

Showstoppers Academy's
Masters
presents



SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

May 11th - 13th, 2023



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ACADEMY



Showstoppers Academy's Seniors Production of



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Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by
DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

Music by
JEANINE TESORI

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks
Theatricals and Neal Street Productions

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford.
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Shrek The Musical JR.

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Cast

| | Cast A | Cast B |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Shrek | Starry Dion-Fell | Nathan Wellington |
| Fiona | Myah Mahon | Emma Peng |
| Donkey | Kira Fontaine | Hannah Wellington |
| Lord Farquaad | Lola Jordan | Erin Donkersloot |
| Dragon | Daniella Barichello | Isabelle Murray |
| King Harold | Isabella Jeffery | Isabella Jeffery |
| Queen Lillian | Tianna Bailey | Tianna Bailey |
| Young Fiona | Ella Leggett | Ella Leggett |
| Teen Fiona | Danika Wood | Danika Wood |
| Mama Ogre | Ella Murphy | Ella Murphy |
| Papa Ogre | Connor Mosher | Connor Mosher |
| Little Ogre | Charlotte Mosher | Charlotte Mosher |
| Captain of the Guard | Isabella Matlock | Quinn De Haan |
| Pinocchio | Kendall Lockhart | Canaan Moerman |
| Gingy | Gabrielle Cruz | Kyla Inkster |
| Pig 1 | Danika Bailey | Sarah Foss |
| Pig 2 | Juliana Shehata | James Ngayawon |
| Pig 3 | Emily Van de Kerkhof | Elina Weel |
| Mama Bear | Camryn Boyes | Kalista DeGroot |
| Papa Bear | Elyse Gullmes | Aya Fakim |
| Baby Bear | Kai Liboiron | Aurora Ford |
| Wicked Witch | Marah Harris | Marah Harris |
| Big Bad Wolf | Dylan Dominick | Dylan Dominick |
| Ugly Duckling | Alexandra Lie | Alexandra Lie |
| Peter Pan/Dwarf | Brielle Neil | Brielle Neil |
| Robin Hood/Bishop | Abigail Hunter | Abigail Hunter |
| Pied Piper | Gianna Edwards | Gianna Edwards |
| Guards | Sarah Foss | Danika Bailey |
| | James Ngayawon | Juliana Shehata |
| | Elina Weel | Emily Van de Kerkhof |
| | Kalista DeGroot | Camryn Boyes |
| | Aya Fakim | Elyse Gullmes |
| | Aurora Ford | Kai Liboiron |
| Knights | Isabella Jeffery | Canaan Moerman |
| | Tianna Bailey | Kyla Inkster |
| | Ella Leggett | Sarah Foss |
| | Danika Wood | James Ngayawon |
| | Ella Murphy | Elina Weel |
| | Connor Mosher | Aya Fakim |
| 3 Blind Mice | Camryn Boyes | Kalista DeGroot |
| | Brielle Neil | Aurora Ford |
| | Isabella Matlock | Quinn De Haan |

Cast A Show

Friday May 12th @ 7:00pm

Cast B

Saturday May 13th @ 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.



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Musical Numbers



Big Bright Beautiful World
Story of My Life
What's Up, Duloc (Part 1)
What's Up, Duloc (Part 2)
What's Up, Duloc (Reprise)
I Know Its Today
Travel Song
Forever
This Is How A Dream Comes True
Morning Person
I Think I Got You Beat
Make A Move
Morning Person (Reprise)
Freak Flag
Big Bright Beautiful World (Reprise)
Finale
I'm A Believer

Special Thanks

Creating a show is no small feat and we couldn't have done it without the work, time, energy, and dedication of many wonderful individuals behind the scenes. To Dan Weibe and John Bradbury, the work you've done preparing sets for eleven shows at four theatres is astounding - thank you. Jan and Ian, your wigs and makeup are so incredible, we can not thank you enough for your creativity and beautiful work on this very wig/makeup heavy show. Thank you Megan for joining us this week, you have been a wonderful addition to our makeup/backstage team! To our spectacular TAs, Ms Abby and Ms Mady, thank you for your dedication and work for this class and show. Ms Abby, thank you for your extra time spent choreographing "Make A Move" - the number is excellent! Ms Mady, thank you for jumping in halfway through the year with enthusiasm and setting such a great example of hard work for the students. A huge thank you to Ms Kelsey for all of your work on this show - the costumes and props of this show are giant and the sheer amount of hours and energy you've put in for organizing, fitting, altering, hanging, labelling costumes and pulling, sorting, creating, painting, and fixing props is astounding. Thank you. To Jen Phillip for coordinating volunteers. To Ms Sam, for absolutely everything you do for Showstoppers and each and every student. A thank you to Chad and Erin for your constant support and guidance and giving the students a place to do what they love. To all the parents for supporting their children's love of theatre. Lastly, to the students who have poured their hearts into this show, we are so so proud of you. To all of you and to anyone we may have missed, THANK YOU! -Ms Emily and Ms Jess

Seniors A



DANIKA BAILEY

Danika was born in New Westminster and is in her last year at Laity View Elementary. In Danika's 7 years of attending Showstoppers, her favourite roles have been Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr* and Grace in *Annie Jr*. When Danika's not rehearsing or practicing her lines, she enjoys skateboarding and hanging out with her friends. Danika would like to thank her awesome parents for driving her to and from rehearsals and her amazing instructors and classmates for taking time to teach her. Danika hopes you enjoy the show and thanks you for coming!

TIANNA BAILEY

Tianna was born in New Westminster and attends Laity View Elementary. Tianna has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for 7 years and had the favourite role of Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. When Tianna isn't at Showstoppers, they enjoy biking to Starbucks with her friends and writing stories. Tianna would like to thank her amazing teachers for taking time out of their day to teach and their parents for driving them to and from rehearsals. Tianna hopes you enjoy the show and thanks you for coming!



DANIELLA BARICHELLO

Daniella Barichello was born in Maple Ridge and is 15 years old in 10th grade. She has been a part of Showstoppers since 2015. Her favourite past roles are Ariel in *The Little Mermaid Jr*, and Babette in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. Her dream show would be *Anastasia* or *Legally Blonde*. She would like to thank her family and friends that are always there to support her, and her teachers over the years at Showstoppers that have made musical theatre an amazing experience.

CAMRYN BOYES

Camryn Boyes grew up in Pitt Meadows, and is currently going to school at Pitt Meadows Secondary. She started Showstoppers at the age of 8, her first show being *Seussical Jr*. She was also in *The Little Mermaid Jr*, *Annie Jr*, *Madagascar Jr*, *Once on this Island Jr*, and her favourite show being *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. She is thankful for everyone she has met in Showstoppers over the years and all the amazing friends and great times she has had performing with people she loves.



GABRIELLE CRUZ

Gabby started Showstoppers in grade 3 and played a Narrator in *Aladdin Jr*. Since then, Gabby has played Pumba in *The Lion King Jr*, Jojo in *Seussical the Musical Jr*, Ursula in *The Little Mermaid Jr*, and Belle in *Beauty and The Beast Jr*. Gabby's other hobbies and interests include: playing guitar, sleeping, watching the Spider-Man movies, and singing the *Newsies* soundtrack nonstop. Enjoy the show! (or else)

Seniors A

STARRY DION-FELL

Starry Dion-Fell was born and raised in Maple Ridge. She previously attended Maple Ridge Elementary, she now goes to Maple Ridge Secondary. She has been in Showstoppers for 5 years, her first show being *Hairspray Jr.* Other shows she's been in include *Mary Poppins Jr.*, *Once On This Island Jr.*, *Into The Woods Jr.*, *Beauty and The Beast Jr.*, and more. Theatre has been one of the best things to ever happen to her, and she would like to thank all of her family, friends, and a special thank you to all the people she has met in her years at Showstoppers.



DYLAN DOMINICK

Dylan Dominick was born on December 1st, 2008 in Richmond. Dylan previously attended Albion Elementary and now attend Thomas Haney Secondary School. Dylan attended professional vocal lessons for two years. After this he joined showstoppers, this is his fourth show at the Academy. He has been in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, *Into the Woods Jr.*, *Once in this Island Jr.* and *Beauty and The Beast Jr.* His favourite roles include Jack in *Into The Woods Jr.* and Agwe in *Once On This Island Jr.* Other than musical theatre Dylan enjoys writing music for his band, working out, and writing poetry. He would like to thank his teachers for supporting him throughout the years, his parents who have always been there to cheer him on at shows and his amazing cast members.



GIANNA EDWARDS

Gianna Edwards is in her first year of Showstoppers. Other than theatre and acting, she enjoys reading and spending time with her friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!



KIRA FONTAINE

Kira Fontaine started at Showstoppers Academy at the age of 6. Her first musical was *Annie* and after performing for the first time she fell in love with theatre. Her favourite roles of her theatre career have been Horton in *Seussical Jr.* and Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* This is also her second year in theatre academy at Garabaldi Secondary School. Her hobbies outside of theatre include writing and skiing. This is her first time doing *Shrek the Musical* and she is excited to play the role of Donkey. Thank you to the cast of *Shrek* for being a part of this musical.



ELYSE GULLMES

Elyse has been a student at Showstoppers for 5 years. Favourite roles with the Academy have included Oliver Warbucks in *Annie Jr.* and Babette in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Besides musical theatre Elyse also enjoys Mixed Martial Arts and Downhill Skiing. Elyse would like to thank her fellow cast mates for their dedication and her brilliant teachers for their hard work.



Seniors A



MARAH HARRIS

Marah Harris was born in Coquitlam but moved to Maple Ridge at age eight. She has attended Cape Horn Elementary, Kanaka Creek Elementary and currently Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary. She joined Showstoppers in fourth grade but did theatre long before that, her favourite show being *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. She would like to thank everybody who helped bring this together, especially her fellow cast members.

ISABELLA JEFFERY

Izzie has been attending Showstoppers for 9 years and this will be her 10th show. Her favourite show has been *Beauty and the Beast Jr* where she played Lumiere.

Izzie attends Garibaldi Secondary where her favourite subjects are foods and French. Outside of Showstoppers, she also likes to go swimming and hang out with her friends. Izzie would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who works on the show and her mom and dad for all their support over the years.



LOLA JORDAN

Lola Jordan lives in Maple Ridge. Lola has been doing Showstoppers since she was only 11 years old, her favourite shows being *The Little Mermaid Jr*, *Shrek the Musical Jr*, and *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. Her favourite role being Papa Ge in *Once On This Island Jr*. She briefly participated in theatre at Garibaldi Secondary School, and now has a main part role in the upcoming performance of *Something Rotten!* Lola has done many small performances at school with friends, including directing and choreographing a 10 minute scene for a school show. Lola would like to thank her cast members for being so awesome. She hopes you enjoy the show!

ELLA LEGGETT

Ella has been a member of Showstoppers Academy for over nine years, since she was four years old. Ella's favourite roles have been Annie in *Annie Jr*, Marty in *Madagascar Jr*, and Atina in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Besides musical theatre Ella enjoys soccer, volleyball, and the creative arts. Ella would like to thank her teachers for their hard work, support, and leadership to get her where she is today. And she would like to thank her great nana for never missing a play. She hopes you enjoy the show.



KAI LIBOIRON

Kai has been a student at the Showstoppers Academy for 4 years. Favourite roles at Showstoppers have included, Daddy Warbucks in *Annie Jr*, Colonel Hathi in *The Jungle Book Kids*, and being part of the chorus in *Frozen Jr*, *Shrek Jr* and *Madagascar Jr*. Kai has also been part of Coastal Sound Children's Choir and many choirs and plays in school productions. Kai enjoys being part of his Stingrays hockey team and his school basketball team. Kai would like to thank the crew at Showstoppers for teaching him new skills and choreography. Kai hopes you enjoy your experience in the Swamp!

Seniors A

ALEXANDRA LIE

Alexandra Lie is 14 years old and born on October 1, 2008. She likes to play soccer and dance, and has been at Showstoppers since she was six years old. She has played many roles, including Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast Jr* and a Narrator in *Once On This Island Jr*. She hopes you enjoy the show!



KENDALL LOCKHART

Kendall Lockhart joined Showstoppers this year, this is her first full production but she has been in short skits and songs in school performances. She has been performing for many years, mostly dance through the ages of 2-10. She has been interested in musical theatre for many years now and has seen many performances. Though she is generally shy in real life she is much more confident onstage. Her older sister did theatre and is a big reason Kendall wanted to do theatre. She would like to thank her fellow cast members for being so welcoming.



MYAH MAHON

Myah Mahon was born April 19th, 2010, in Abbotsford. Myah joined Showstoppers in 2016 for *The Lion King Jr* but quit and rejoined in 2020 for *Madagascar Jr*. In her time here, she has been in: *Madagascar Jr*, *Moana Jr*, *The Jungle Book Kids*, *Into the Woods Jr* and *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. Her favourite roles include: Hei Hei in *Moana Jr* and Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. Outside of Showstoppers, Myah enjoys playing hockey, drawing, playing guitar and writing songs. She is thankful for her family and friends, teachers and cast members at Showstoppers, for helping her stay strong and encouraging her to step out of her comfort zone.



ISABELLA MATLOCK

Isabella was born in New Westminster and currently attends Maple Ridge Secondary School. She has been in musical theatre since 2017 and has been in many shows with Showstoppers including *Frozen Jr*, *Moana Jr* and *Mary Poppins Jr*. Her favorite roles were LeFou from *Beauty and the Beast Jr* and Ti Moune from *Once on This Island Jr*. Isabella also participates in the theatre department at MRSS. Apart from Showstoppers, Isabella enjoys drawing and spending time with friends. She would like to thank her family, close friends, and the cast for being so supportive throughout the year.



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 extra curriculums and driving her to class. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Seniors A



CONNOR MOSHER

Connor Mosher joined Showstoppers when he was just 5 years old, performing in shows like *The Lion King Jr*, *Seussical the Musical Jr*, and *Once On This Island Jr*, his favourite being *Beauty And The Beast Jr*. He attended Alouette Elementary for 8 years and currently attends Garibaldi Secondary School. He has forever been passionate about musical theatre and performing. Connor would like to thank everyone who helped put this show together, especially his fellow cast members, who are always there for him and who love him unconditionally.

ELLA MURPHY

Ella has been a performer with Showstoppers Academy for 10 years, with her favourite roles including Jafar in *Aladdin Jr*, Timon in *The Lion King Jr*, Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid Jr* and Michael in *Mary Poppins Jr*. When Ella isn't involved with musical theatre, she enjoys baking, dancing, playing the piano, bicycling and playing board and card games. Ella would like to thank her family for always supporting her in all activities and her Showstoppers teachers for their creativity and giving her opportunities to perform. She hopes *Shrek* is as fun to watch as it has been to rehearse!



BRIELLE NEIL

Brielle is an 8 th grader at Maple Ridge Secondary School. She has been a student at Showstoppers Academy since 2020. She has been in *Madagascar Jr*, *Beauty and The Beast Jr* and *Once On This Island Jr*. Her favourite show she did was *Beauty and The Beast Jr* in 2022 where she played Chip. Other than theatre, Brielle enjoys reading, writing, and makeup. She is very grateful for everyone who helped bring this show to life and is so grateful to be part of this cast!

JULIANA SHEHATA

This is Juliana's first year of showstoppers and she is having a blast! She always loved singing and dancing and thought that she would give theatre a try. She's always so excited to go and practice with all the lovely and supporting teachers and peers. She would like to thank everyone for being so supportive.



EMILY VAN DE KERKHOF

Emily has been a student at Show Stoppers most recently for the past 2 years. Emily is 15 years old and is a grade 10 student at Garibaldi Secondary School. Emily's favourite role at Showstoppers has been Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. As well as musical theatre, Emily enjoys painting, history, and birdwatching. Emily would like to thank the teachers and tech crew for the work they have put into the show, and to her parents for providing her funding and transportation. She hopes you have a wonderful time and enjoy the show!

Seniors A

DANIKA WOOD

Danika Wood is 13 years old and in grade 8 at Maple Ridge Secondary School. This is her second year at Showstoppers, last year playing Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* Danika's other interests include competitive dance, hanging out with her friends, listening to music, reading, and playing basketball. She would like to thank her family, friends, and great teachers for supporting her. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Seniors B

QUINN DE HAAN

Shrek the Musical Jr is Quinn's first, ever attempt at musical theatre, and she has loved every minute of it! Her favourite part has been learning all the dance moves and making so many great friends. Quinn is in grade 8 and attends Abbotsford Christian School. In addition to Showstoppers, Quinn loves art, cooking, and raising pigs for her 4H club. She would like to thank her wonderful teachers and her family for driving her to the theatre all the time. Enjoy the show!



KALISTA DEGROOT

Kalista has a lot of experience with performing. She started taking musical theatre classes with PLAY Society when she was 6 years old and joined Showstoppers at age 9. She has also attended many musical theatre camps and classes with the Maple Ridge ACT. Kalista has performed in Emerald Pig's *The Worst Christmas Pageant Ever*, as well as having roles such as Beast in *Beauty and The Beast Jr* and Bomballerina in *CATS*.



ERIN DONKERSLOOT

Erin has loved musical theatre for a long time and is very glad that she is finally able to perform in front of a live audience! Her first ever show was *Into the Woods Jr* with Cast & Crew theatre. Then she also performed in *Beauty and the Beast Jr* and *The Lion King Jr* with Xtreme theatre, which were both compromised by the pandemic and not performed live. Erin is thrilled that *Shrek Jr* will be performed on an actual stage with a live audience, and she hopes you all enjoy the show! Erin would like to thank Rachel Stephens, who has directed every show and drama class Erin has ever taken until this one, and her current directors for teaching her some new tricks.



Seniors B

AYA FAKIM

Aya has been attending Showstoppers Academy for 4 years. Some of her past roles include Pepper and Drake from *Annie Jr* and Skipper from *Madagascar Jr*. Outside of Showstoppers Aya plays basketball and enjoys art, swimming, reading and music. Her favourite musician is Taylor Swift. Aya also enjoys traveling and seeking out new adventures. Aya thanks her parents and her sisters for supporting and encouraging her, she would also like to thank her teachers for helping her to get this far and her best friend Izzy for introducing her to musical theatre.



AURORA FORD

Aurora is 13 years old and in grade 7. Not only is this is her first year at Showstoppers, but her first time in a musical! She would like to thank her Showstoppers teachers.



SARAH FOSS

Sarah is in grade 7 and this is her first year at Showstoppers! Outside of Showstoppers, she enjoys reading and looking for new things to try. She loves acting and would like to thank her family and friends for helping and supporting her. She hopes that you enjoy the show!



ABIGAIL HUNTER

Abby is 12 years old and has only been at Showstoppers for a few months. Outside of Showstoppers, you can find her reading her favourite books, hanging out with her friends, singing, or playing video games. She would like to thank all of the Showstoppers teachers.



KYLA INKSTER

Kyla is fifteen years old and has been in more than ten shows, with three of them at Showstoppers. Some of the roles Kyla has played include Young Ti Moune in *Once On This Island Jr*, Chip in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*, and now Gingy in *Shrek the Musical Jr*. Some of Kyla's favourite parts outside of Showstoppers included Jojo in *Seussical the Musical Jr* and Little Red Riding Hood in *Into the Woods Jr*. Kyla is also currently in a singing competition. Kyla would like to thank her teachers for working hard to make this show possible.



Seniors B



CANAAN MOERMAN

Canaan has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for one year now and is very excited for his premier role as Pinocchio in *Shrek the Musical Jr.* Beyond Showstoppers, Canaan has attended summer theatre camps, has performed solos at his school's musical performances, and was recently a background actor on a locally filmed TV show. Besides musical theatre, he can be found curled up with a good fantasy novel, eating sushi, or playing video games. Canaan would like to thank his teachers for their patience and coaching, as well as his parents for all their support.

ISABELLE MURRAY

Izzy has been attending Showstoppers for 5 years. Some of her past roles include Oliver Warbucks in *Annie Jr.*, Alex the Lion in *Madagascar Jr.*, and Kaa the Snake in *The Jungle Book Kids*. Izzy also takes senior jazz at Showstoppers and Youth Musical Theatre at the Evergreen Cultural Centre. Outside of theatre, Izzy enjoys reading, painting, listening to music and surfing. Izzy would like to thank her teachers for their creative guidance, her parents for supporting her commitment to her passion, and her best friend Aya for sticking with her. She hopes you have a good laugh during the show!



JAMES NGAYAWON

James has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for a few months. He is enjoying every moment at musical theatre and jazz. Besides musical theatre and jazz, he also enjoys his hip-hop classes, vocal lessons, acting classes, catechism and his recorded dance content. James would like to thank his teachers for their hard work and support, his parents for supporting him, and driving him to and from rehearsal. He hopes you enjoy the show.

EMMA PENG

Emma was born in BC Canada and currently goes to school at Eric Langton elementary. This is Emma's second year at Showstoppers Academy. She has been in *The Lion King Jr* where she played the role Nala. Emma takes piano and singing lessons and also finds joy in playing the ukulele. Emma enjoys drawing and other forms of art, as well as beading and making jewelry. Emma would like to thank her friends and family for all their help and support along with all her amazing teachers who have taught her so much. She is forever grateful.



ELINA WEEL

Elina has been a student with Showstoppers Academy for 4 years. Elina is always looking forward to the costumes each year. Outside of the Academy, she enjoys drawing, making movies with friends, and playing the bass with her school band. She played piano for years, but has since moved on to the guitar. Elina would like to thank her teachers for making it so much fun over the years. She would also like to thank her mother for always driving her to and from class. She hopes you find the show amazing!

Seniors B

HANNAH WELLINGTON

This is Hannah's first year with Showstoppers Academy. She is a Grade 9 student in Pitt Meadows who has been involved in several shows including, Damien in *Mean Girls the Musical*, Kristoff in *Frozen* and Grizabella in *Cats*, but she is most excited to be playing her dream role of Donkey. Outside of theatre, Hannah enjoys hobbies like cooking, drawing, softball, and beading. Hannah would like to thank her amazing teachers for their determination and support along this journey. Hannah also appreciates her family for supporting her and always helping her memorize her lines. She hopes you love the show!



NATHAN WELLINGTON

Nathan is a first-year student with Showstoppers Academy. Nathan attends grade 9 in Pitt Meadows and has a passion for musical theatre. Some of his past roles include Sam in *Mamma Mia*, Regina George in *Mean Girls*, Olaf in *Frozen* and Phillip Carlyle in *The Greatest Showman*. Nathan enjoys experimenting with musical instruments, singing and dance. Nathan would like to thank his loving parents along with his twin sister Hannah for all their continued support. Nathan is very excited for his role as Shrek and hopes you enjoy the show.



Production



JESSICA ALLEN

Teacher

Jessica started with Showstoppers as a student in 2011 and fell in love instantly. She started teaching in 2015 and had a passion for it ever since. Outside of working at Showstoppers Jessica is in her 3rd year and in the process of getting her Bachelor of Arts to then get her Bachelor of Education to continue teaching.

Jessica is very passionate about teaching and loves helping all her students shine!

Jessica's favourite past roles include Belle in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*, Elsa in *Frozen Jr*, and Fiona in *Shrek the Musical Jr*. 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. He 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 Lindbjerg and Showstoppers and are especially excited to have joined the costume team.

Select performing credits: Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical (Align Ent)*, Ensemble in *Mamma Mia (Arts Club)*, Millie Dillmount in *Thoroughly Modern Millie (Exit 22)*, and Lou Ann in *Hairspray (TUTS)*. Select choreographer/director credits: *Frozen Jr (Lindbjerg/Showstoppers)*, *Peter Pan Jr (CTORA)*, and *American Idiot (URP - Ovation Nomination for Best Choreography)*. Upcoming shows: *A Year with Frog and Toad Kids (Lindbjerg)*, and *Madagascar Jr (Lindbjerg)*.



ABBY FRANCO

Teachers' Assistant

This is Abby's sixth year at Showstoppers and first year as an assistant teacher. She's fallen in love with the background process and has found a joy for teaching. Abby is very appreciative to have the opportunity to work with so many talented individuals and a talented team! She is excited for you to see the show.

MADYSEN OSBORNE-BABIUK

Teachers' Assistant

Ms. Mady has been part of the Showstoppers Academy family for 7 years. Madysen is currently part of the Masters program and also takes jazz with the Academy. She has been a TA for 3 years for shows such as, *Annie Jr* and *The Jungle Book Kids*. She is very proud of how hard the students have worked this year and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Production



JAN BALLARD

Wigs & 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!

IAN BALLARD

Wigs & Makeup

Ian 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, 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.



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.

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!Hope you enjoy the show.



Production



SAMARA JUDD

Studio Manager

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.

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.



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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Year End Recital
Saturday, June 3rd at 2pm



Lindbjerg Academy
Year End Recital
Saturday, June 3rd at 6pm
Sunday, June 4th at 2pm

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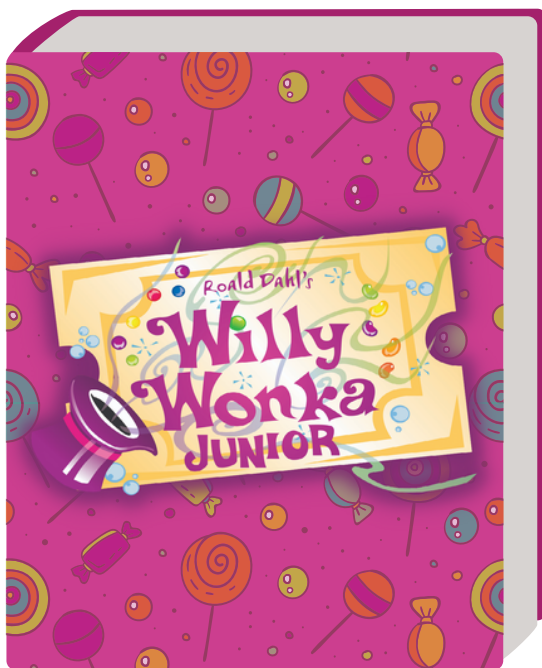
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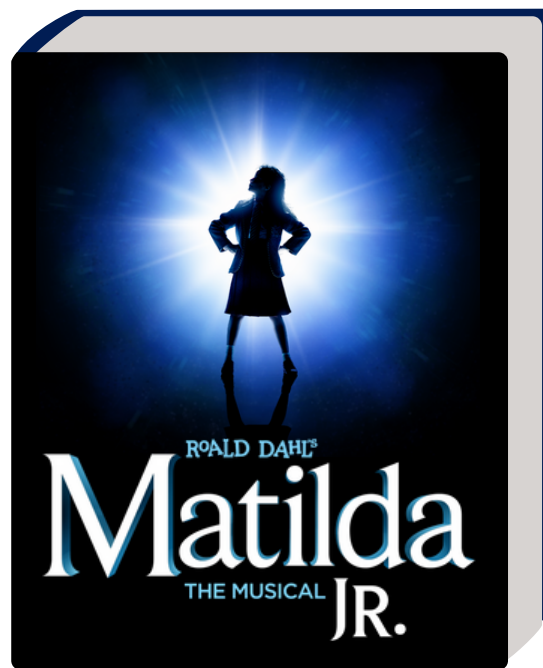
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