. Isabelle also loves to hang out with her family.



#### Noah F – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Dayton International School-1st

Noah is excited to be performing in her first performing arts show. She loves roller skating, swimming, playing piano, spending time with her family and lip gloss.



#### Charlotte D – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Clearcreek Elementary School – 1st

Charlotte is so excited to be performing in her first show with CPAM. She made her acting debut in Spring 2021 at La Comedia Dinner Theater in The Sound of Music as Gretl VonTrapp. When Charlotte has free time she loves gymnastics, dancing, singing, art, and being with friends and family.



#### Haven R – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Madison Elementary School – 2nd

This is Haven's second production and first time performing with CPAM. She loves art, music, and dance, and is very excited to be a part of this show. She also enjoys learning to cook and taking care of her two dogs and goldfish.



#### Kenzie B – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Mound Elementary School—1st

Kenzie is so excited to be performing in her first performance with CPAM. In her spare time she loves to dance, swim, cheer and spend time with her family.



#### Adilynn H – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Clearcreek Elementary School –1st

Adilynn is excited to be performing in her first show with CPAM. Her favorite role has been Gretl von Trapp in The Sound of Music. When not performing, Adilynn loves to hangout, dance and sing for her friends and family, play piano, and swim.



### Jasper G – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Jane Chance Elementary School – 2nd

Jasper is excited to be in CPAM's production of The Lion King Jr. for his theater debut. He has enjoyed making friends and being part of the Junior Cast. Jasper also plays soccer and is learning to play piano. He likes riding his bike and going swimming in his free time.



#### Avery D – Hyena & Ensemble Homeschool and VCHG – 1st

Avery is overjoyed to be in her very first show! She is 6 years old, a homeschooled first grader, and also attends Veritas Christian Homeschool Group. She is excited to be in this show with her two older sisters! Avery loves gymnastics, crafting and playing with her older brother, Parker.



# Colton K – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Homeschool - 2nd

This is Colton's first role in a production, and he is having a blast. When he is not rehearsing, Colton can be found swimming, running obstacles courses, building Lego sets, or reading graphic novels.



#### Sam A – Prideland Animal & Ensemble Mound Elementary School – 1st

Sam is excited to be performing in his first show with CPAM. He made his debut earlier this summer in the World of Oz as a munchkin and flying monkey. When not performing Sam loves to sing, dance, dress up, color and play outside with his brother Josh and their new puppy Ollie.

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