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Riverdale Raider Theater
Riverdale Elementary School
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PRESENTS

The LION KING JR.

Music by
Elton John & Tim Rice

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

Book by
Roger Allers &
Irene Macchi

Directed by
Lynden Lewis Jones

Assistant Directors
Sarah Cate Melton,
Cat Carlin,
Mady Thornburg

Choreographed by
Juli Anna Stanford & Lynden Lewis Jones
Assistant Choreographer
Meg Williams

Stage Manager
Rachel Crenshaw

Poster and Shirt design
Kate O'Connor (6th grade)

Teacher Sponsors
Melanie Moss, Stacy Stevens, Karen Barbieri, Kelly Hogan

Disney's The Lion King Jr.

was adapted for young performers from the Broadway show by Ken Cerniglia (libretto) and Will Van Dyke (score)

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SONGS

Act 1

Circle of Life	Rafiki, Zazu, Mufasa, Sarabi, Safari Animals, Lionesses
Grasslands Chant	Grass Dancers, Young Simba, Mufasa
The Lioness Hunt	Lionesses
I Just Can't Wait to Be King	Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, Safari Animals
Be Prepared	Scar, Bonzai, Shenzi, Ed, Hyenas
They Live in You	Mufasa, Young Simba, Rafiki, Spirit Dancers
The Stampede	Young Simba, Scar, Mufasa, Zazu, Wildebeest
The Mourning	Rafiki, Sarabi, Young Nala, Lionesses, Scar, Bonzai, Shenzi, Ed, Hyenas

Act 2

Hakuna Matata Part 1	Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Jungle Critters
Hakuna Matata Part 2	Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Jungle Critters
Shadowland	Nala, Lionesses
Can You Feel the Love Tonight	Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala, Jungle Critters
He Lives in You	Rafiki, Simba, Spirit Dancers
Luau Hawaiian Treat	Timon, Pumbaa, Hyenas
Finale	Rafiki, Zazu, Simba, Nala, Timon, Pumbaa, Safari Animals, Lionesses

CAST

Cast Members

Rafiki	Callie Sparkman
Mufasa	Victor Walker
Sarabi	Emily Woelke
Young Simba	Max Mullins
Young Nala	Cate Sparkman
Zazu	Eva Fischer
Simba	Tate Greenslade
Nala	Campbell Williams
Timon	Declan Storey
Pumbaa	Chad Arterburn
Scar	Colby Corkran
Bonzai	Izzy Seay
Shenzi	Amelia Hamilton
Ed	Spencer Malahy
Sarafina	Elise Scales
Lionesses	Savannah Abrams Lauren Barbieri Fernanda Rosa Bueno Sarah Hochman Hannah Moore Kimberly Tarver Noel Tidwell Isabella Walters Kelly White Campbell Williams
Jungle Critters	Tatelyn Collins Ambrielle Henry Emery Jones MaKenna Phelps Anna Price Cruz Winsett

CAST

Cast Members (continued)

Hyenas	Tatelyn Collins Ambrielle Henry Emery Jones McKenna Phelps Anna Price Cruz Winsett Jude Fisher Tyler Henry William Johnson Belle Manning Maddy Nadicksbernd Ada Overstreet Sarah Cate Pennington Alexis Scales Mattie Stevens
Grassland/Spirit Dancers	Allie Douglas Ella Duffy Logan Elmore Alaina Feinman Morgan George Evelyne Jones Nate Manguso Luke Roswell Evalyn Sperry Olufemi Tom Lucy Underwood Laila Young
Safari Animals	Lyla Clark Elizabeth Fisher Charlotte Freeman Abby Goldberg Kelsie Hogan Addyson Knowles Mia Murphy Elaina Nicholas Sophia Overstreet Samantha Pope Kate Schoggen Lily Stevens Katt Stubbs

CREW

Crew Members

Stage Manager	Kayla Conner
Stage Manager	Lindsey Manguso
Stage Manager	Reese Ramsey
Backstage	Alyson Vuoso
Backstage	Gianella Vasquez
Stage Door 1	Camryn Hale
Stage Door 4	Karianna Carter
Stage Door 4	Janaya Williams
Stagecrew (Runner)	Davis Carter
Stagecrew (Runner)	Alice Lee
Stagecrew (Runner)	Benjamin Sanders
Stagecrew (Runner)	Gianella Vasquez
Make- Up Manager	Carter Malahy
Make-Up/Front House Crew	Angelee Akin
Make-Up/Front House Crew	Julia Cox
Make-Up/Front House Crew	Fatima Hernandez
Make-Up/Front House Crew	Mackenzie Ostrander
Make-Up/Front House Crew	Anna Paula Pysova
Spotlight	Brandon Beck
Spotlight	Corey Heineman
Spotlight	Connor Jones
Spotlight	Emma Pennington
Sound	Amy Jackson
Sound	Annabelle Marking
Lights	Ellie Hsueh
Teacher Sponsor Assistant	Dylan Kruehwitz
Teacher Sponsor Assistant	Areej Khan

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Chad Arterburn

This is Chad's 4th Raider Theater production. He was in "Oklahoma Jr.", "Shrek Jr." and "Some Enchanted Evening" Dinner Theater. He would like to thank his family for their encouragement and his Grandma and Granpa for their support too. Thank-you Riverdale for offering this opportunity to us kids!



Savannah Abrams

Savannah is in fifth grade. Previous Raider Theater productions include: "Shrek" (person of Duloc), "Oklahoma Jr." (ensemble), "Peter Pan Jr." (Indian), and a lead dancer in "School House Rock Jr." She plays the piano, is a member of HOPE church's youth choir and plays volleyball. She would like to thank her family and friends, cast, crew, Mrs. Lynden, teacher sponsors and parent volunteers.



Lauren Barbieri

Lauren is a 5th grader in Mrs. Ward's homeroom. Lauren has participated in Raider Theater since 2nd grade. Her most recent performance was "Shrek Jr." (Teen Fiona/Dancing Rat/Knight). Lauren takes voice and dance. She would like to thank Ms. Lynden for this opportunity and for her encouragement, her family for their support and her cast members for the fun.



Fernanda Rosa Bueno

Fernanda is an 8th grader at Riverdale and has been a student for four years. She has participated in many plays outside of school. This is her first time on the Raider Theater stage. She will be a lioness in "Lion King Jr." which will allow her a great dancing part. She dedicates the play to her dad, Claudio Saunorihs Bueno.



Lyla Clark

Lyla, a Riverdale third grader, has a history of performing - previously at Beth Cross School of Dance, a year in cheerleading, and always at home. She is involved in several outdoor activities such as soccer, softball, rollerblading and swimming. She loves mindcrafting, giving hugs, making videos and especially being at Riverdale. Thanks to her friends, family and teachers for their support.

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Tatelyn Collins

Tatelyn (2nd grade) is excited to be a part of the "Lion King Jr." cast. She made her Raider Theater debut in "Some Enchanted Evening" and loves being on stage. Tatelyn wants to thank Ms. Lynden for this amazing opportunity.



Colby Corkran

Colby is excited to be part of his 8th Riverdale production. Previous Riverdale roles have included Michael in "Peter Pan Jr.", Jack in "Into the Woods Jr.", and Gingy in "Shrek Jr." Colby has also been in productions at GCT, Theatre Memphis and POTS. Big thanks to Lynden for believing in him and encouraging him. A huge thanks to those teacher sponsors, student helpers, Rachel, among many other volunteers, who have spent endless hours making Riverdale Theatre the best. He will miss it next year!



Allie Douglas

Allie (4th grade) is excited for her second appearance on the Riverdale stage. Singing and dancing have become her passion. She had a wonderful time in "Some Enchanted Evening." Allie is an active, energetic girl that makes her family proud. She would like to thank Ms. Lynden and all volunteers for their support.



Ella Duffy

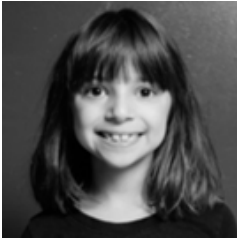
Ella (6th grade) is excited to be a part of this year's production. This is her first experience in theatrics. Her love of all things "Broadway" has taken off and she looks forward to growing her talents!



Logan Elmore

Logan (2nd grade) is making her debut on the Raider stage, and she is super excited! Logan is a Raider Reader and is in the Glee Club. She enjoys gymnastics, dancing, singing and being creative. Logan would like to thank her family for their continued support. Special thanks to Ms. Lynden, Ms. Moss and the entire Raider Theater Dept. for giving her this opportunity.

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Alaina Feinman

Alaina (4th) made her Raider Theater debut in last year's "Shrek Jr." as Young Fiona. She is thrilled to return to the stage for "Lion King Jr." Over the past few years, Alaina has been involved in Germantown Community Theatre All Children's Theatre, Playhouse on the Square's Summer Conservatory, as well as playing the role of Anna in her Synagogue's adaptation of "Frozen" in 2016. She enjoys gymnastics, singing, dancing, and cooking. Alaina would like to thank her family, friends, teachers, and the Riverdale Theater Department for all of their support!



Eva Fischer

Eva has previously appeared in "Seussical Jr." (a Who), "Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr." (Lead Dancer), "Peter Pan Jr." (Brave Shrub), "Into the Woods Jr." (Lucinda), "Oklahoma Jr." (Kate), "Shrek Jr." (Red Riding Hood) and "Some Enchanted Evening." She plays the piano, participates in Women's Honors Choir, Science Club, Best Buddies Club, and is a Student Council Representative. She would like to thank family and friends.



Jude Fischer

Jude (2nd grade) will be a Hyena/Jungle Critter in "Lion King Jr." Previously, he appeared in "Shrek Jr." (Person of Duloc). Jude enjoys singing, dancing, and making people laugh. Jude would like to thank Ms. Lynden for casting him in the play. He can't wait for the show!



Elizabeth Fisher

Elizabeth (4th) has loved being a part of "The Lion King, Jr." as her first theater experience. She's an incredible girl who blows her parents away with her maturity and kindness. She is the oldest of her siblings. Elizabeth is beloved by her family and her friends; they are ALL so proud of her and are behind her in whatever she does!

WHO'S WHO



Charlotte Freeman

Charlotte is in Mrs. Huggins' 5th grade class. She is proud to have been in several Riverdale Theater productions since 1st grade. She would like to thank Mrs. Lynden, Mrs. Moss, and all the Riverdale teachers and parents for their hard work on this production.



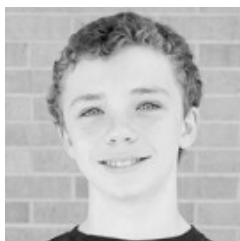
Morgan George

Morgan is so excited to be in the production of "Lion King Jr." She enjoys singing and dancing! Morgan has danced for 7 plus years and is thrilled for this production. She was also in "Shrek Jr." and "Some Enchanted Evening." She wants to thank everyone that has helped and encouraged her.



Abby Goldberg

Abby loves to perform on stage and has appeared in three previous Raider stage productions. She was a mermaid in "Peter Pan Jr.", part of the ensemble of "Oklahoma Jr.", and last year, played a Duloc villager in "Shrek Jr." Abby has loved her four years at Riverdale and wants to especially thank Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Lynden for giving her the opportunity to be a part of the Riverdale Theater family!



Tate Greenslade

Tate (6th grade) has appeared in the Raider productions "Oklahoma Jr." and "Shrek Jr." Tate will achieve his black belt in Karate in Jan. 2018, and holds four first place titles at Karate Championships. He was born with a strong desire to entertain. He and his family would like to thank Ms. Lynden, Mrs. Moss, and all involved for the encouragement to do what he loves most!



Amelia Hamilton

Amelia (5th grade) has been in each Raider Theater production since she came to Riverdale in first grade. She is so excited to work with Mrs. Lynden again and would like to thank her fellow cast members, crew, and all the wonderful teacher sponsors for making these shows so much fun!

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Ambrielle Henry

Ambrielle is proud to be joining the spring production of "Lion King Jr." Ambrielle is in the fourth grade, and her favorite subject is Art. She is involved in The Last Fan and Parade. She enjoys craft projects, soccer, theater, and cheering. She would like to thank her mom, dad, brother, family and friends for their love and support. She would like to thank Raider Theater for this opportunity.



Tyler Henry

Tyler is proud to be joining the spring production of "Lion King Jr." Tyler is in second grade, and his favorite subjects are Math and Science. He enjoys learning about animals, playing video games and baseball. Tyler would like to thank his mom, dad, sister, family and friends for their love and support. He would like to thank the Raider Theater Department for this exciting opportunity.



Sarah Hochman

Sarah is a 6th grader in Mrs. Miller's homeroom. This is Sarah's fourth production at Riverdale, previously appearing in "Schoolhouse Rock Jr.", "Shrek the Musical Jr." and "Some Enchanted Evening." Sarah would like to thank Ms. Lynden and Ms. Moss for another great opportunity, her family and friends for their support and Sarah Faye, Abby, and Lark for always being there.



Kelsie Hogan

Kelsie is in 4th grade and has been a part of Raider Theater since 1st grade. She most recently performed in Playhouse on the Square's "Peter Pan" as a Lost Boy. Kelsie would like to thank Lynden for such an exciting opportunity! She would also like to thank her mom and dad for all their support.



William Johnson

William is in 6th grade and excited to be in his second Raider Theater production. He has studied at Playhouse on the square and Theatre Memphis.

WHO'S WHO



Emery Jones

Emery is thrilled to be back on the Raider Theatre stage after making her debut in "Some Enchanted Evening" this past fall. She has also been seen at GCT in "The Sound of Music." She is a 7-year-old in Mrs. W's 1st grade class. Emery likes to do arts and crafts and sleep. When she grows up she wants to either be a marine biologist or a set designer.



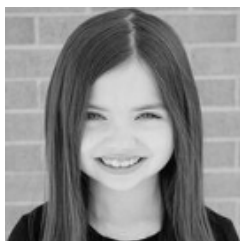
Evelyne Jones

Evelyne is in 5th grade and is excited to be a part of "Lion King Jr." as her second production with Raider Theater. Most recently, she was a Lost Boy (Twin #1) in "Peter Pan Jr." at Playhouse on the Square, and her love for musical theater keeps growing. Evelyne spends her free time singing, reading, and writing stories, and she thanks her family for their love and support.



Addyson Knowles

Addyson (1st grade) is thrilled to be making her debut in "Lion King Jr.!" She has previously done theater work at Playhouse on the Square. Addy loves to dance, play soccer, and do taekwondo, and gymnastics in her free time. She would like to thank her Mom and Dad for always believing in her and encouraging her to dream.



Spencer Malahy

Spencer Malahy is a third grader in Mrs. McCoy's class. This is her third Riverdale production. Other productions include Oklahoma! (ensemble) and Shrek, Jr. (baby bear). Spencer also appeared in a series of Terminix commercials. She would like to thank Mrs. Lynden, Mrs. Moss and her family for believing in her.



Nate Manguso

Nate (4th grade) is in Mrs. Moskovitz's homeroom class. This is his first year to participate in the play. He loves riding his bike, skateboarding and playing with friends. He has played violin for three years. He would like to thank his family, especially his sister, Lindsey, for their love, support and encouragement.

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Belle Manning

Belle is thrilled to be back with Raider Theater for "Lion King Jr." Previously she was in: "School House Rock Jr.", "Peter Pan Jr.", "Into the Woods Jr.", "Oklahoma Jr.", "Shrek Jr." and "Some Enchanted Evening." Belle wishes to thank her family, cast and crew members, parent volunteers, Ms. Lynden, teacher sponsors, Ms. Julianna, and everyone who has worked hard to make this production a success.



Hannah Moore

Hannah (7th grade) is thrilled to be in this production of her favorite Disney story. This is the third musical Hannah has been in at Riverdale, including "Peter Pan Jr." and "Sussical Jr.", and she looks forward to a future in theater. She would like to thank her family, friends and teachers for supporting her love of music and acting.



Max Mullins

Max (2nd grade) is in Ms. Collin's class this year. He loves reading, music, and playing sports. He loves hanging out with his family, cheering for the UT Vols and Memphis Grizzlies, and being involved at his church, Highpoint, where his dad is on staff. This is his first play, and he is beyond thrilled to be playing Young Simba.



Mia Murphy

Mia (3rd grade) has played piano since the age of 5. She has performed in abridged productions of "Oliver" and "South Pacific" through GCT, "High School Musical" with New Day Theater and danced in the "Nutcracker" with the Moscow Ballet in Memphis. She would like to thank her family, Ms. Lynden, Ms. Moss, the stage crew, and all of those that give their time to make Raider Theater happen.



Maddy Nadicksbernd

Maddy is seven years old and in the second grade. This is her first time participating in Riverdale's Spring Musical. She loves to sing and dance when she is not playing soccer. Maddy is very excited about this opportunity. She wants to thank her family, friends and teachers for their love and support!

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Elaina Nicholas

Elaina (6th grade) studies voice, dance and drama. Performance credits: "Oklahoma Jr.", "Shrek Jr.", and "Some Enchanted Evening" at Raider Theater. She also appeared in "Peter Pan", "Annie", and "Alice in Wonderland" at St. Mary's. Her children's dress design won the 2016 Sewing Into Dreams contest, featured on the Today Show. Thank you to the cast, crew and teachers and her family.



Ada Overstreet

Ada Overstreet is a 4th grader in Mrs. Davidson's class. She likes to play outside, tell incredible stories, and create stuffed animals and trinkets with hot glue. She was the Chief's helper in "Peter Pan Jr." in 1st grade, and is super excited to be a part of the play this year. She would like to give a special thanks to her kitten, Fern.



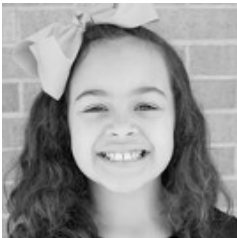
Sophia Overstreet

Sophia Overstreet is a 7th grader in Mrs. Phelps' class. She loves singing, dancing, spelling, writing, baking, playing violin, running, and her two dogs. Sophia has been in plays as Cindy Lou Who, ensemble, Mini Vidia, featured soloist, and a mouse narrator. She thanks her parents for being amazing and her sisters for being sort of cool. Sophia wants to remind America that dogs are swell.



Sarah Kate Pennington

Sarah Kate (3rd grade) is excited to be a part of her first Riverdale musical. She has been a part of two church productions - "Star Quest" and "We Three Spies." She enjoys gymnastics, acting, and singing. Sarah Kate would like to thank her family, friends and teachers for their support.



Makenna Claire Phelps

Makenna (3rd grade) has attended Riverdale for two years as an honor-roll student and LOVES IT. Makenna is the biggest ray of sunshine and has never met a stranger. She wants to be the "helper" for everyone in need, no matter what. Makenna loves all music and enjoys basketball, soccer, DANCE and TALKING! "Lion King Jr." is her first play, and she is super excited to be a part of it.

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Samantha Pope

Samantha (5th grade) is very excited to be a part of this year's production of "Lion King Jr." Samantha loves the performing arts and has been in Raider Theater productions of "Peter Pan Jr." and "Shrek Jr." She has also performed in the the "Nutcracker" with the Moscow Ballet at the Orpheum. Samantha enjoys playing piano and dancing at Studio B.



Anna Price

Anna is thrilled to return to the Riverdale stage in "Lion King Jr.!" Anna appeared last spring as Puss in Boots in "Shrek Jr." She loves baking, reading, and Irish dance. Anna thanks Ms. Lynden, Ms. Moss, and all the Riverdale staff and volunteers for their hard work and support the past few months. She also thanks her parents and sisters for being her biggest fans!



Luke Roswell

Luke (7th) has been at Riverdale since Kindergarten. He is the loudest and most outgoing of all four of his siblings. He loves God, family, music, baseball, and friends. This is his first theatre production. He has been a member of the honors choir and plans to continue to sing and act. He wants to thank his family and friends for always being there and supporting him.



Alexis Scales

Alexis (5th grade) began dancing at age 5 with Danzhouse. She has performed with eStudio and Stage Door Productions and is a proud member of Riverdale Glee Club. This is her 2nd appearance with Raider Theater. Her love of drama and performing can be seen by all. Thank you to everyone for your love and support.



Elise Scales

Elise (8th grade) started dancing at age 7 with Danzhouse. She is excited to be performing for a 4th time with Raider Theater, including "Wizard of Oz", "Schoolhouse Rock Jr.", and "Some Enchanted Evening." She absolutely loves being a part of the theater family and is proud to be cast in this spring musical. Thanks to all those who support Elise in everything she does.

WHO'S WHO



Kate G Schoggen

Kate has been a Riverdale Raider since 1st grade. Kate stays involved in extracurriculars such as Beta Club, National Junior Honor Society, Honors Choir, and Raider Theater. Kate had the opportunity to work stagecrew for "Some Enchanted Evening" and is looking forward to participating in "Lion King Jr." Kate is extremely grateful for the support she receives from her family, especially her father.



Izzy Seay

Izzy has always enjoyed musical theater and has participated in several productions at Riverdale, including "Wizard of Oz", "Suessical Jr.", and "Schoolhouse Rock Jr." She is excited to be a part of "Lion King Jr." and is thankful for the opportunity and support of all involved. Enjoy the show!



Callie Sparkman

Callie Sparkman is thrilled to be playing the part of Rafiki and thankful for the opportunity to work with Ms. Lynden and Raider Theatre again. She loves to act, dance and sing! Some of her most recent performances were in "I Am Irving Berlin," "Some Enchanted Evening," "Sound of Music," and "Shrek Jr." This is an extra special performance for Callie, as her little sister Cate joins her on the Raider stage for the first time.



Cate Sparkman

Cate is excited to perform in her very first play with Raider Theatre! She was also in the "Sound of Music" at Germantown Community Theatre. Cate loves to sing with her sister, swim in her mermaid tail, and keep her friends and family laughing with her crazy antics! She also likes to tumble and cheer with Memphis Pride. Cate would like to thank her big sister, Callie, for helping show her the ropes on her first school production. #RafikiAndNala4EVA

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Evalyn Sperry

Evalyn (6th grade) is excited to be making her Riverdale stage debut. Evalyn loves dancing, singing, gymnastics and spending time with her friends. She would like to thank the director, sponsors, teachers and fellow cast members for this awesome experience. She is also grateful to her family and friends for their support.



Lily Stevens

This is Lily's first Riverdale performance. She is a 1st grader in Mrs. Byrd's class. She has performed in church musicals and enjoys dance and piano. Lily would like to thank her family for their support.



Mattie Stevens

Mattie has participated in Raider Theater for five years, including "Schoolhouse Rock Jr.," "Peter Pan Jr." (Fairy), "Into the Woods Jr." (Hooligan), "Oklahoma Jr." (Twin) and "Shrek Jr." (Dancing Rat/Person of Duloc). She is a 5th grader in Ms. Dodge's homeroom and enjoys dance and tumbling. She would like to thank Ms. Lynden, as well as all of the hard-working parent volunteers for the fun show.



Declan Storey

Declan has appeared in two previous Raider productions. He debuted in "Oklahoma Jr." (ensemble) and "Shrek Jr." (Pinocchio). He has also appeared in the Mid America Passion Play. Declan would like to thank Ms. Lynden for this awesome opportunity. He also thanks his family for their support, and he thanks God for the talents he was given.



Katt Stubbs

Katt is in 5th grade and makes her 4th appearance in a Raider production. She opened as Mama Ogre for "Shrek Jr." and had a solo during "Some Enchanted Evening." She will be one of the loudest safari animals this year, since she's been practicing singing on stage at the Hard Rock Cafe and with Bob Westbrook. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support.

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Kimberly Tarver

Kimberly recently appeared in Riverdale's Dinner Theater production of "Some Enchanted Evening." She is a member of Riverdale's Honor Choir and enjoys dancing and singing.



Noel Tidwell

Noel (6th grade) is in her 8th production at Riverdale as part of the ensemble cast. Noel participates every year because of the friendships she has made and because of the role her family plays in these productions. She has seen her family bond with other theater families; that magic is priceless. She would like to thank everyone that involves themselves to make the theater magic happen.



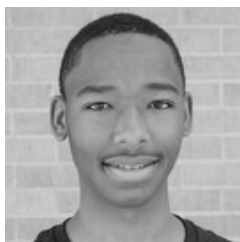
Olufemi Tom

Olufemi, grade 6, is excited to be in "Lion King Jr." He loves drawing and creating things. He is a caring and God-loving person. He acted in "Fame," "The New King," "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Some Enchanted Evening."



Lucy Underwood

Lucy (2nd grade) is delighted to return to the Raider stage. She has previously appeared in "Shrek Jr." and "Some Enchanted Evening." Lucy loves to sing, dance, and do anything with art. She'd like to thank her family, Riverdale school, Ms. Lynden, Ms. Moss and all of the teachers, parents and student volunteers that make Raider theater happen!



Victor Walker

Victor is an 8th grader at Riverdale. This is his first performance with Raider theater. He has previously performed in the last four Black History plays produced by Jack & Jill of America, Memphis Chapter. He enjoys swimming, science, and all things Boy Scouts. Victor is also a member of the Riverdale Band, where he plays the tuba.

WHO'S WHO



Isabella Walters

Isabella has been at RES for two years. She is involved in the church musical, choir, and handbells. She also enjoys piano and gymnastics. She would like to thank the RES staff for being such a great influence in her success and, of course, her family for being there and encouraging her in every way possible and supporting her in the challenges she takes.



Kelly White

Kelly is a multitasking actress, singer, dancer, and is excited about her role in "Lion King Jr." This is Kelly's 5th Raider production. Kelly is a dancer with Collage Dance Collective and has performed in front of thousands at the Canon Center, Germantown Performing Arts Center and Buckman Performing Arts Center. Kelly would like to thank her parents, brother, grandparents and extended family.



Campbell Williams

Campbell Williams was last seen in the RES production of "Some Enchanted Evening." She studies dance at Performing Arts of Germantown and voice at Stage. Life. Studio. She would like to thank Ms. Lynden and the teachers for giving her this opportunity, her family, especially her big sister, Meg, for all of their love and support and most importantly God because with Him all things are possible.



Cruz Winsett

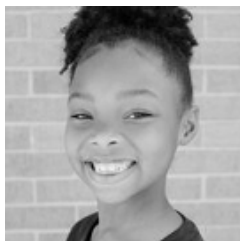
Cruz is a busy 9-year-old little girl, who is in the third grade at Riverdale. Her favorite subjects are Math and Social Studies. Cruz's hobbies include teaching, dancing, and singing. She currently takes karate and has achieved her green belt. Cruz is thrilled to be involved in her first theater production. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for their support.



Emily Woelke

Emily began performing as a 2nd grader, and this is her ninth play at Riverdale. She is very thankful to the director, sponsors, and the cast and crew for an awesome experience. She is also grateful to her family and friends for their support.

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Laila K. Young

Laila is a vibrant and bubbly fourth grader! She enjoys cooking, ballet, and lives for a stage performance! Her first Raider Theatre experience was "Peter Pan Jr.", and from there she continued with "Shrek Jr." and "Some Enchanted Evening." We just want to give a million thanks to our family and friends for all the continued support.

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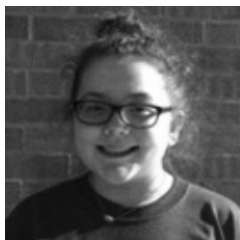
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Janaya Williams

Stage Door 4



Davis Carter

Stagecrew (Runner)



Alice Lee

Stagecrew (Runner)



Benjamin Sanders

Stagecrew (Runner)



Camryn Hale

Stage Door 1

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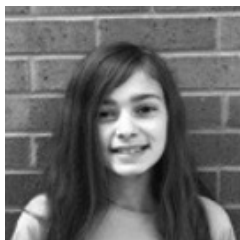
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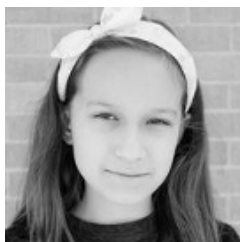
Julia Cox

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Mackenzie Ostrander

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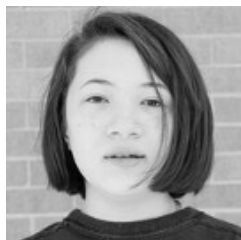
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AFRICAN LANGUAGES GLOSSARY

Circle of Life with Nants' Ingonyama (Xhosa)

Nants' ingonyama, bakithi, baba (NANTS een-GON-yah-mah bah-KEE-tee bah-BAH): Here comes the lion, my people, the father (of our nation).

Sithi hu 'ngonyama (SEE-tee WHOO gon-YAH-mah): We hail this coming of the lion.

'Ngonyama nengwe bo (GON-yah-mah NEN-gway boh): The lion and the leopard

Nants' ingonyama, bakithi, bobo (NANTS een-GON-yah-mah bah-KEE-tee bah-BOH): Here comes the lion, my dear people.

Sizo nqo' (SEE-zoh N<click> OH): We will have victory!

Ingonyama nengwe 'namabala (een-gon-YAH-mah NEN-gwen nah-mah-BAH-lah): The lion wears the leopard spots. (connotes royalty)

Ingonyama nengwe wema (een-gon-YAH-mah NEN-gwen WEH-mah): The lion and the leopard, oh what a sight!

Balek' ingonyam'i ya gale' (BAH-lek een-gon-YAH-mee YAH gah-LEH): Run, the lion will attack!

Grasslands Chant (Zulu)

Zm zm zmm: (sounds of wind in the grass)

Mama ye (mah-mah YEH): Mother Earth/Wow...

Woza, 'mfana. Oh, woza! (WO-zah MFAN-ah oh WO-zah): Come, son. Oh, come!

Oh, woza! (OH WO-zah): Oh, come.

Busa le lizwe bo (BOO-sah leh LEEZ-weh boh): Rule this precious land!

Busa lomhlaba (BOO-sah LOM-hhla-bah): Rule this earth.

Busa ngo thando bo (BOO-san GO TAN-doh boh): Rule with love.

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The Lioness Hunt (Zulu)

Ah ha hayi (ya): (roaring sounds)

We baba (WEH bah-bah): Oh, father.

Zingela, siyo zingela, baba (zeen-GEH-lah see-YO zeen-GEH-lah bah-bah): Hunt - let's go hunt, father.

S'qhubekeni, siyo zingela (S<click>OO-beh-KEH-nee see-YO zeen-GEH-lah): Let's proceed - let's go hunt.

They Live in You (Zulu)

Oh oh iyo (OH OH ee-YOH): (ancestral echos that imply "This is it!")

Mamela (MAH-meh-lah) Listen.

Hela, hem mamela (HAY-lah HEM mah-MEH-lah): Pay attention and experience this.

The Stampede (Zulu)

Yona yona yona (YOH-nah YOH-nah YOH-nah): Here it comes!

Baba, wa mi baba (BAH-bah WAH MEE BAH-bah): Father, oh my father!

The Mourning

Hamela, hamela, hamela (HAH-meh-lah): (breathy expression of grief)

Hakuna Matata (Swahili)

Hakuna Matata (hah-KOO-nah mah-TAH-tah): No worries.

AFRICAN LANGUAGES GLOSSARY

Shadowland (Setswana, Zulu)

Fatshe leso lea halalela (FAT-SEE LEH-SOO LEE-AH HAH-lah-LEH-lah): This land of our ancestors is holy. (Setswana)

Ngizo buyabo(GEE-zoh BOO-yah-boh): I will return. (Zulu)

Beso bo (BEH-soo boh): My people. (Setswana)

Tamatiso (Zulu)

Tamatiso, a so, a helele ma (tah-mah-tee-SOH ah SOH ah HEH-leh-leh MAH): (A popular South African nursery rhyme underscoring children's fondness for ketchup/tomato sauce)

He Lives in You (Zulu)

Ubukhosi bokhokho (OO-boo-KHOH-see boh-KHOH-khoh): This is the throne of our ancestors!

We ndodana ye sizwe sonke (WEN doh-DAH-nah yeh SEEZ-we SOHNk): Oh, this son of our nation!

Finale (Zulu)

Busa le lizwe bo (BOO-sah leh LEEZ-weh boh): Rule this precious land!

Busa lomhlaba (BOO-sah LOM-hhla-bah): Rule this earth.

Busa ngo thando bo (BOO-san GO TAN-doh boh): Rule with love.

Oh, busa Simba iyo (oh BOO-sah SEEM-bah YOH): Oh, rule, Simba.

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*We love you
Hannah!*



Break a leg! You are a lovely lioness! ♥. Mom, Dad, and Aaron



Love,
Grammy &
Pop Pop

Tate,
We love you and wish
you no worries for the
rest of your days!





Thank you

*Mrs. Lynden, Mrs. Moss,
Mrs. Barbieri, Dr. Stevens,
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**WAY TO GO,
MAX!!**

**We are so proud
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all of the hard
work you have
put into this
production.**

**We love
Young Simba,
but we love
Young Max
even more!!**



**LOVE,
MOM AND DAD**



Why fit in
when you were
born to stand out?

-- Dr. Seuss

BRAVO,
Davis Carter,
for your hard work
and dedication to
The Lion King Jr.
Love Mom & Papa



You have so
many talents &

we are very
proud of you!

Your family
loves you
very much.

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE CHARLOTTE!

Keep on singing and dancing!
 You are loved - X(☺)X(☺)
 - Mom, Dad, Anna, and Mark

Ellen*, We are so proud of the young lady you are becoming. Have fun and keep growing that love of theater*!

Much Love! Mom, JT, Eli, Hudson, Noah, Brady, & Maggie

WE LOVE YOU AND ARE SO PROUD OF YOU LUKE!

MOM, MATT, TONY, LOUIE, & VINN

*Congratulations Declan!
 We love watching you bring
 Timon to life on stage!*

Love, Mom, Dad, Ashton, Josiah, and Lincoln

Phil. 4:13

Lucy -

**I am SO proud
of you! Thank
you for sharing
your spirit and
talent with the
world.**

**Love,
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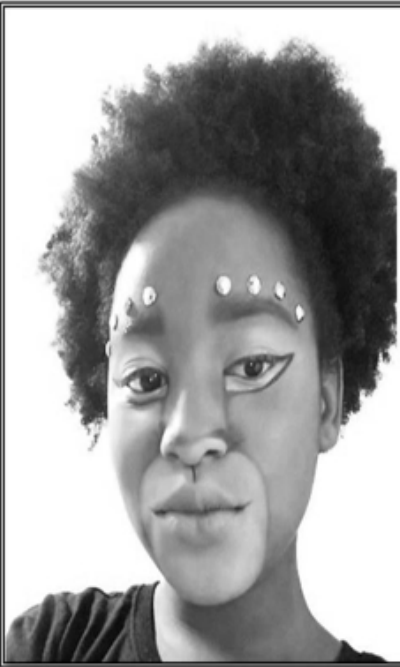
SAVANNAH



We are so proud of you, our brave lioness.
We are looking forward to a roaring
performance.

All of our love Mom, Dad, Rian, Bryce,
Meagan, Jasmine and the family.

"Remember who you are." – Mufasa



Break a leg Samantha!



*from Matt, Mandy,
Mallory, Maddie,
Mason and
everyone at*





*Anna, From Duloc and Shrek's
swamp to the grasslands and
jungles of Africa, we've loved
watching you SHINE ON STAGE!*



*We are so proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom, Caroline & Marian*

We are so proud of you!

Way to go Katt!

*Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Aydan*





Sarah, we are so proud of you, our amazing lioness!

Love You! Abue, Abuelo, Chiqui,
Joel, Anina, and Papi




Tate, We are so
proud of you!

Love - PaPa & YaYa

thank you



*To Mrs. Lyndon, Mrs. Moss,
Mrs. Barbieri, Mrs. Hogan, Dr. Stevens -
Thank you for your dedication and for
making our Riverdale Theater
dreams a reality. With our love and
gratitude, the entire cast & crew*



BELIE,
Always
follow your
dreams...
and never
forget
to laugh
like a
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along the
adventure!

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**We are so proud of you Lyla Belle!
Love Mom, Dad, Dalton & Griffin**

Disney
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We love you Hannah! Love, Mom, Dad & Aaron



**Addyson, Congrats on your opening debut!
We love you and are so proud of you.
Mommy, Daddy, Georgia, and Hudson.**

**Ella, Hakuna Matata!
Believing in you and so proud of you!
Granna & Papa**

**Congrats to the best bird there ever was! We love you and are SO proud of you, Elizabeth Jane!
Love, your Biggest Fans**

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All our love, Mom, Dad & Alec*

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Goodluck to all of our 8th grade students, we will miss you!

**"Do Not Go Where The Path May Lead;
Go Instead Where There Is No Path And Leave A Trail"**

END NOTES

Director's Notes

One of my favorite things about directing a new production is taking the time to break down the script and see where the show reflects true life. The Lion King absolutely does not disappoint in this aspect. This show is filled with handfuls of beautiful sentiments and lessons. We start off with a strong message of camaraderie through "The Circle of Life". Immediately we are exposed to the importance of family and tradition. Audience members are reminded of how important those who have come before us and those who will come after us are. As the story unfolds, we watch friendships form and characters go through some major changes. We witness a young child live a vast range of emotions and cheer him on as he learns who he really is and takes responsibility for his life. It amazes me how characters who are written as animals can still teach us such important and relevant truths.

Out of all the touching songs, lessons, and moments in the show, I wanted to share my personal favorite. From our very first music rehearsals we began breaking down the African phrases, chants, and lyrics. One lyric line simply repeats "Hela, hem mamela" which translates to "Pay attention and experience this". I get chills every time I hear this section. I cannot think of anything more relevant to each and every one of us. As a teacher and director, I can so easily be pushed by deadlines and rehearsal requirements that I forget to pay attention to those around me and connect with their needs. As a mother and wife, often times I get caught up in being on the go and I forget to stop and experience each day WITH my family. Perhaps most commonly, simply as a human, I find myself unable to set down my phone, pay attention, and experience the beauty all around me. So tonight, I want to encourage you with my new favorite phrase: "Hela, hem mamela". Please join us in escaping the madness of every-day life and simply pay attention and experience this wonderful evening.

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