

SHOWSTOPPERS ACADEMY'S  
JUNIORS  
PRESENTS

Disney

HIGH  
SCHOOL  
MUSICAL JR.

APRIL 14TH - 15TH, 2023



SHOWSTOPPERS  
— ACADEMY —



# SHOWSTOPPERS ACADEMY'S JUNIORS PRODUCTION OF



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Book by  
**DAVID SIMPATICO**

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written by  
Peter Barsocchini

Songs by  
Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevil  
Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew Seeley  
Randy Petersen & Kevin Quinn  
Andy Dodd & Adam Watts  
Bryan Louiselle  
David N. Lawrence & Faye Greenberg  
Jamie Houston

Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced by  
**Bryan Louiselle**

**Teachers:** Sam Judd & Emily Matchette  
**Teacher's Assistants:** Ashley Dezura & Ellie Ramsay

**Co-Owner / Artistic Director**  
Chad Matchette

**Co-Owner / Administrator**  
Erin Matchette

**Costume Liaison**  
Kelsey Tierney

**Costume Team**  
Dara Coulter, Emily Matchette, & Claire Turner

**Head Painter**  
Jordan Stasuk

**Production Admin**  
Kelsey Tierney

**Program Design**  
Emily Matchette

**Props Manager**  
Kelsey Tierney

**Set Construction**  
Dan Wiebe & John Bradbury

**Set Design**  
Dan Wiebe

**Studio Manager**  
Sam Judd

**Volunteer Coordinator**  
Jennifer Philip

**The ACT Arts Centre Technical Director**  
Shadoe Reisler

**The ACT Arts Centre Technicians**  
Chiara Guizzo, John Supeene & Brady Veltin

**Disney's High School Musical JR.**

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# CAST

## JUNIORS A

**Troy Bolton** Kenzie Wedd  
**Gabriella Montez** Sophie O'Hara  
**Sharpay Evans** Vanessa VanSchagen  
**Taylor McKessie** Gabriella Wild  
**Ms. Darbus** Christina Ferrari  
**Chad Danforth** Charlotte Mosher  
**Kelsi Neilson** Skyla Scott  
**Coach Bolton** Isla Fisher  
**Ryan Evans** Cassidy Wood  
**Jack Scott** Kalea McDonald  
**Zeke Baylor** Adrianna Olson  
**Drum Major/Moderator** Samantha VanSchagen  
**Martha Cox** Emily Vandebeek  
**Ms. Tenny** Olivia Wild  
**Ripper** Izzy Groenveld  
**Mongo** Emery Depourcq  
**Kratnoff** Laura Horntvedt  
**Peggy** Angela Schroers  
**James** Yulia Leytsus  
**Susan** Morgan Catherwood  
**Cathy** Alabama Hodgins  
**Cyndra** Kayleigh Beck  
**Cheerleaders** Abigail Shaw  
Ella Olson  
Adrianna Duncan  
Amber Moreno  
Addy Legge  
**Ensemble** Juniors B Students

## JUNIORS B

Della Rowland  
Maya Wilson  
Cianna Bartak  
Nice Nakkas  
Kara Carson  
Gigi Wall  
Malina Foss  
Kaia Labunski  
Royah Shams  
Charlie Schier  
Caylea Smith  
Ella Jin  
Keziah Dunbar  
Victoria Patillo  
Autumn Anzinger  
Amelia Dea  
Piper Roberts  
Angela Schroers  
Olivia Carvalho  
Marion Seed  
Maya Nilsson-Carleton  
Kwynn Atkins  
Adrianna Duncan  
Amber Moreno  
Addy Legge  
Abigail Shaw  
Ella Olson  
Juniors A Students

## JUNIORS A SHOW

Friday April 14th @ 7:00pm

## JUNIORS B SHOW

Saturday April 15th @ 7:00pm

# A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Thank You!

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 during this time of transition 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 but some new programs at Showstoppers. This July, our Masters and Seniors classes will be taking their first ever trip to New York to take part in workshops with Broadway professionals and of course see some amazing theatre! Next Spring Break, our Show Choir class will be traveling to Disneyland to perform and take part in workshops with Disney professionals.

I know there have been some challenges with once again changing locations half way through the year, but we are thrilled to be set at the Seniors centre for the foreseeable future and, of course, will continue to look for a new permanent home.

Thanks again for being an amazing community, we couldn't do it without you!

On with the show!

Chad



## ABOUT 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.**



The use of any recording device, either audio or video, and the taking of photographs, either with or without flash, is strictly prohibited.

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

Wildcat Cheer  
Start of Something New  
Get'cha Head in the Game  
Auditions (Bop to the Top/What I've Been Looking For)  
What I've Been Looking For  
What I've Been Looking for (Reprise)  
Stick to the Status Quo  
Counting on You  
We're All in This Together  
Bop to the Top  
Breaking Free  
We're All in This Together (Reprise)  
Bows



# SPECIAL THANKS

Dan Weibe & John Bradbury - *Sets*  
Jan Ballard - *Wigs*  
Anita Alberto - *Headshots*  
Jen Philip - *Volunteer Coordinating*  
Ashley Dezura & Ellie Ramsay - *Our Amazing TAs!*  
Kelsey Tierney - *EVERYTHING!!!*  
Chad & Erin Matchette - *constant support and guidance*  
The Act Arts Centre and Staff - *Hosting*  
All Student and Parent Volunteers!

We couldn't have done this show without you - GO WILDCATS!

# JUNIORS A



## KAYLEIGH BECK

Kayeigh has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for 1 year. She is in Grade 4 at Alouette Elementary School. She took a Broadway dance class when she was living in Edmonton. Kayleigh also takes the jazz class with the Academy. Besides musical theatre, Kayleigh also enjoys swimming, bicycling, jiu jitsu and arts and crafts. Kayleigh would like to thank her wonderful teachers for all their hard work and her parents for all their support.

## MORGAN CATHERWOOD

Morgan is in her second year with the Showstoppers Academy. She is really looking forward to performing in *High School Musical Jr.* Away from the theatre Morgan keeps herself busy playing soccer, volleyball and basketball. Morgan draws inspiration from her aunt who was a breakout hit as the lead in the off off Broadway production of *Wheels*.



## EMERY DEPOURCQ

Emery has been a student at Showstoppers for 3 years. Emery's previous roles have included a Who in *Seussical the Musical Jr* and a townspeople in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Outside of Showstoppers, Emery loves to draw, bake and enjoys a day at the beach! Emery would like to thank her teachers at Showstoppers for teaching her new skills as well as her parents and special family members for always attending her performances.

## CHRISTINA FERRARI

Born in Maple Ridge, Christina currently attends a French Immersion program at Eric Langton Elementary. In the past she's also attended a local dance studio for 4 years where she trained in jazz and performed competitively for the last 2 and was awarded medals for her performances. Christina tends to be a little shy before performances but always finds the courage to go forward. Christina is very artistic and likes painting, sketching, drawing, digital art, etc. Christina is a believer that "there's always meaning to an art piece." Christina thanks her parents for always supporting her.



## ISLA FISHER

Isla has been a student at Showstoppers for 5 years. The productions and roles she has been part of are *Seussical the Musical Jr*, *The Little Mermaid Jr*, Kate and July in *Annie Jr*, Melman in *Madagascar Jr*, and Pumba in *The Lion King Jr*. Along with musical theatre Isla is taking singing lessons. Isla also enjoys soccer, basketball, and art. Isla would like to thank her teachers for making this show possible and her amazing family for their support in her musical theatre dreams.

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## IZZY GROENEVELD

Izzy Groeneveld has been a student at the Showstoppers Academy since September of 2017. Her stage credits include Buddy in *Elf Jr*, Dr. Seuss's Horton Hears a Who, *The Little Mermaid Jr*, *The Lion King Jr* and two performances of *Annie Jr*. High School Musical will mark Izzy's final performance for the Showstopper's Academy as she looks to pursue other interests. Izzy was born in White Rock BC and has a very diverse set of interests and hobbies that include competitive cheerleading, flag football, snowboarding and spending time with her dog Bernie and family. Izzy is very thankful for a vast support system that includes immediate and extended family along with a host of friends.



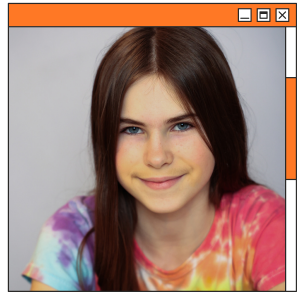
## ALABAMA HODGINS

Alabama has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for four years. Alabama is excited to be in *High School Musical Jr*, and some of her favourite musicals she's been involved in previously were *Annie Jr*, *The Jungle Book KIDS*, and *The Little Mermaid Jr*. In addition to musical theatre, Alabama enjoys gymnastics, swimming, drawing and reading. Alabama would like to thank her teachers, and her loving parents for all of the support and assistance in driving her to and from classes. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## LAURA HORNTVEDT

Laura Horntvedt is an 11 year old French Immersion student at Laity View Elementary School. She has been in ballet, tap dance and jazz classes since she was 3 years old. She has been in 3 completed Showstoppers musicals and one that was cancelled by Covid. She played Maurice in *Madagascar Jr*, Scar in *The Lion King Jr*, Lily in *Annie Jr* and now, Kratnoff in *High School Musical Jr*. Besides acting in musicals, Laura enjoys drawing, softball and editing videos. She would like to thank all her teachers, friends and family who help her practice.



## YULIA LEYTSUS

Yulia has been a student at the Showstoppers Academy for 1 year only but it became a huge part of her life. This year she was assigned to her first role James from *High School Musical Jr*, and she really enjoys it. She hopes to get bigger roles in the near future where she will demonstrate her artistic skills, singing and dancing skills and maybe even piano. She is attending C'usquenela Elementary School, Grade 4 where she has many friends and amazing teachers. Yulia is a very lucky girl because at Showstoppers Academy she has also awesome teachers who help and support to develop her identity. Besides musical theatre, Yulia also enjoys piano playing, skating, singing and taekwondo. She is very cheerful, kind and caring girl who is thankful to everything what she has.



## KALEA MCDONALD

Kalea has been a student at the Showstoppers Academy for 5 years and is in grade 4 French immersion at Pitt Meadows Elementary. Favourite roles at Showstoppers have included Annie in *Annie Kids* and Baloo in *The Jungle Book Kids*. Kalea has enjoyed taking voice, jazz, tap and acting lessons. She loved playing the role of Mrs. Potts in her elementary school's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Kalea would like to thank her incredible teachers for all their support and guidance and her family for being her biggest cheerleaders. She hopes you enjoy the show!



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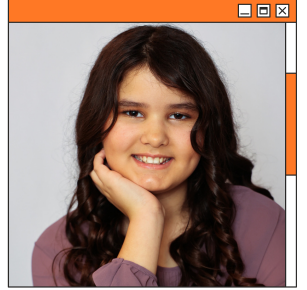


## CHARLOTTE MOSHER

Charlotte is in her 5th year of Showstoppers Academy. Her favourite roles at Showstoppers has been Chad Danforth for *High School Musical Jr* and Athena from *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Besides musical theatre, Charlotte also enjoys swimming, soccer, and skateboarding. Charlotte would like to thank her parents for paying for all her extracurriculars and driving her to class. She hopes you enjoy the show!

## SOPHIE O'HARA

This is Sophie's first year at Showstoppers Academy. Sophie played a role last Summer as Sina, (Moana's mother) in *Moana Jr*. Sophie also has a passion for dance and is currently taking lessons in tap, lyrical, acro and jazz. In her spare time Sophie loves to read, write, draw and craft. Sophie is thankful for all her teachers as well as her parents for all their support. She hopes you enjoy the show.

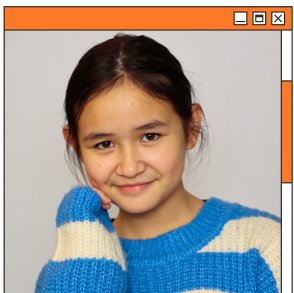


## ADRIANNA OLSON

Adrianna has been a student at Showstoppers Academy since she was 5 years old. Favourite roles at Showstoppers have included: Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, King Julian in *Madagascar JR*, Kaa in *The Jungle Book KIDS*, and Pepper in *Annie JR*. Besides musical theatre, Adrianna is a competitive soccer and basketball player. She also enjoys TV/Film acting and swimming. She recently finished filming a recurring role in a Hulu TV series. Adrianna would like to thank her Showstoppers teachers and family for their ongoing support and encouragement!

## ELLA OLSON

Ella has been a student at Showstoppers Academy since she was 4 years old. Favourite roles at Showstoppers have included: Young Nala in *The Lion King Jr* and Duffy in *Annie KIDS*. Besides musical theatre, Ella is a competitive soccer player. She also enjoys TV/Film acting, basketball, and swimming. Ella would like to thank her Showstoppers teachers and family for their ongoing support and hard work. She hopes you enjoy the show!



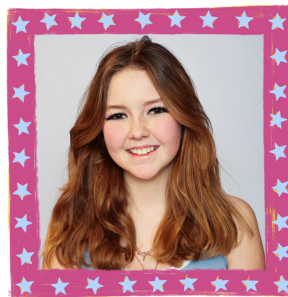
## ANGELA SCHROERS

Angela Schroers, was born Aug. 8, 2011 in Maple Ridge BC. Her Mom is Filipino, and her Dad is German. She goes to Cesquenela Elementary School and is in Gr 6. She is a new student of Showstoppers Academy this year and is playing Peggy. She's been modeling since early 2022 at Toronto Kids Fashion Week- in Calgary, Toronto, Montreal shows. She also attended Edmonton Kids Fashion Week last year. She started at Vancouver Young Actors School last September and received offers for 2 movies to film this summer. Besides her modeling, acting, and musical interests, she also attends guitar lessons at Bergsthorton Academy since 2021. She also loves biking, baking, and crafts. She would like to thank her family, her mom Liza and dad Derrick, for supporting her in all her dreams. Motto: Every little step matters towards success.

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## SKYLA SCOTT

This is Skyla's 5th year in Showstoppers and first year taking on a role with more dialogue. Skyla has enjoyed learning all sorts of new choreography, blocking and having a larger role in the production. She has also very much enjoyed meeting so many new friends. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!



## ABIGAIL SHAW

Abigail has always had a love for the arts. She started with Showstoppers in the fall of 2022 after being inspired by last year's performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. She has 2 years experience with ballet and enjoys expressing herself through performing. Outside of performing Abigail is an avid reader and writer. She enjoys both getting lost in a good book and creating her own fantasy worlds. She would like to thank her teachers for everything they have taught her and her family for their unwavering support.



## EMILY VANDEBEEK

Emily has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for 4 years. She is currently in grade 4 at St. Patrick's Elementary. Emily has performed in *The Little Mermaid JR* (2021), *Madagascar Jr* (2021), and *The Jungle Book KIDS* (2022) with Showstoppers.

She also played Simba in the production of *The Lion King* with Kamloops Music collective in 2022. Emily would like to thank her family and her Showstoppers teachers for always believing in her and helping her pursue her dream of one day having her name in lights on Broadway.



## SAMANTHA VANSCHAGEN

Samantha is an energetic and fun girl of nine. She has been in Showstoppers for five years. Her favourite role was being Mowgli from *The Jungle Book Kids*. She plays many different instruments, mainly the piano and recorder. She loves to listen to music. Samantha's favorite sports are soccer and basketball. She also enjoys participating in weekly kickboxing classes. Samantha loves to read, draw, and play with her sisters; she has an active imagination! She thanks her teachers for their encouragement and positivity, and to her parents for signing her up for this!



## VANESSA VANSCHAGEN

Vanessa is a bright and talented girl of twelve. She has been attending Showstoppers for five years. Her favourite roles have been Marty in *Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr* and Bagheera in *The Jungle Book Kids*. Vanessa loves music and plays many instruments; especially the piano and clarinet. When she's not performing, Vanessa loves to read, write, and play sports. Thank you to all her amazing Showstoppers teachers who have brought her all this way to the stage, and to her loving parents who have supported and encouraged her. She hopes you enjoy the production!



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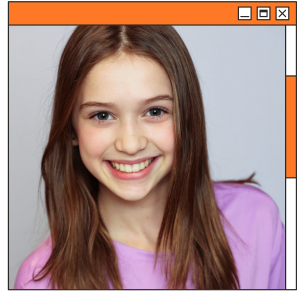


## KENZIE WEDD

Kenzie has been at Showstoppers for five years but left the year of Covid and joined back last year. Kenzie was born on June 24th, 2011, in Maple Ridge, and attends Yennadon Elementary School. Kenzie's favourite role was Tessie in *Annie Jr* last year. Besides Showstoppers Kenzie also enjoys playing lacrosse with her team the Burrards, and waterskiing up in Hundred Mile with her grandpa and brother at her family's cabin in the summer. Kenzie also wants to thank her amazing teachers for encouraging her and giving her this opportunity for this role. Kenzie would also like to thank her parents and her friends parents for driving her to rehearsals. She hopes you enjoy *High School Musical Jr*!

## GABRIELLA WILD

Gabriella was born in beautiful Maple Ridge, BC. She is currently in grade 6 at Yennadon Elementary School. Gabriella is thrilled to be performing in this year's production! She has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for 8 years. Her favourite roles have included Balloo in *The Jungle Book KIDS* and Ms. Hannigan in *Annie KIDS*. Gabriella has also taken singing lessons with the Academy. Besides musical theatre, Gabriella enjoys playing hockey, skiing, swimming, camping and hanging out with her friends. Gabriella would like to thank her teachers for the guidance and support, and her parents for driving her to classes and rehearsals.



## OLIVIA WILD

Olivia is 10 years old; she was born in Maple Ridge, BC and she currently attends Yennadon Elementary School. Olivia has been a student at Showstoppers since she was 5 years old. Her favourite performances were *The Little Mermaid JR* and *Annie KIDS*. Besides Musical Theatre, Olivia plays hockey and takes horseback riding lessons. Olivia has a passion for nature, horses and animals in general. Olivia would like to thank her teachers for the guidance and support, and her family for driving her to classes and rehearsals. She is excited to be part of this year's production, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

## CASSIDY WOOD

Born and raised in Maple Ridge, Cassidy attends Yennadon Elementary where she is in the school choir and played the part of Linus in *Charlie Brown's Christmas*.

Cassidy enjoys jazz dance, singing, and is teaching herself to play the piano.

She's had a great experience with Showstoppers; *High School Musical Jr* is her second performance with them

and she looks forward to many more! Cassidy would like to thank her parents for signing her up; her fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Matthew, who got her into acting; her school music teacher, Mrs. Escutea; and her Showstoppers Directors for a wonderful year so far.



# JUNIORS B



## AUTUMN ANZINGER

Autumn has had a love of singing, dancing and acting since she learned to walk. She has been a part of Showstoppers since the age of 5. Autumn has been a part of many productions including *The Little Mermaid JR* and *Madagascar JR*. She earned her first big roles as Rafiki in *The Lion King Jr* and in last years production of *Annie KIDS* she was cast as Tessie/Star to Be. Autumn will also be performing this Spring in her school play of *SpongeBob SquarePants*. Autumn would like to thank her family, friends and all her wonderful teachers and cast members at Showstoppers.

## KWYNN ATKINS

Kwynn has been doing Showstoppers for five years now. Her most memorable roles were Rafiki in *The Lion King Jr* and Grace in *Annie Jr*. Other than musicals Kwynn loves to read, do art and play with her friends at school. Kwynn also takes jazz lessons at Showstoppers every Thursday. She can't wait for you to see what her and her classmates have been working on for the last eight months. See you at the show!



## CIANNA BARTAK

Cianna Bartak was born in Vancouver, Canada. She attends Maple Ridge Christian School. Cianna furthers her love of music by playing the violin and engaging in vocal lessons. She has enthusiasm for acting, costume design, signing and playing the violin. A student of Showstoppers for 6 years, favorite roles have included, Alex (*Madagascar Jr*), Shere Khan (*The Jungle Book KIDS*), and Sharpay in this season's *High School Musical Jr*. She enjoys the outdoors, crafting, baking, and sewing. Cianna would like to thank her amazing, devoted theatre teachers, her mom for paying for acting classes, and all her friends and family here to support the show.

## KARA CARSON

Kara has been a member of Showstoppers Academy for 6 years. Her favourite roles she has taken on are Annie, Scuttle, and King Julien. When Kara is not on the stage you will find her working with Canine Co-stars as a Jr animal handler working with anything from pigs to wolves. Kara is proud of all the hard work everyone has put in to make this a fantastic show. She would also like to thank her vocal coach Niki for six fun years of helping her learn and grow as a singer.



## OLIVIA CARVALHO

Olivia is 9 years old & was born in Maple Ridge. Olivia has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for over 5 years! One of her favourite roles at Showstoppers was playing Mowgli in *The Jungle Book KIDS*. Besides musical theatre, Olivia also loves playing basketball & plays on a team in Coquitlam. However, Olivia's favourite thing of all is to perform in front of all of you! She would like to thank her amazing teachers for their hard work and support and her family & friends for always supporting and watching her performance.

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## AMELIA DEA

Amelia is new student who has been working with Showstoppers for over six months now. She is in the environmental school in Maple Ridge. Amelia enjoys karate, ice skating, and soccer. She is grateful for the people who she loves and is looking forward to many exciting roles at Showstoppers.



## KEZIAH DUNBAR

Keziah attends French Immersion at Maple Ridge Elementary School. She has been a student with Showstoppers Academy for 3 years, takes singing lessons and jazz, and has enjoyed previous roles in *Once On This Island Jr.* and *Beauty And The Beast Jr.* Keziah started musical theatre at age 5 with roles in *Mary Poppins*, *Aladdin* and *The Princess and the Frog*. When not singing and dancing, Keziah loves practicing swimming, taekwondo, horseback riding, and using her creativity to spread joy. Keziah would like to thank her talented teachers and all the supportive adults in her life that drive her from place to place.



## ADRIANNA DUNCAN

Adrianna fell in love with music theatre when she was 5 years old and had attended a few Showstoppers Performances that included her cousin. From there, and with careful guidance from Ms Ashleigh, Ms Nicole and Ms Sam; Adrianna has had fun swimming with Ariel, dancing/singing in *The Jungle Book KIDS* and *Madagascar JR.*, and very much enjoyed being Molly in *Annie KIDS* last year. Adrianna also enjoys gymnastics, tumbling, trampoline, and horseback riding. She attends Our Lady of Fatima School and is in Grade 4 French immersion. Musical theatre inspires Adrianna to be creative and focussed, in all aspects of her activities and her schooling.



## MALINA FOSS

Malina has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for 2 out of the last three years. Because of Covid she took one year off. She loves learning new dances and songs. She was in the Winter Show 2 years ago and was supposed to be in *Shrek Jr* but it was cancelled. Malina was in the winter show this year and is looking forward to soon performing in *High School Musical Jr.* Malina also takes piano lessons and loves to swim, paddleboard, ice skate and go bike riding. Malina looks forward to performing in the show and is thankful that her parents have given her this opportunity.



## ELLA JIN

Ella has been a student at the Showstoppers Academy for 3 years. Her favourite roles at Showstoppers has been Nala in *The Lion King Jr.* Ella enjoys bicycling, swimming, basketball and tennis. Ella would like to thank her awesome teachers for their hard work and support and her lovely parents. She hopes you enjoy the show!



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## KAIA LABUNSKI

This is Kaia's first year at Showstoppers Academy. She was born in Maple Ridge and is currently attending Maple Ridge Christian School. Outside of theatre, Kaia really enjoys art and reading. She would like to thank her amazing teachers, especially Miss Sam and Miss Emily, for their dedication, hard work and their positive attitude. Kaia would also like to thank her parents for their support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

## ADDY LEGGE

Addy was born in Chilliwack and attends the Environmental School in Maple Ridge. This is Addy's first year attending Showstoppers and she is enjoying performing with her friends. Besides musical theatre, Addy also enjoys math, shopping and dancing for fun. Addy would like to thank her teachers, friends and parents for supporting her.

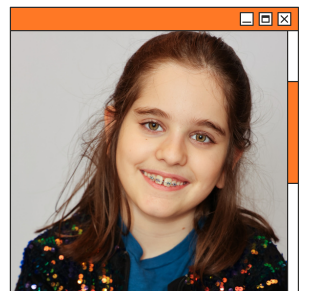


## AMBER MORENO

This is Amber's second year with Showstoppers, having previously enjoyed being Zazu in *The Lion King Jr.* Besides musical theatre, Amber also loves circus school and learning in the forest with the Maple Ridge Outdoor Environmental School. Amber would like to thank her theatre teachers and parents for supporting Amber on her creative journey.

## NICE NAKKAS

Nice was born in Dubai and she is originally from Turkiye. She is in grade 4 at James Kennedy Elementary School. Her favorite role at Showstoppers is Taylor McKessie in *High School Musical Jr.* Besides musical theatre, Nice enjoys taekwondo and gymnastics. She would like to thank her parents and teachers for their support and time. She hopes you like her role!



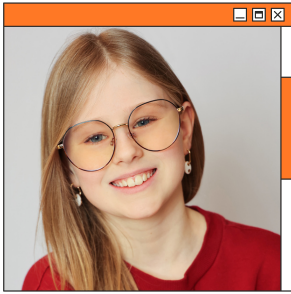
## MAYA NILSSON-CARLETON

Maya started at the Showstoppers Academy in the fall of 2022. She very much enjoys it, and is excited for her first performance in *High School Musical Jr.* Aside from Showstoppers Maya also takes singing, dance and acting classes. She would like to thank all her teachers for the hard work they put into teacher her, her friends for performing with her, and her parents for their neverending support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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## VICTORIA PATILLO

Victoria lives in Pitt Meadows and attends Pitt Meadows Elementary School. *High School Musical Jr* will be her third production with Showstoppers Academy. Past productions are *Seussical the Musical JR* and *The Little Mermaid JR*. Victoria's other interests include singing, dancing, swimming, field hockey, drawing and spending time with her family and friends. Victoria would like to thank her teachers at Showstoppers and her family for all of their encouragement and support.



## PIPER ROBERTS

Piper attends Cusquanela Elementary. She is currently in Grade 4 and her favourite subject is Art and Science. Piper has been a student at Showstoppers Academy since 2020. Her first performance was in the musical, *Madagascar Jr*. Piper has also played the role of Sarabi in *The Lion King Jr* and the orphan July in *Annie KIDS*. Piper also enjoys dancing. She is currently in jazz and has previously performed in hip-hop, ballet and tap. Piper's hobbies are, singing, fashion, makeup, gymnastics, camping, swimming and spending time with her friends and family. Piper loves being a part of the Showstoppers family. She would like to thank her teachers for their patience and kindness and her fellow cast mates for bringing the fun! She hopes you enjoy the show.

## DELLA ROWLAND

Della Rowland is from Maple Ridge BC. She is currently attending Laityview Elementary School. Della has danced for many years, but this is her first year with the Showstoppers organization. Della also plays piano and is taking piano lessons at Bergthorsen Music Academy. Della would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for all the support they have shown her through the year, she has learned a great deal and made many new friends.



## CHARLIE SCHIER

Charlotte Schier is a talented and well-rounded individual who is currently in her second year of participating with Showstoppers Academy. In addition to her passion for musical theatre, she also enjoys dance, gymnastics, swimming, and spending time with her two dogs. Her favourite musical is *The Greatest Showman*. Charlotte is grateful for the support of her teachers and family, and recognizes their role in her success.

## MARION SEED

Marion is a grade 5 student at the Maple Ridge outdoor school project since kindergarten. Everyday she is emersed in indigenous culture, self-sufficiency, survival skills, team building and the lay of the land in our natural world. Marion has two other siblings Mieka 12 and Benny 8 whom she loves very much. Her nick name is "Muma" as she is very nurturing and loving to her family including her two cats, four bunnies and dog. She enjoys singing, drawing, journaling, and playing with her "girl squad". Marion is very kind, loving, very funny & animated.



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## ROYAH SHAMS

Royah Shams, who plays the role of Ryan Evans, has been with Showstoppers Academy for 4 years. Most

recently she performed the leading role in *The Lion King Jr* as Young Simba. She performed in the *Madagascar Jr* and *Annie Jr* as well. Besides musical theatre, Royah loves reading, playing soccer, biking, speed swimming, and playing musical instruments. Royah would like to thank her wonderful Showstoppers Academy teachers for their support and inspiration, her parents for always letting her to pursue her dreams, and her little brother for being supportive and cheering her up all the time.

## CAYLEA SMITH

Caylea Smith was born in Burnaby, BC and in 2016 moved with her family to Maple Ridge where she currently attends Glenwood Elementary. She has been doing musical theatre with Showstoppers Academy since age four and has performed in *The Little Mermaid JR*, *Madagascar JR*, *The Jungle Book KIDS*, and *Annie JR* (twice!). Aside from her passion for singing, dancing, and acting, Caylea enjoys gymnastics and swimming. Caylea would like to thank her mom Caitlin, dad Jeff, and all her wonderful teachers and mentors for their encouragement and guidance: Miss Sam, Miss Emily, Miss Kelsey, Mr Jesse, Miss Dara, & Miss Zahra.



## GIGI WALL

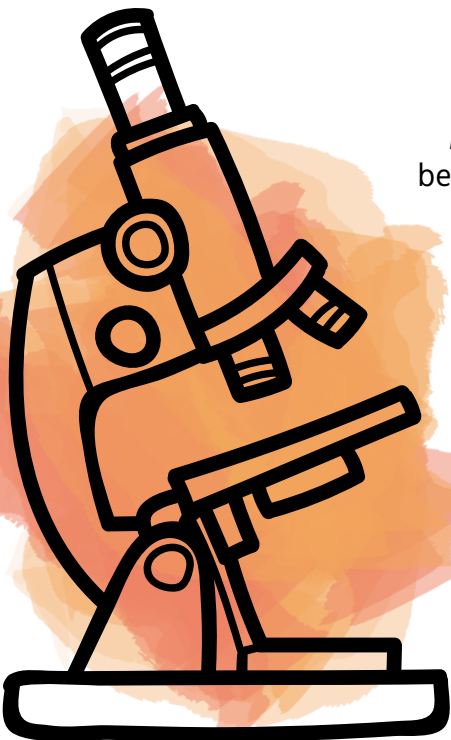
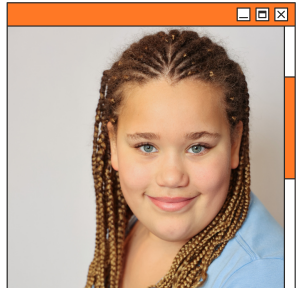
Gigi has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for 7 years. After a lot of hard work last year Gigi was awarded the first junior triple threat award from Showstoppers. Her favourite roles have been Miss Hannigan in *Annie KIDS*, Timon in *The Lion King JR* and Gloria in *Madagascar JR*. She has been singing since the day she was born and singing lessons since she was 5. She has really enjoyed taking acting classes for the last couple of years and loves jazz and more recently tap dance. Outside of theatre she plays soccer, loves art and nature. Her favourite place to be is at Showstoppers and on Stage performing.

## MAYA WILSON

Maya has been dancing since she was three and has been a student of Showstoppers since she was 6 years old. She has studied jazz, tap, ballet and hip hop.

Maya is a Grade 5 French Immersion student at Laity View Elementary School. She loves Broadway tunes and when she is not singing loudly in the bathroom she likes to spend her time

reading, drawing, creating jewellery with her rain balloon kit or watching TV (cartoons and musicals are her favourite). Maya lives in Maple Ridge with her mom and dad, four dogs and two cats. She would like to thank her mom and dad for supporting all of her interests and all the teachers at Showstoppers. This is her first time as a lead performer and she hopes you enjoy the show!



# PRODUCTION



**SAM JUDD**

**TEACHER / STUDIO MANAGER**

Miss Sam has been teaching at Showstoppers for 10 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.

**EMILY MATCHETTE**

**TEACHER / COSTUME TEAM / SOUND DESIGN**

Calling the Lindbjerg Academy home since 2009, Emily has been so thrilled since joining the Showstoppers family last year. She is a graduate of the Musical Theatre program at Capilano University and the Bachelor of Performing Arts Program at Douglas College. Emily is passionate about youth theatre and creating a safe rehearsal space for exploration and play. This year, they are teaching a total of seven production classes between both studios and are especially excited to have joined the costume team. Select performing credits include: Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical the Musical*



(Align Entertainment), Ensemble in *Mamma Mia* (Arts Club Theatre Company), Millie Dillmount in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Exit 22), and Lou Ann in *Hairspray* (Theatre Under The Stars). Select choreographer/director credits include: *Frozen Jr* (Lindbjerg/Showstoppers), *Peter Pan Jr* (CTORA), and *American Idiot* (URP - Ovation Nomination for Best Choreography). Upcoming shows include: *Honk Jr* (Lindbjerg), *Shrek Jr* (Showstoppers), *A Year with Frog and Toad Kids/Madagascar Jr* (Lindbjerg).



**ASHLEY DEZURA**

**TEACHERS' ASSISTANT**

Ashley is seventeen and has been a student of Showstoppers for eleven years. She has been a Teacher Assistant at Showstoppers for 6 years working with students in all classes from ages 4-18. Musical Theatre is her passion and she loves being able to share her love for it with younger kids in her community. This year Ashley also directed her high school's production of *Mamma Mia*. Which gave her an even greater appreciation for her teachers at Showstoppers. Ashley would like to thank Miss Sam for sharing her knowledge and her passion for theatre and teaching over the years. She is so grateful to be able to work with so many talented young individuals. Ashley is so proud of every one of these students and she knows you will enjoy the show. Go Wildcats!!

**ELLIE**

**TEACHERS' ASSISTANT**

This is Ellie's second year assistant teaching at showstoppers Academy. Ellie has been a student of Showstoppers Academy since 2015 and started assisting classes in 2021. She enjoys being in the masters and senior jazz classes. Some of her past roles include Bert in *Mary Poppins JR*, Tonton Julian in *Once on This Island JR*, and a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast JR*. She loves to teach the juniors class and watch her students grow into amazing performers.



# PRODUCTION



## **JAN BALLARD** **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!

## **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, Lion King, Tarzan and Peter Pan. John has loved being a part of the Lindbjerg Family for the past 10 years.



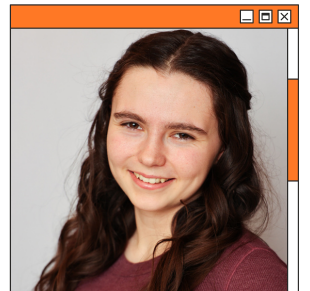
## **DARA COULTER** **COSTUME TEAM**

Dara has been a student of showstoppers academy since 2012, started assisting with classes in 2017, and joined the staff as an instructor in 2018. She joined the costume team with Lindbjerg/Showstoppers in the summer and has loved creating costumes and helping the visions come to life. She has a passion for textiles is grateful for all she has learned from the team. She hopes you enjoy the show!

## **KELSEY TIERNEY**

### **PRODUCTION ADMIN / PROPS MANAGER / COSTUME TEAM**

Miss Kelsey has spent her childhood surrounded by music. As an original student of Showstoppers, she has grown up performing onstage. Favourite past roles at Showstoppers have included Jafar in *Aladdin Jr*, and Anna in *Frozen Jr*. Working at Showstoppers since 2017, Miss Kelsey has performed many different roles including making props and costuming shows, working backstage, reception, and assisting with some of the musical theatre classes. She is very proud of all the students and the hard work they have put into their shows.



# PRODUCTION



## CLAIRE TURNER HEAD OF COSTUMES

Claire joined the Lindbjerg team in August 2022 and has enjoyed creating the costumes for you to enjoy with the rest of the costume department. She graduated from CapU's Costuming program in 2019. Notable credits include, Assistant Designer and Head Dresser for *9 to 5* (Exit 22 Productions), Head Dresser for *Rock of Ages* (Renegade Arts Society) Costume Designer for *Amphitruo*, A Public Reading of an Unproduced Screenplay about the Death of Walt Disney, *Thy Neighbour's Wife* (United Players of Vancouver), *Happy Birthday, Stag & Doe*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Metro Theatre).

## DAN WIEBE SET DESIGN / 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 Tomorrows' Fame* and *13 the Musical*, and Snapshot Collective's *Sweeney Todd*. Bring on the show!



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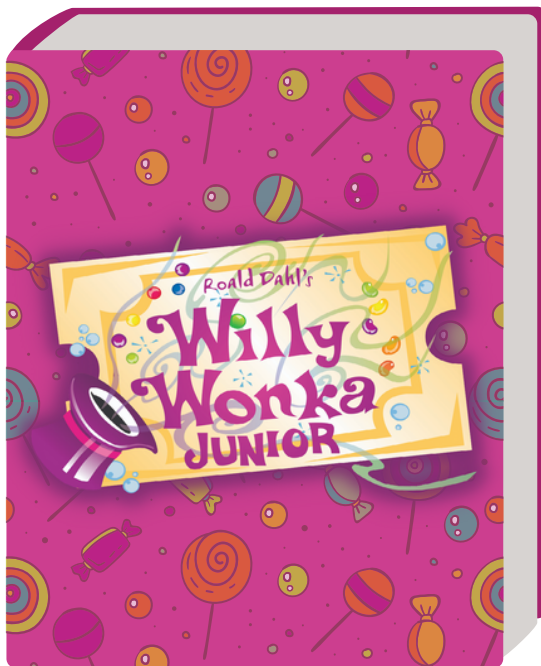
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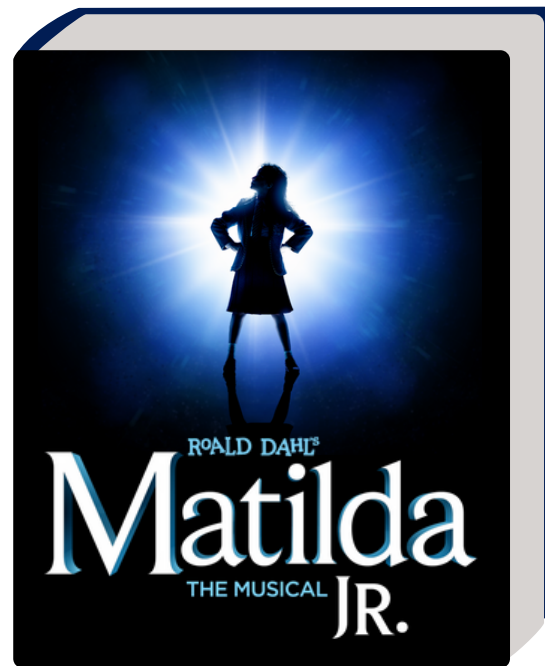
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