

DOUBLE FEATURE!



MAY 16TH - 18TH, 2025 AT RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



What an amazing year!

Thank you to all our amazing students! You have all worked so hard on your shows and I know how excited you are to share them with your families and friends! Thank you to all our wonderful families! Your continued support of Showstoppers is appreciated more than you know. Thank you to all our spectacular teachers, staff, crew, and volunteers! Your tireless work to ensure our students have the best experience possible shines through in all the huge smiles we see on stage! We are so excited for not only our upcoming shows at Showstoppers but this July, students from our Masters and Seniors classes will be once again traveling

to New York to take part in workshops with Broadway professionals and of course see some amazing theatre! Thanks again for being an amazing community, we couldn't do it without you! On with the show! Chad

ABOUT THE SHOWSTOPPERS ACADEMY

For 15 years, Showstoppers Academy of Performing Arts has been the leading studio for musical theatre training in Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. We are dedicated to offering our students the best in performing arts training within a positive and encouraging environment, allowing them to develop and grow as performers.

Training opportunities include: Broadway style production classes, jazz, show choir, and private lessons for both dance and voice. We are certain that all students from kindergarten to grade 12 will have a chance to nurture and grow their inner star!

Performance opportunities include: All Broadway style production classes culminate in an actual show in local theatre space, all performance-based classes perform in our winter show and year end recital.

Travel opportunities include: Our new show choir class will be travelling to California to perform at Disneyland and train with Disney professionals! Senior students can travel to New York to participate in the Broadway Student Summit (includes show tickets and training with Broadway professionals).

The Showstoppers Academy of Performing Arts humbly acknowledges the land on which we have the privilege to live and work on is the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples, specifically, the shared traditional territories of the Katzie and Kwantlen First Nations. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work, play, and learn on these lands, and we respectfully acknowledge the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples who have lived here since time immemorial.



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SHOWSTOPPERS ACADEMY'S STAGE STARS PRODUCTION OF

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May 16th, -18th, 2025

SHOWSTOPPERS ACADEMY ——OF PERFORMING ARTS——



Showstoppers Academy's Stage Stars Production of



May 16th - 18th, 2025

Words and Music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley

Adapted for the Stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy A. McDonald

Based on the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl



Teachers: Jessica Allen & Dara Coulter Teachers' Assistants: Danika Bailey, Camryn Boyes, Isabelle Murray, Elyse Gullmes, & Hannah Wellington Co-Owner / Artistic Director: Chad Matchette Co-Owner / Studio Administrator: Erin Matchette Costume Team: Alex Godlewski, Kelsey Tierney, & Megan Wiebe Painters: Kirsten Bailey & Jordan Stasuk Program Design: Em Matchette Props Managers: Elisabeth Pollock, Sophia Pollock, & Charlotte Beckett Set Construction: John Bradbury, Kiel Hornal, Rob Newington, & Dan Wiebe Set Design: Dan Wiebe Studio Manager: Sam Judd Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Philip & Nicole Rich

> **Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS** Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com



Willy Wonka The Candy Man Mr. Bucket Grandpa Joe Charlie Mrs. Bucket James Matilda Phineous Trout Augustus Mrs. Gloop Veruca Mr. Salt Violet Ms. Beauregard Mike Ms. Teavee Grandpa George **Grandma Georgina** Granda Josephina Oompa Loompa

Stage Stars A

CAST

Clare Wallsmith Clara Sehn Walker Fox Stella Rosenlund Kasidee Dano Scarlett Sironen Cole Van Sickle Sydney Adamyk Lennia Ramos Hesketh Layla Braun Freyja Mandrella Natasha Vanschagen Cole Van Sickle Milana Linnyk Tatianna Stables Angel Maclean Marlo McFadden Jami<mark>e Abro</mark>guena Izzy Murray Danika Bailey Danika Bailey **Camryn Boyes** Hannah Wellington Izzy Murray Elyse Gullmes

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Stage Stars B

Kinley Ticehurst Olivia Ross Walker Fox • Kaden Ticehurst Avalyn Hope Scarlett Sironen Cole Van Sickle Sydney Adamyk Lennia Ramos Hesketh Alicia Burns Isabelle Murray Grace Sahaydak Cole Van Sickle Charlotte Fox Tatianna Stables Liam Gordon Marlo McFadden Jamie Abroguena Izzy Murray Danika Bailey Danika Bailey **Camryn Boyes** Hannah Wellington Izzy Murray Elyse Gullmes

Stage Stars A Shows

Friday, May 16 at 7:00pm Saturday, May 17 at 2:00pm

Stage Stars B Shows

Saturday, May 17 at 7:00pm Sunday, May 18 at 2:00pm

MUSICAL NUMBERS

The Golden Age Of Chocolate The Candy Man (I've Got A) Golden Ticket At The Gates (Pure Imagination) Oompa-Loompa 1 Oompa-Loompa 2 I Want It Now Oompa-Loompa 3 Oompa-Loompa 4 Finale

SPECIAL THANKS

We are so excited to be bringing Willy Wonka Kids to the stage!! We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the incredible individuals who helped make this production such a magical experience at Showstoppers Academy. A huge thank you to Alex, Megan, and Kelsey on the costume team for your extraordinary creativity and dedication. Your vibrant and imaginative costumes truly brought the characters to life and added a touch of sweetness to the world of Willy Wonka. A special shout-out to Dan and John on the sets team for building the whimsical and enchanting set pieces that transformed our stage into the fantastical land of Wonka's factory. Your hard work and craftsmanship made the world of Willy Wonka come alive for our audience. We are incredibly grateful to Chad and Erin, the amazing owners of Showstoppers Academy, for your unwavering support and dedication to fostering a creative, inspiring environment for our students. Your leadership and commitment to the arts continue to make every production possible, and we are so thankful for all you do. And last but certainly not least, a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Teachers Assistants: Danika, Camryn, Hannah, Elyse, and Izzy. Your support and enthusiasm throughout the rehearsal process made such a difference. You kept the cast organized, motivated, and full of energy, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you all for your time, talent, and support in making this production truly special. We are grateful to each and every one of you!

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JAMIE ABROGUENA

Jamie is excited to be part of Showstoppers Academy, which he joined earlier this year. He loves to sing and play the piano, and is excited to explore musical theatre. Outside of rehearsals, Jamie enjoys reading, drawing, swimming, and playing games. He would like to thank his amazing teachers for their guidance and support, and his family for always cheering him on and driving him to rehearsals. Enjoy the show!

SYDNEY ADAMYK

This is Sydney's first season at Showstoppers! She loved participating in the Winter Show and couldn't wait to get started on *Willy Wonka*. It was an exciting day for Sydney when she learned that she would be playing Matilda & Oompa Loompa #1. Sydney's New Year's resolution was to improve on her acting skills. Having many different interests, Sydney is also taking hip hop, and plays goalie in soccer. At home, Sydney's favourite thing to do is create art. Sydney is very sociable, energetic, and a born performer. She is grateful for Showstoppers and for everyone that has worked hard to put this production together. She hopes that you love the show!





LAYLA BRAUN

This is Layla's first year in Showstoppers and she is super excited to be performing in *Willy Wonka Kids* with the Stage Stars Class. Layla is nine years old and outside of Showstoppers Layla enjoys playing softball. She wants to thank her Grandma for always dropping her off at rehearsals. She hopes you enjoy the show!

KASIDEE DANO

This is Kasidee's first year in Showstoppers! She is seven years old and, outside of Showstoppers, she enjoys swimming and skating! She is super excited to be playing Charlie Bucket in *Willy Wonka*. She would like to thank her Mom for always driving her to and from class and her cousin, Keria, for always being by her side when she needs her. She hopes you enjoy the show!



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MILANA LINNYK

Milana Borisenko is a Grade 3 student, attending James Kennedy Elementary in Langley. This is Milana's first musical theatre experience. She also takes guitar lessons, and classes in traditional Ukrainian dance. Milana would like to thank her family for all the support, and wants to give a special shout to her grandparents, and her cat!

ANGEL MACLEAN

Angel is a vibrant seven year old with a big personality and a love for theatre. Over the past year, she has fallen in love with acting and enjoys every moment especially pretending, dressing up, and creating fun characters with different voices. Angel is outgoing and loves talking to people, making friends wherever she goes. When she's not on stage, she's crafting DIYs or putting on her own shows at home. She's thrilled to play Mike Teavee in *Willy Wonka*, her biggest role yet! Angel thanks her mom, dad, brother, and everyone who supported her through rehearsals and came to see her perform.





FREYJA MANDRELLA

This is Freyja's first year at Showstoppers and she is six years old! She loves performing and has a dream to one day be on Broadway. Freyja is excited to be playing Mrs. Gloop. She loves all animals, but specifically bunnies and kitties. She hopes you enjoy the show!

MARLO MCFADDEN

Marlo is in her second year at Showstoppers. Last year, she played Roo in *Winnie the Pooh Kids*. This year, she is excited to be playing Ms Teevee. Marlo hope you enjoy the show!





STELLA ROSENLUND

Stella is a grade three French immersion student. This is Stella's second year with Showstoppers, having performed last year as Winnie the Pooh in *Winnie the Pooh Kids*. Stella can't wait to perform as Grandpa Joe this year! Stella has previously performed in her school's musical productions of *Beauty and the Beast* in the role of Babette and as Troll Queen in *Frozen*. Besides musical theatre, Stella loves playing competitive soccer and spending time with friends. Stella would like to thank her family for their support and her amazing Showstoppers teachers for all their hard work! She hopes you enjoy the show!



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CLARA SEHN

Clara lives in Maple Ridge, and she is really enjoying her first year at Showstoppers. Besides performing, Clara loves swimming, art, and reading. She really likes the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She has enjoyed playing the part of the Candy Man, and hopes you enjoy the show!





TATIANNA STABLES

This is Tatianna's first production at Showstoppers. She is five and a half and turning six on July 20th. Tatianna also takes jazz at Showstoppers! She loves corgis and all animals. She loved watching the *Willy Wonka* movies so is very excited to be in this show! She hopes you enjoy the show.

NATASHA VANSCHAGEN

Natasha has been attending Showstoppers Academy for five years. Her previous roles have included Snail in *Frog and Toad*, and Winnie the Pooh in *Winnie the Pooh*. She is very excited to be playing Veruca this year. Natasha also enjoys reading, art, and writing scripts in her free time. Natasha is very grateful to her teachers for helping her grow as an actor and her family for their encouragement.





CLARE WALLSMITH

Clare is in Grade 3 at St. Patrick's Elementary and this is her third year with Showstoppers. She is excited to perform as Willy Wonka after roles as Christopher Robin in Winnie the Pooh and a Bird in *Frog and Toad*. Outside of musical theatre, Clare sings in school Liturgy choir and the St. Luke's 8:30 choir, and enjoys swimming, rock-climbing, and drawing. She would like to thank her family and God for their love and her Showstoppers teachers, Mrs. Boronco, and Miss. Mallory for their guidance.

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ALICIA BURNS

Alicia has been at Showstoppers for four years. Her past roles have included Narrator in *Winnie the Pooh*, Bird 1/Squirrel 1 in *A Year with Frog and Toad*, and ensemble in *The Jungle Book*. She is excited to be playing Augustus in *Willy Wonka Kids* and hopes you enjoy the show!

CHARLOTTE FOX

This Charlotte's first year at the Showstoppers Academy. She is super excited for her debut role in *Willy Wonka* as Violet Beauregarde. (Fun fact, Charlotte really loves bubble gum, like Violet!) Besides musical theatre, Charlotte is an avid reader and loves drawing and writing short stories. Charlotte would like to extend many thanks to all devoted teachers for all their hard work. Charlotte would also like to thank her mom for taking her to class each week and her dad for being the loudest one cheering in the audience. Charlotte hopes you all enjoy the Show.





WALKER FOX

This Walkers first year at the Showstoppers Academy. Walker is very excited for his role in *Willy Wonka* as Mr. Bucket. Besides musical theatre, Walker plays lacrosse and spends far too much time on is Nintendo Switch. Walker would like to extend many thanks to all the devoted teachers for all their hard work. He would also like to thank his mom for taking him to class each week and his dad for being the loudest one cheering in the audience. Walker hopes you all enjoy the show.

LIAM GORDON

Liam Gordon is a new addition to the Stage Stars program and has been attending the Showstoppers Academy for two seasons. Liam participated in the Christmas performance in 2024 and thoroughly enjoyed singing and performing such classics as "The Candy Man" and the "Muppets Christmas" theme. Besides performing, Liam enjoys skiing, skating, and swimming. He plays ukelele and piano. Liam would like to thank his parents for their support and would like to give a special shout out to his piano teacher, Stephnie Hope, for her guidance and tutelage.



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AVALYN HOPE

Avalyn is very excited to be taking up the role of Charlie in this spring's production of *Willy Wonka Kids*! A second-grade French Immersion student, this is Avalyn's third year in the Showstoppers program. Her previous credits include Piglet (*Winnie the Pooh*) and Snail (*Frog and Toad*). She loves music and is always singing throughout the day. Avalyn would like to thank her parents and grandparents for all their support as her #1 fans, Mr. Chad for the opportunity to learn musical theatre, and her brother Riley for his love and inspiration!

LENNIA RAMOS HESKETH

This is Lennia's first year at Showstoppers and she is so excited to take part in her first ever performance with them in *Willy Wonka Kids*, as Phineous Trout. When Lennia isn't at kindergarten, she always has a song on the go, either singing or playing the piano. She also loves making art, dancing, and reading a good book. Lennia would like to thank her teachers for their hard work and support this year. She hopes you love the show as much as she does.





OLIVIA ROSS

Olivia has just turned seven years old and she is looking forward to returning to the stage after her breakout performance as Roo in *Winnie the Pooh* last year! Olivia also enjoys gymnastics, dance and riding her new bike. Olivia would like to thank her awesome teachers for their hard work and support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

GRACE SAHAYDAK

Grace is excited to be starting her first year at Showstoppers as a member of Stage Stars in *Willy Wonka Kids*. Following in the footsteps of her cousins, she was inspired to start theatre after being cast as Young Elsa in a school play. Grace is thrilled to be a part of Showstoppers and looks forward to many more performances. She would like to thank her family for their constant support and her teachers for making her first year so memorable.



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SCARLETT SIRONEN

This is Scarlett's second year at Showstoppers Academy! Born and raised in Maple Ridge, Scarlett has a love for performance and is thrilled to be apart of this year's production of *Willy Wonka*, playing the roll of Mrs. Bucket. When Scarlett isn't dancing or singing, she can be found playing with her friends, drawing, and exploring the outdoors. Scarlett would like to thank her family and friends, for their love and support, and teachers for making this show possible. Enjoy the show!

KADEN TICEHURST

Kady has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for three years. She has performed in *Frog and Toad*, *Winnie the Pooh*, and as Grandpa Joe in this year's *Willy Wonka Kids*. Besides musical theatre, Kady enjoys card games, playing soccer, and playing with her dog, Rosie. Kady would like to thank the amazing staff and teachers at Showstoppers for all of their guidance and support. She is very excited for the show, and hopes everyone enjoys it!





KINLEY TICEHURST

Kinley has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for four years. Previously, she has performed in *The Jungle Book, Frog and Toad*, and *Winne the Pooh* and, this year, is playing Willy Wonka in *Willy Wonka Kids*! In addition to Showstoppers, Kinley is also taking lessons in piano, guitar, singing and jazz dance. Besides performing arts, Kinley also enjoys travelling, playing softball, and spending time with her dog, Rosie. Kinley would like to thank the amazing staff and teachers at Showstoppers for all their guidance and support. She is very excited for the show, and hopes everyone enjoys it!

COLE VAN SICKLE

This is Cole's first year of Showstoppers Academy and he has really enjoyed this introduction to performing. Besides musical theatre, Cole enjoys playing the piano, battling imaginary enemies with a broomstick, building with Lego and Plus Plus blocks, hiking with his family, cuddling anything cute, practicing his Sun Hang Do moves, and playing video games. Cole would like to thank his Showstoppers teachers for all their kindness and patience, his parents for keeping track of his elusive musical theatre bag, and Avalyn's parents for always driving him home.



TEACHING TEAM



JESSICA ALLEN Teacher

Jessica is thrilled to be celebrating her tenth season of teaching and inspiring young performers. She is passionate about fostering a love for musical theatre and believes in its power to build confidence, creativity, and teamwork. Jessica is dedicated to nurturing the talents of each student and helping them discover the joy of storytelling through song and dance. She takes great pride in watching her students grow both as performers and as individuals, and looks forward to another season of inspiring the

next generation of theatre artists. Past directorial credits include *Frog and Toad Kids, Shrek JR, Beauty and the Beast JR, Seussical Kids* and *The Lion King JR*, Jessica is so proud of all her students hard work and hopes you enjoy the show!

DARA COULTER Teacher

Miss Dara was a student of Showstoppers Academy from 2012 to 2023 and joined the staff as an instructor in 2018. She has extensive dance training from young age and a passion for performing. She loves teaching the Stage Stars and is always excited to introduce the younger generation to the world of musical theatre! Her favourite thing is to share her passion for the stage with her students and watch them grow into talented younger performers. Dara also loves to dabble in the world of costume



design and construction. The Stage Stars have been working so hard on *Willy Wonka Kids* and we are all very excited for you to see their performance. She is so very proud of all her students and hopes you enjoy the show!



TEACHING TEAM



DANIKA BAILEY Teachers' Assistant

Danika has been a student a Showstoppers for ten years. She just started being a TA and enjoys it so dearly. Danika's favourite roles have been Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, and Grace in *Annie Jr*. Danika attends Maple Ridge Secondary School and is envolved in the MRSS choral program. Outside of Showstoppers, Danika enjoys hanging out with her friends, watching movies, and running. Danika would like to thank her parents for taking her to all the practices and her teachers for always giving her new and fun experiences with Showstoppers. She is also so proud of her Stage Stars and is so so excited to see their show!

CAMRYN BOYES Teachers' Assistant

Camryn started with Showstoppers when she was eight years old. Some of her favourite productions have been *The Little Mermaid JR*, *Shrek JR*, and *Beauty and the Beast JR*. This is her second year as a TA for Showstoppers. She is so proud of all of the kids this year and their hard work and very grateful for the opportunity of being able to teach Stage Stars this year.





ISABELLE MURRAY Teachers' Assistant

Izzy has been at showstoppers for eight years! She has played multiple roles in her theatre class and currently also does jazz and showchoir! This is her first year as a TA and she is so proud of her kids! She hopes you enjoy their show!

ELYSE GULLMES Teachers' Assistant

Miss Elyse has been a student at the Showstoppers Academy for as long as she can remember. Some of her favourite roles include a mersister in *The Little Mermaid*, Mr Warbucks in *Annie*, and Mama in *Once On This Island*. Besides musical theatre, Miss Elyse enjoys pottery and many other forms of art, skiing, music, and hanging out with friends. Miss Elyse has been a TA at Showstoppers for three years. She is so proud of all of the hard work that the kids have been putting in, have an amazing show everyone!!





HANNAH WELLINGTON Teachers' Assistant

This is Hannah's third year at Showstoppers academy and Hannah's second year as a TA. Some of her favourite past roles include Donkey in *Shrek The Musical JR*, Damian in *Mean Girls The Musical JR*, Kristoff in *Frozen The Musical JR*, and Tanya in *Mamma Mia The Musical JR*. Hannah is extremely proud of all of the hard work the Stage Stars have put into this show! Hannah hopes you love the show and she is deeply grateful for your support!



Showstoppers Academy's Masters production of

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HOWSTOPPERS ACADEMY — OF PERFORMING ARTS —



Showstoppers Academy's Masters Production of



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Book by Steven Sater and Jessie Nelson

> Music by Duncan Sheik

Lyrics by Steven Sater

Orchestrations by Duncan Sheik Additional Orchestrations by Simon Hale Vocal Arrangements by Jason Hart

Alice by Heart was first commissioned and produced by National Theatre Connections in 2012 Developed with the Assistance of Theatre Aspen, Aspen, Colorado

A workshop production of Alice by Heart was presented by New York Stage and Film & Vassar at The Powerhouse Theater, Summer 2018

New York Premiere at the MCC Theater February 26, 2019 Artistic Directors: Robert LuPone, Bernard Telsey, & William Cantler Executive Director: Blake West

Teachers: Jesse Alvarez & Sam Judd Stage Manager / Student Teacher: Kelsey Tierney Backstage Crew: Dara Coulter & Ellie Ramsay Co-Owner / Artistic Director: Chad Matchette Co-Owner / Studio Administrator: Erin Matchette Costume Designers Alex Godlewski & Megan Wiebe Costume Team: Kelsey Tierney Lead Painter: Kirsten Bailey & Jordan Stasuk Program Design: Em Matchette Props Team: Elisabeth Pollock, Sophia Pollock, & Charlotte Beckett Set Construction: John Bradbury, Kiel Hornal, Rob Newington, & Dan Wiebe Studio Manager: Sam Judd Volunteer Coordinator: Jennifer Philip & Nicole Rich Wigs & Makeup: Jan & Ian Ballard

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Cast A Gemma Seguin

Alice Spencer Alfred Hallam / White Rabbit Katelynn Schmidt Tabatha / Cheshire Cat **Red Cross Nurse / Queen of Hearts Angus / Caterpillar** Dr Butridge / King of Hearts / Duck Harold Pudding / Mad Hatter / Pigeon Dodgy / Duchess / Dodo Clarissa / Canary Kira Fontaine Nigel / Dormouse / Eaglet Dylan Dominick Caterpillar 2 / Magpie Elyse Gullmes Mock Turtle Kira Fontaine Mock Mock Turtle Dylan Dominick Mock Mock Mock Turtle Mock Mock Mock Mock Turtle Young Alfred Jonah Cruz Ensemble Zaya Philip

Campbell Coles-Lyster Isabella Matlock **Camryn Boyes Finn Dion-Fell Connor Mosher Brielle Neil Elyse Gullmes** Brielle Neil Young Alice Kayleigh Beck Tucker Aulando-Leffler **Brooklyn Denton** Hannah Wellington Nathan Wellington Duncan Lockheart Jocelyn Mah Marah Harris

Cast B

Zaya Philip **Tucker Aulando-Leffler Brooklyn Denton** Hannah Wellington Nathan Wellington Duncan Lockheart Jocelyn Mah Marah Harris Kira Fontaine Dylan Dominick **Elyse Gullmes Kira Fontaine** Dylan Dominick **Elyse Gullmes** Marah Harris **Kayleigh Beck** Jonah Cruz Gemma Seguin Katelynn Schmidt Campbell Coles-Lyster Isabella Matlock **Camryn Boyes** Finn Dion-Fell Connor Mosher **Brielle Neil**

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

West of Words Down The Hole Still Chillin' The Regrets The Key Is So **Those Long Eyes** Sick to Death of Alice-Ness **Brilig Braelig** Some Things Fall Away Your Shell of Grief Another Room In Your Head Isn't It A Trial? Do You Think We Think You're Alice? I've Shrunk Enough Afternoon Winter Blooms

SPECIAL THANKS

We would love to extend our special thanks to the following wonderful people who made Alice By Heart happen. A big thanks to Dan Wiebe and John Bradbury for building our sets, Jan Ballard for her magical wig skills, and the costume team (Miss Alex, Miss Megan, and Miss Kelsey) for our gorgeous costumes. Special thanks to Miss Kelsey for being the best stage manager/assistant/everything else we need from her. Thank you Miss Jess and Miss Dara for all your backstage support and especially Miss Jess for the incredible photographs!! Thank you Dorin the Videographer for filming our shows and Mr Marquis and Miss Rebecca for working on those gorgeous harmonies. MASSIVE thank you to Jen Philip and Nicole Rich for being our volunteer coordinators and the best backstage captains ever! Thank you to all the parent volunteers for their help, and the Riverside tech team for their endless patience and hard work. An extra big thank you to Chad and Erin for absolutely everything you do, your tireless work for our studio and families is greatly appreciated and not unnoticed. And lastly, a huge thank you to our incredible students for all their hard work and dedication this year, especially with our first full musical production. We are so proud of way each and every single one you has stepped up to the challenge and pushed yourself to be the best you can be. Enjoy the show! - Miss Sam & Mr Jesse





TUCKER AULDANDO-LEFFLER

Tucker is thrilled to be in his second year with Showstoppers Academy. Previously, he has played Prince Eric in Showstoppers' production of *The Little Mermaid JR*, and has played a variety of different roles in school-produced theatre shows. In addition to theatre, he takes hip hop with the Academy, continuing his long history with dance. Besides musical theatre, he is a visual artist, a writer, and an explorer. Tucker thanks his fantastic teachers at Showstoppers for their support and hard work in putting this amazing show together, his classmates for being so talented and passionate, and his parents for supporting his theatre dreams.

CAMRYN BOYES

Camryn started with Showstoppers Academy when she was eight years old, her first production being *Seussical*. Her favourite shows she's done so far have been *Beauty and the Beast* (2022) where she was Madame and *The Little Mermaid* (2024) where she performed as a mersister. She is so excited to perform in *Alice by Heart* as Angus/Caterpillar this year. She would like to thank her teachers for all their support and her peers for being so helpful and easy to work with throughout her first year in masters.





CAMPBELL COLES-LYSTER

Campbell is a Grade 11 student at MRSS with over ten years of musical theatre experience and four years with Showstoppers. Some of her favourite roles include Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid Jr*, Timon in *The Lion King Jr*, and Underling in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. She currently trains in jazz advanced with the Academy and is in the Interdisciplinary Arts Academy at GSS. Outside of theatre, Campbell competes and dedicates a lot of time to track and field. She would like to thank her incredible Showstoppers teachers and her parents for their endless support –and for all the rides!

BROOKLYN DENTON

Brooklyn is 15 years old and a Grade 10 student at Terry Fox Secondary. She is excited to play Tabitha in *Alice by Heart* and bring this magical story to life. This is one of her favourite roles so far in her theatre career, and she's loved exploring the character's playful and mysterious side. When not performing, she enjoys hanging out with her friends and family, and volunteering. Brooklyn is grateful to her teachers, family, and friends for their support and she hopes you enjoy the show!



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FINN DION-FELL

Finn has been preforming in dance and theatre since the age of six years old. Finn loves what he does and is honoured to be a member of Showstoppers Academy as well as Garibaldi IA Academy. Outside of theatre, Finn loves to do art and play instruments. Finn wants to say thank you to all the directors at Showstoppers Academy, and special thank you to Ms Roberts and Mr Burns for always being supportive of him and what he does.

DYLAN DOMINICK

Dylan is a 16 year old 11th grader at Thomas Haney Secondary School with a passion for musical theatre. Dylan has been a student at showstoppers for roughly four years, this being his fifth show with the company. He has also done two other with Al academy at Garibaldi theatre. Dylans favourite roles at showstoppers include Mr. Feldzieg in *The Drowsy Chaperone* and Jack in *Into The Woods*. Dylan would like to thank his wonderful mom for being his #1 supporter and the rest of his family for coming to every single show. He hopes you greatly enjoy the show!





KIRA FONTAINE

Kira has been a student at Showstoppers Academy since 2013. Her favourite roles at Showstoppers include Robert in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, Donkey in *Shrek*, and Cogsworth in *Beauty and The Beast*. She has also been taking tap with Showstoppers for the past two years. Kira also is involved with musical theatre at her school, Garibaldi Secondary. Outside of theatre, Kira enjoys going to concerts and spending time with friends. She would like to thank the cast, the teachers, and her parents for supporting her. She hopes you enjoy the show!

ELYSE GULLMES

Elyse has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for as long as she can remember. Some of her favorite roles include a mersister in *The Little Mermaid*, Mr. Warbucks in *Annie*, and Mama in *Once on This Island*. Elyse attends jazz classes and TAs the Stage Stars class with the Academy, as well as private singing lessons outside of Showstoppers. Besides musical theatre, Elyse enjoys pottery and many other forms of art, skiing, music, and hanging out with friends. Elyse would like to thank all of her supportive classmates and teachers for making this amazing show.



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MARAH HARRIS

Marah Harris was born in 2009 and has been doing theatre for ten years now. Some of her favourite roles so far have been Chef Louis in *The Little Mermaid*, and a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast*. She took singing lessons for a year and a half and is currently enrolled in tap lessons. She would like to thank her teachers and castmates for their support in building such a great show.

DUNCAN LOCKHART

Duncan Lockhart has been in Showstoppers Academy for two years now and has performed as Pinocchio in *Shrek the Musical Jr*. and King Triton in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. He is very excited to be preforming as the King of Hearts in *Alice by Heart*. This will be his last show with Showstoppers. Duncan would like to thank his friends and family for their overwhelming support.





JOCELYN MAH

Jocelyn is so excited to be participating in her eighth Showstoppers show! Some of her past shows have been *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Aldolpho/Gangster 2), *Once on this Island* (Little Ti Moune), and *Beauty and the Beast* (Cogsworth) She'd like to thank all of her amazing teachers and mentors. Enjoy the show!

ISABELLA MATLOCK

Isabella was born in New Westminster and currently attends Maple Ridge Secondary School. She has been in Showstoppers Academy seven years, her favourite shows being *Frozen*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Her favourite roles have been Lefou in *Beauty and the Beast* and Ti Moune from *Once On This Island*. As well as musical theatre, Isabella enjoys drawing and spending time with loved ones. Isabella would like to thank her friends, family and her castmates for all the help and support throughout the year.







CONNOR MOSHER

Connor has been with Showstoppers for 12 years now and Alice By Heart will be his final production. Connor's favourite roles include Asaka in Once On This Island Jr and Sebastian in The Little Mermaid Jr. Connor would like to thank his parents, siblings, and friends for coming to the performance and supporting him through all of his roles and productions through the years. He hopes you enjoy the show!

BRIELLE NEIL

Brielle has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for five years and has loved every moment. She's enjoyed her time here participating in shows such as *Beauty and the Beast Jr*, *The Little Mermaid Jr* and *Shrek Jr* and is thrilled to have the chance to be a part of *Alice by Heart*. She hopes everyone will love the show as much as she does! She would like to thank all her teachers and fellow cast members for making this incredible production possible!





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ZAYA PHILIP

Zaya Philip has been a student at Showstoppers for 14 years. Her favourite roles she has played are, Mayzie in *Seussical*, Alice in *The Addams Family*, Ti Moune in *Once on this Island*, and, this year, Alice in *Alice by Heart*. As Zaya finishes her last year at Showstoppers she would like to thank all of the teachers who have helped her along the way, biggest thanks to Mr Jesse and Ms Sam for their amazing support. She would also like to thank her mother for being backstage and being her biggest supporters. She hopes you enjoy the show!

KATELYNN SCHMIDT

This is Katelynn's twelfth and final year at Showstoppers Academy. Her favourite past roles include Janet in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, The Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical* and Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*. Outside of the Master's program, Katelynn teaches Juniors B, Junior Tap and Junior Jazz. Katelynn loves sharing her passion for theatre with others and hopes to continue teaching and performing. She would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Jesse and especially Miss Sam who have helped her become who she is today. *Alice By Heart* holds special meaning to Katelynn and she hopes you enjoy the show!







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GEMMA SEGUIN

This is Gemma's ninth year with Showstoppers and she is thrilled to bring Alice to life! She was born in Vancouver, currently living in Maple Ridge, and fell in love with the stage at the age of eight. Some of her favourite past roles include Olaf in *Frozen Jr*, Asaka in *Once on this Island Jr*, and Pugsley in *The Addams Family*. Gemma also takes jazz, tap, and singing lessons. She would like to thank her teachers for their guidance and her parents for their unwavering support. She hopes with all her heart that you enjoy the show!

HANNAH WELLINGTON

Hannah is thrilled to be part of *Alice By Heart* in her third year with Showstoppers. A Grade 11 student at Pitt Meadows Secondary, she has been an active member of the drama department since Grade 8. Some of her favorite past roles include Donkey in *Shrek The Musical JR*, Damian in *Mean Girls The Musical JR*, Kristoff in *Frozen The Musical JR*, and Tanya in *Mamma Mia The Musical JR*. Hannah would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to her twin brother, Nathan, and her incredible castmates for their constant support and encouragement in bringing this production to life. She hopes you enjoy the show and is deeply grateful for your support!





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NATHAN WELLINGTON

Nathan is a Grade 11 student at Pitt Meadows Secondary, with a passion for the performing arts that has spanned several years. Throughout his school career, Nathan has had the opportunity to perform in a variety of small theatre productions, including monologues and movie trailers. His most recent role was as Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid*, and he is also proud of his performance as Shrek in *Shrek*. Nathan has played numerous memorable roles in smaller productions, some of his favorites being Sam in *Mamma Mia*, Regina George in *Mean Girls*, Olaf in *Frozen*, and JoJo in *Seussical*. He is incredibly grateful for the support of his sister, Hannah, and all his castmates for making every performance a truly special experience. Nathan hopes you enjoy the show!

TEACHING TEAM



JESSE ALVAREZ Teacher

Jesse is an actor, singer, and dancer who has performed across stages in North America and Europe. Along with being a working performer in the industry, he has always believed in the power of inspiring the next generation of artists. As a teacher of both Lindbjerg and Showstoppers he is truly in awe of the talent and dedication the students bring to this art form. Select performer credits include: *Starwalker*, *On Native Land* (Urban Ink), *Reflections On Crooked Walking* (Firehall Arts Centre), *Seussical* (SaskExpress),

A Chorus Line(Fighting Chance), LIFT(Awkward Stage), and Joseph(Align). Select director and choreographer credits include: Peter Pan(CTORA), Hair, She Kills Monsters(Magee Secondary), and Peter and the Starcatcher(STMC).

SAM JUDD Teacher

Miss Sam has been teaching at Showstoppers for 13 years and couldn't be more excited to present this season's shows! She began her Showstoppers journey as a student, then instructor and is now the Studio Manager. She also has experience choreographing and teaching for various theatre and dance companies in the Lower Mainland, including TIC, Gallery 7, and JAM Dance. She supplemented her training at the Broadway Teachers Workshop and Student Summit in New York City in both 2017 and



2018. Sam strives to be an inspiring and enthusiastic teacher, and loves to share her passion for the stage with her students. She could not imagine doing anything else with her life, and is grateful every day for her incredible coworkers and students! She hopes you enjoy the show.



KELSEY TIERNEY Stage Manager / Student Teacher

Kelsey has spent her childhood surrounded by music. Joining Showstoppers Academy in Maple Ridge at age six, she has grown up performing onstage. A lover of singing and music Kelsey has also been a part of both the Coastal Sound Choir and the BC Girls Choir in the lower mainland. Kelsey also played the French Horn during high school, being selected to perform with the BCMEA Honour Wind Ensemble in 2018. Kelsey attended Simon Fraser University after high school, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in

Archaeology in 2023. Select theatre credits include *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (Vagabond Players), *Anastasia* (Theatre In The Country), *The Music Man* (Align Entertainment). Miss Kelsey has performed many different jobs working first at Showstoppers Academy in Maple Ridge and then as well at Lindbjerg Academy–including making props, costuming shows, working backstage, reception, admin work and teaching some of the musical theatre classes. She is excited to continue helping kids find their passion in musical theatre and performing



IAN BALLARD Wigs and Makeup

Ian Ballard is a professional hair stylist who has worked on stage, film and tv productions as a Head of Dept for over 30 years. He is a master of wigs and period hairstyles and we are fortunate to have him working and sharing his art with us. Ian has been nominated for Emmys on various productions throughout his career and now is happy to mainly work on the wigs and creative styles to help make the stage come alive. Hope you enjoy the show.

JAN BALLARD ASM / WIGS AND MAKEUP

Jan has worked with the Lindbjerg Academy for many years. She, and her husband Ian, supply, style and work at the shows putting wigs and makeup on for the many different varieties of performances. Jan is very proud to be working along side such a great group of people. She is also a stage manager during showtime - helping with picking up, setting up, and taking down sets. During shows you can always find Dan or Jan on one side of the back stage or the other. It has been another challenging year for all the children but YEAH now the fun begins. Enjoy the shows cause...... Here we GO!





CHARLOTTE BECKETT

PROPS ASSISTANT

Charlotte attended Lindbjerg Academy for nine years before graduating in 2024. In that time she participated in musical theatre and several dance classes As well as TA-ing and being a dance captain. She has always seen Lindbjerg as her second home and is so excited to be working in the props department this year before she attends the acting performance program at York University. She plans on continuing performing on stage and on screen and is so excited to learn even more from Lindbjerg as a staff member.

Select credits include SpongeBob in *SpongeBob the Musical* and Tommy Djilas in *The Music Man* (Lindbjerg Acadamy). Hannah Bookman in *16* and Serena in *18* (Young Actors Project). And this year performing in *13 The Musical* as Patrice with XOXO productions.

JOHN BRADBURY Set Construction

Learning to build with his grandfather as a child resulted in over 20 years of set design and carpentry for John. In addition to Lindbjerg Academy, he has enjoyed working with Align Entertainment and Boone Dog Productions, as well as other Vancouver theatre companies. Select list of building projects include *The Little Mermaid*, *The Lion King*, *Tarzan* and *Peter Pan*. John has loved being a part of the Lindbjerg Family for the past 10 years.





ALEX GODLEWSKI

CO-HEAD OF COSTUMES

Alex graduated from the Costuming for Stage and Screen diploma program at Capilano University. She has a background in designing and sewing period and modern costumes and over five years of experience designing and working in film and theatre. She is thrilled to be part of this new chapter and looks forward to contributing to the artistic vision of Lindbjerg and Showstoppers.

SAM JUDD Studio Manager

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ROB NEWINGTON Set Construction

Rob is happy to be an addition to the Lindbjerg construction team. He has been working in construction and engineering for the last 24 years. Starting as a volunteer parent, Rob has been quickly introduced to the theatre world, its unique language, and good people. In addition to Lindbjerg Academy and Showstoppers, he has enjoyed working with Align Entertainment. He has finally stopped looking for an actual green room and rarely gets hit by the fly team anymore.

ELISABETH POLLOCK Co-Head of Props

Elisabeth was a student at Lindbjerg Academy for eight years and was a TA for four. She participated in musical theatre, ballet, lyrical, tap, hip-hop and jazz classes. She joined the Lindbjerg team in 2022 as a student teacher and part of the props department and is excited to be continuing this year as head of the Props Department. Select stage credits include Flower Seller/Silly Girl swing in Beauty and the Beast (Align Entertainment), Lumière in Beauty and the Beast, Tanya in Mamma Mia (Lindbjerg Academy), and Mrs.



Tottendale in *The Drowsy Chaperone* (Rivers Edge theatre). Elisabeth has also had the pleasure of working backstage as a stagehand in credits such as *Annie* and *Shrek the Musical* (Align Entertainment). Elisabeth has enjoyed collaborating with the teachers and TAs to prepare the props for the shows!



SOPHIA POLLOCK Co-Head of Props

Sophia is so excited for the upcoming Lindbjerg show season! This is her second year as co-prop manager and she trained at Lindbjerg Academy in singing, dancing, and acting for ten years. Some select credits include Ensemble (*Beauty and the Beast*, Align Entertainment), Ensemble/Judy Understudy (*White Christmas*, TIC), Belle (*Beauty and the Beast*, Lindbjerg), Sophie (*Mamma Mia*, Lindbjerg) and Janet (*The Drowsy Chaperone*, RiversEdge). She also recently completed a summer program with the Stella

Adler Studio of Acting and participated in the Musical Theatre Intensive with Arts Club. She has worked backstage for Align Entertainment, RiversEdge Theatre, and with Voyageur Production. She would like to thank her parents for being her biggest supporters and signing her up for theater in the first place.

KELSEY TIERNEY Costume Team

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MEGAN WIEBE CO-HEAD OF COSTUMES

Megan is thrilled at the opportunity to help bring the productions at Lindbjerg and Showstoppers to life through costumes. Her love of theatre began at a young age, and only grew more once she discovered the exciting, creative world of costuming. Having graduated from the Costuming for Stage and Screen program at Capilano University, she now works full-time in the Vancouver theatre industry. She hopes that the costuming team at Lindbjerg can help all of the students feel confident and inspired in their performance, and can't wait to see what they will accomplish on stage!

DAN WIEBE ASM / SET DESIGN / SET CONSTRUCTION

Dan has been involved in musical theatre for the past 15 years. It all started with Lindbjerg Academy where his children joined, and fell in love with singing, dancing, and acting. Over the years, and through the help of talented individuals, he has learn the trade of set building and design, and Assistant Stage Management. Past shows include, Align's *The Little Mermaid*, *Joseph*, *Legally Blonde*, *Shrek* and *A Christmas Story* as ASM, *Legally Blonde*, *Shrek* and *A Christmas Story* as set construction, numerous Lindbjerg Academy



productions as Set Design and ASM, Naked Goddess Productions' *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Bring on Tomorrow's *Fame* and *13 the Musical*, and Snapshot Collective's *Sweeney Todd*. Bring on the show!

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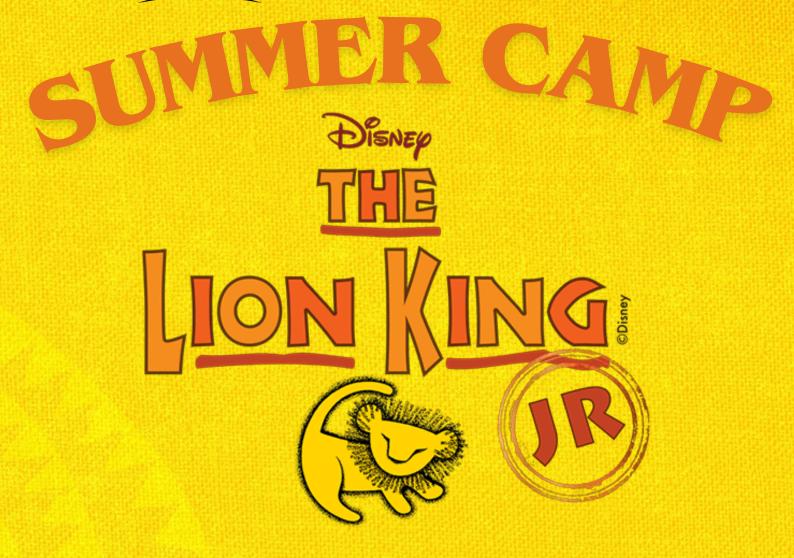


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