

# DOUBLE FEATURE!



Seniors

MAY 9TH - 11TH, 2024 AT THE ACT ARTS CENTRE

### A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Where has the year gone?

It seems like we were all just getting ready for our Winter Shows and here we are at production time... WOW!!! To say this year has been a busy one would be a massive understatement. We once again went to Disneyland with our Glee and Showchoir classes from both studios. Our students performed in California Adventure and participated in Soundtrack and Dance Workshops. Competition season is underway and we're all thrilled that show season is here. The teachers and students have all been working so hard on our spring productions and are thrilled to share them with everyone. Looking forward we have registration coming up in June,

Summer Camp in July and a trip to New York for our senior students next year... it's a good thing we all love what we do! Thanks to all our students and their families for continuing to support both studios and to our teachers and staff for making this all possible. Enjoy the shows!

### 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.



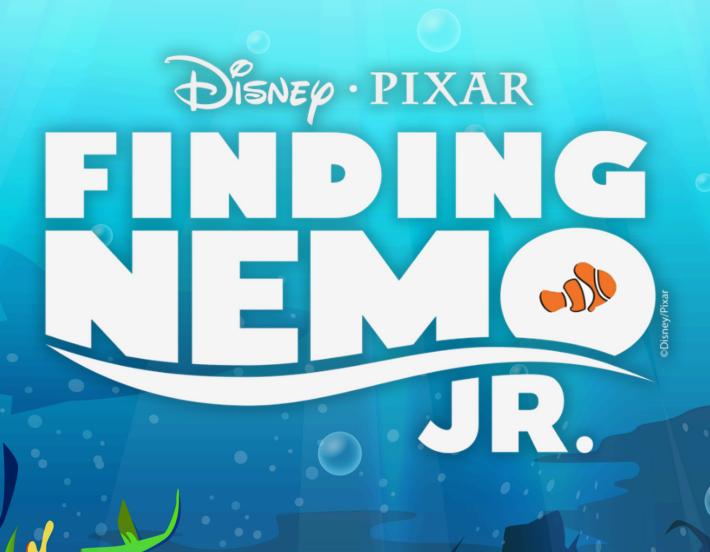




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# Showstoppers Academy's Juniors presents

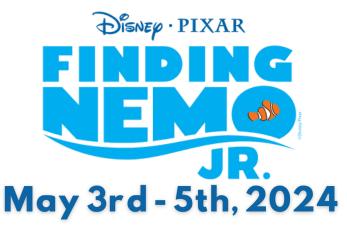


May 9th - 11th, 2024





### Showstopers Academy's Juniors Production of



Book, Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Book Adapted by Lindsay Anderson

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by
Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton



**Teachers:** Sam Judd & Emily Matchette

Teachers' Assistants: Katelynn Schmidt & Gemma Seguin Backstage Crew: Jessica Allen, Jordyn Beyer, Dara Coutler

Co-Owner / Artistic Director: Chad Matchette
Co-Owner / Studio Administrator: Erin Matchette

Costume Designer: Megan Wiebe

Costume Team: Alex Godlewski, Kelsey Tierney, & Emily Matchette

Painters: Sydney Belich, Jordan Stasuk, & Dan Wiebe

Program Design: Emily Matchette

Props Managers: Brontë Gooselaw, Elisabeth Pollock, & Sophia Pollock

**Set Design:** Dan Wiebe

Set Construction: John Bradbury, Rob Newington, 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 Finding Nemo JR.

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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# **CAST**

### **Juniors A**

Marlin Isla Fisher

**Dory** Kayleigh Beck

Nemo Jonah Cruz

Prof. Ray / Vacationer Emily Vandebeek

Sheldon / Squirt Caelin Shin

Pearl Sophia Robson

Tad Helen McGhee

Sheldon's Parent Avery Peternell

Pearl's Parent Aneesa Fakim

**Tad's Parent** Alicia Mariah Albuqurque Baessa

**Bruce** Samantha VanSchagen

**Chum** Charlotte Mosher

**Anchor** Della Rowland

Gill Cassidy Wood

**Peach** Penny Sehn

**Bloat** Matteo Masi

Gurgle Yulia Leytsus

**Bubbles** Angela Schroers

Nigel Sophie Payton-Smith

Crush Isla Fuller

**Breeze** Olivia Wild

**Kai** Brooke Barclay

Coral Niyah Kaburia

**Ensemble** Mikenna Kok

Moonfish 1 Nora Rosenlund

Moonfish 2 Violet Dea

Moonfish 3 Maya Wilson

Moonfish 4 Parker Matlock

Moonfish 5 Nice Nakkas

Moonfish 6 Sophie O'Hara

Moonfish 7 Sydney Belich

Moonfish 8 Ellie Rich

### **Juniors B**

Kalea McDonald

Amber Moreno

Royah Shams

Abigail Shaw

Ella Van Sickle

**Emilia Cutler** 

Jillian Oakley

Olivia Carvalho

Amelia Dea

Duma Ma

Kwynn Atkins

Piper Roberts

Caylea Smith

Cianna Bartak

Kara Carson

Ella Jin

Adrianna Duncan

Kaia Labunski

Alabama Hodgins

Autumn Anzinger

Maya Nilsson-Carleton

Keziah Dunbar

Niyah Kaburia

Mikenna Kok

Nora Rosenlund

Violet Dea

Maya Wilson

Parker Matlock

Nice Nakkas

Sophie O'Hara

Sydney Belich

Ellie Rich

### Juniors A Shows

Thursday, May 9 at 11:00am Friday, May 10 at 7:00pm

### Juniors B Shows

Friday, May 10 at 11:00am Saturday, May 11 at 7:00pm

### **MUSICAL NUMBERS**

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Prologue Big Blue World (Part 1) Big Blue World (Part 2) Abduction/Big Blue World (Reprise) Dory's Ditty Fish Are Friends Not Food Where's My Dad We Swim Together Just Keep Swimming (Part 1) Just Keep Swimming (Part 2) Not My Dad Go With The Flow One Dedicated Father That's My Dad We Swim Together (Reprise) Just Keep Swimming Together Finale Part 1 Finale Part 2 Bows

### SPECIAL THANKS

We'd love to thank the following people for all the amazing work they do to make our shows look so good!!

- -John Bradbury, Rob Newington, & Dan Wiebe for the spectacular sets!
- -Miss Megan & our brilliant costume team!
- -Jan and Ian Ballard for fantastic wigs!
- -The ACT technicians for their hard work
- -Jen Philip for the volunteer coordination
- -Our amazing TA's for the incredible props and endless support!!
- -Miss Jess for the beautiful pictures
- -Miss Jordyn and Miss Dara, and all of our backstage helpers!! Students, parents, previous alum; all who came to help!
- -Mr Chad & Miss Erin for everything you do
- -Lastly, our beautiful students for giving their all this year... we are so proud of you! Miss Sam & Miss Emily



### ALICIA MARIAH ALBUQUERQUE BAESSA

Alicia was born in Brazil and came to Canada when she was four. She brought all the Brazilian passion for music and dance and that's why she joined the Showstoppers Academy. She is studying at Kanaka Creek Elementary, where she was selected to participate at the annual talent show singing Roar. Last year, she participated in *King of New York* in Mission and, in 2022, she was in *The Little Mermaid*. Alicia would like to thank all her family and Showstoppers team for the help and support on this journey. Enjoy the show and have fun!

### **BROOKE BARCLAY**

This is Brooke's first year in Showstoppers and she is loving it! Brooke was born in Maple Ridge, is eleven years old, and loves all animals. She hopes you enjoy the





### **KAYLEIGH BECK**

Kayleigh entered the dance scene at six years old when she started Broadway dance. She is currently training hip hop dance at Mellado and trains musical theatre at Showstoppers. Kayleigh has been in some amazing shows such as Beauty and The Beast Jr and High School Musical Jr. Aside from dancing, Kayleigh plays basketball, is a competitive Jiu jitsu practitioner, and she loves traveling the world with her family. Kayleigh thanks all of her teachers, cast mates, and her parents for always supporting her. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

### **JONAH CRUZ**

Jonah has enjoyed being a part of Showstoppers Academy for a few years now. He started off as chorus for *The Little Mermaid Jr*, then as Young Simba in *The Lion King Jr*, and currently he is excited to be in the role of Nemo. Besides musical theatre, Jonah enjoys playing pickleball, tennis, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee. His hobbies include building legos, watching movies, reading, and learning new yoyo tricks. He also volunteers as a teacher helper during Sunday school. Jonah appreciates all the great teachers at Showstoppers for their dedication in making sure the kids put on a good performance and more importantly to have fun. He hopes you all have a good time at the show!





### **ANEESA FAKIM**

This is Aneesa's 4th year attending Showstoppers Academy. Her favourite past roles include playing Lily & Bundles in *Annie Jr*. This year, she looks forward to playing Pearl's Parent in *Finding Nemo Jr*. Outside of musical theatre, Aneesa enjoys playing soccer, discovering new music, traveling, and spending time with friends. She would like to thank her teachers for their guidance this year and her parents and sisters for their support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **ISLA FISHER**

Isla has been performing with Showstoppers Academy since she was five years old. She's loved playing different roles throughout her time in musical theatre with some of her favorite roles being Melman in Madacascar Jr and Pumba in The Lion King Jr. Besides musical theatre, Isla is in singing lessons, plays soccer and basketball. Isla would like to thank her family especially her mom for all her support and helping her practice her role. She would also like to thank her amazing teachers at Showstopppers who have helped her become the performer she is. She hope you all enjoy the show!





### **ISLA FULLER**

Isla is thrilled to be playing Crush in this years production of *Finding Nemo Jr*! This is Isla's fifth year with Showstoppers. Her past credits include Bagheera in *The Jungle Book Kids*, Molly in *Annie Jr* and Adella in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. She would like to thank her friends and family as well as her Showstoppers instructors for all of their support. Thank you and she hopes you enjoy the show!

### **MIKENNA KOK**

Mikenna is a grade 5 student at Websters Corners Elementary. This is Mikenna's first year with the Lindbjerg Academy. She joined the academy late last year after sustaining a broken foot while playing soccer. Mikenna was heartbroken and eager to find a new activity to fill her time. Now, after only a short period of time, Mikenna is excited and proud to be part of the cast of *Finding Nemo Jr* and looking forward to her first time on stage. Mikenna would like to thank her teachers for their kindness and her family for their encouragement with this new endeavor.





### YULIA LEYTSUS

Yulia is very fun, kind, and thoughtful girl. In her 5th grade at C'usqunela elementary school, she is doing pretty well. She is curious, and successfully participating in skating, taekwondo, piano, and singing classes. Moreover, Yulia started attending Showstoppers Academy only two years, and she is happy to be a part of it. During this time, her small roles grew to big ones, and today she will be playing Gurgle in *Finding Nemo Jr*. Yulia is very thankful to the Showstoppers family for their support, patience, so much fun every Monday and for giving her more confidence. As of future, she hopes to have even bigger roles.

### **MATTEO MASI**

This is Matteo's first year with Showstoppers and he is excited to be in his first production with everyone. Matteo's past roles include: The Genie in Aladdin Jr, The Wizard in The Wizard of Oz and Matthew in The Sibling Diaries. Matteo loves music and would like to thank his Baba for introducing him to piano. In his spare time, Matteo enjoys reading, writing, and graphic design. Matteo would like to thank his Mom and Dad for supporting him no matter what and his Granny for driving him to all his lessons.





### **HELEN MCGHEE**

Helen has been in Showstoppers for two years and her favourite role has been Tad in *Finding Nemo Jr.* She was also in *Annie* last year. When Helen isn't at Showstoppers, she like to just chill out at her house. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **CHARLOTTE MOSHER**

Charlotte has been in Showstoppers for four years now, her favourite role was Chad from *High School Musical Jr*. She plays Division 2 soccer and plays volleyball in her free time. She are thankful for her parents and grandparents for encouraging her to try Showstoppers which is now one of her favourite activities. Charlottes favourite things to do are soccer, volleyball, theatre, jazz, and art. She hopes one day to be a professional soccer player or an actor and/or songwriter.





### SOPHIE PAYTON-SMITH

This is Sophie's Showstoppers Debut. Sophie has danced since the age of three with a focus on jazz, ballet, and tap. Sophie also enjoys badminton, gymnastics, and crochet. Sophie would like to thank her awesome teachers for their hard work and support and her mom and grandma for driving her to and from rehearsals. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **AVERY PETERNELL**

Avery developed her love of theatre and stage performance early on and has trained in dance, piano, and theatre. She has a passion for drawing, presenting, reading, and writing, and aspires to be a bestselling author one day! This is her 1st year with Showstoppers Academy and is thrilled to be a part of the *Finding Nemo Jr* cast who have worked so hard all year in preparation for their performance. She looks forward to many years ahead of musical theatre. Enjoy the show!





### SOPHIA ROBSON

Sophia is enjoying her second year at Showstoppers Academy. She lives in Maple Ridge and is in Grade 4 at Harry Hooge Elementary. Sophia has taken dance lessons since she was three years old, including ballet, jazz, and hip hop. She has a passion for music and would love to be a composer one day! Sophia also enjoys spending time with her friends, swimming, gymnastics, reading, and taking her puppy on adventures. Sophia would like to thank her musical theatre teachers for their encouragement, and her family for all their support. Sophia is so excited to be here today, and hopes that you enjoy the show!

### **DELLA ROWLAND**

Della Rowland's hometown is Maple Ridge and currently attends Laity View Elementary School. This is Della's second year at Showstoppers. Last year, Della played Troy Bolton in High School Musical Jr, which she enjoyed very much. Della had previously belonged to Peggy Peats Dance Studio and danced for six years. Della also studies piano at Bergthorson Academy of Musical Arts. Besides Showstoppers, Della also enjoys fastpitch softball and plays for the Ridge Meadows Pride 2012B team. A big shout out to Della's teachers for coaching and mentoring her throughout the year. Thanks to her parents and her carpooling buddy for their support and making sure Della arrived at all her practices. Enjoy the show!!





### **ANGELA SCHROERS**

Angela Schroers started her Valley when she was five years old. She continued to jazz, piano, guitar, and merge her interests to musical theatre. She also started her fashion in modelling Feb. 2022 @ Toronto Kids Fashion Week and attended fashion shows US- Canada. She also mixed her fashion to acting at Vancouver Young Actors School and no plays background roles in the series "When Calls The Heart". Angela enjoys meeting people in her theater, modelling and acting. She's grateful for her supportive parents and brothers and all her teachers who guide her.

### **PENNY SEHN**

This is Penny's first year at Showstoppers, and she is very excited to be playing Peach in *Finding Nemo Jr*. Outside of musical theatre, Penny also loves art and swimming, and is part of her school choir. Penny would like to thank her amazing teachers for all their help and support, and of course her parents for both signing her up and driving her to practices. Enjoy the show!





### **CAELIN SHIN**

Caelin is new to the Showstoppers Academy and this is her first show! She is honoured to be part of the production and for her roles as Sheldon and Squirt in Finding Nemo Jr. When she isn't singing and dancing, she is passionate about swimming, soccer, art, and creative writing. Caelin is excited to be part of this production and is grateful to her teachers and family for their hard work and support. Enjoy the show!

### **EMILY VANDEBEEK**

Emily's love for musical theatre runs deep and she has been enjoying the opportunity to perform with Showstoppers for five years now. Emily has been in six musicals and looks forward to adding *Finding Nemo Jr* to her list. She is excited to play Professor Ray. She is very grateful to all her teachers at Showstoppers for all their support and for her family who encourages her everyday to shine bright like the star she is. Enjoy the show!





### SAMANTHA VANSCHAGEN

Samantha has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for seven years. Her favourite roles have been Mowgli in *The Jungle Book Kids*, Molly in *Annie Kids*, and Drum Major in *High School Musical Jr*. She enjoys reading, soccer, playing recorder, and the outdoors. Samantha is very thankful to her amazing teachers for their hard work and encouragement and her parents for always inspiring her to try her best. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **OLIVIA WILD**

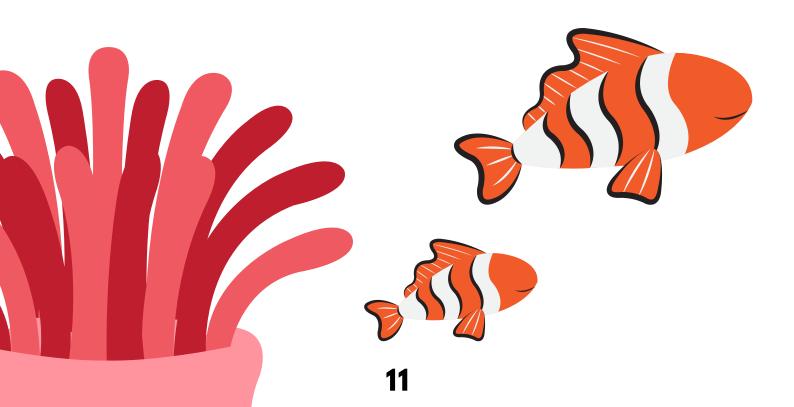
Olívia Wild has been a student at Showstoppers Academy since she was five years old. Her favourite role was Ms. Tenny in High School Musical Jr. Besides musical theatre, Olivia has a passion for horses, nature, and animals in general. Olivia would like to thank her teachers for their support and hard work and her parents for providing the opportunity to be part of this theatre community, and for driving her to and from rehearsals. She hopes you sit back and enjoy the show!





### **CASSIDY WOOD**

Born and raised in Maple Ridge, Cassidy attends Yennadon Elementary, where she's in the choir and played Linus in *Charlie Brown's Christmas*. Cassidy enjoys dancing and singing, and is teaching herself to play the piano. *Finding Nemo Jr* is her second production with Showstoppers, after playing Ryan in *High School Musical Jr* last year. Cassidy would like to thank her parents, her fourth-grade teacher Mrs. Matthew who got her into acting, her school music teacher Mrs. Escutea, and her Showstoppers Directors for another wonderful year so far and looks forward to being in many more shows!





### **AUTUMN ANZINGER**

Autumn has been a student with Showstoppers since she was five years old. Her most memorable roles have been Rafiki in *The Lion King Jr* and Tesse/Star to Be in *Annie Jr*. This is her first year taking jazz and vocal lessons with Showstoppers. She is very grateful for all the training and support her teachers have provided to her and she is extremely excited for herself and her classmates to have the opportunity to showcase their hard work and talent for everyone to enjoy.

### **KWYNN ATKINS**

Kwynn has been at Showstoppers for six years now. Her most memorable parts have been Rafiki in *The Lion king Jr*, Grace in *Annie Jr* and Cyndra in *High School Musical Jr*. On her free time Kwynn rides horses, reads, does art, and plays with her friends. She takes jazz lessons at Showstoppers every Thursday. Kwynn can't wait for you all to see how hard her and her classmates have been working to make Finding Nemo Jr perfect. See you at the show!





### **CIANNA BARTAK**

Cianna has been at Showstoppers since kindergarten. Her favourite role has been Alex in *Madagascar Jr*. Cianna also enjoys violen and k-pop. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### SYDNEY BELICH

Sydney absolutely LOVES being part of the Showstoppers Academy family and has been in three performances, loving every minute of it all! When Sydney is not singing and dancing on stage, she is singing and dancing everywhere else! Sydney also enjoys being outdoors, rollerblading, hanging out with her friends and cows! Sydney is also a huge fan of Irish signer Dermot Kennedy and listens to his music all the time! Sydney would like to thank her awesome Showstoppers teachers, and her Mom and big sister for encouraging and supporting her to follow her dreams! Sydney hopes you enjoy the show!





### KARA CARSON

Kara has been at Showstoppers since she was three years old! She enjoys theatre very much and her favourite role has been Annie in *Annie Jr.* Outside of Showstoppers, she takes tap, ballet, and other dance classes. Please enjoy the show!

### **OLIVIA CARVALHO**

Olivia has been in Showstoppers for seven years now. Her favourite role was Mowgli in *The Jungle Book Kids*. Other than musical theatre Olivia enjoys basketball, drawing, and hanging out with friends. Olivia would like to thank her amazing teachers for all their hard work and her parents for supporting her and driving her to and from every show and rehearsal.





### **EMILIA CUTLER**

Emilia discovered her passion for music and acting at the age of three, and is very excited to continue with her love of the performing arts by playing the role of Pearl in Finding Nemo Jr this year. Last year, Emilia took part in Showstoppers' A Year with Frog and Toad Kids with a leading role as Frog. She would like to thank her parents and aunty for helping her practice and supporting her through her musical journey. She would also like to thank her grandparents, uncle, aunty, brothers and parents for coming to all of her shows. Please enjoy the show!

### **AMELIA DEA**

This is Amelia's second year of Showstoppers. Amelia likes ice skating and soccer and is in grade 6 at the environment school. Amelia would like to thank her teachers.





### **VIOLET DEA**

Violet likes soccer, art, painting, and riding horses. She has been in Showstoppers for one year. Thank you to her parents, her nanny, and her grandparents.

### **KEZIAH DUNBAR**

Keziah attends French Immersion at Maple Ridge Elementary School. She has been a student with Showstoppers Academy for four years, takes singing lessons, tap, jazz, and has enjoyed previous roles in *Once on this Island Jr, Beauty and the Beast Jr, High School Musical Jr* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Jr.* Keziah started musical theatre at age five and has loved it ever since. When not singing and dancing, Keziah loves practicing swimming, water polo, taekwondo, and using her creativity to spread joy. Keziah would like to thank her talented teachers and all the adults in her life that support her dreams.





### **ADRIANNA DUNCAN**

Adrianna fell in love with music theatre when she was five years old and had attended a few Showstoppers performances. From there, Adrianna has had fun swimming with Ariel, dancing/singing in *The Jungle Book Kids* and *Madagascar Jr*, enjoyed being Molly in *Annie Jr* and "cheered her heart out" in last year's *High School Musical Jr*. Adrianna also enjoys gymnastics, tumbling, trampoline, and spends many hours with her horses, Betty and Memphis; who have all started jumping gates this past fall. Music theatre inspires Adrianna to be creative and focussed, in all aspects of her activities and her schooling. Her YouTube dancing is much improved as well; all thanks to Showstoppers!!!

### **ALABAMA HODGINS**

Alabama has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for five years. Alabama is excited to be in *Finding Nemo Jr.* Some of her favourite musicals she's been involved in were *High School Musical Jr, Annie Jr,* and *The Jungle Book Kids.* In addition to musical theatre, Alabama is involved in tap classes, and takes classes at the Vancouver Young Actors School to support her acting ambitions! In her free time, she enjoys swimming, drawing, and reading. Alabama would like to thank her teachers, and her loving parents for the support and assistance along the way. She hopes you enjoy the show!





### **ELLA JIN**

Ella jas been at Showstoppers for three years. Past shows include *High School Musical Jr* and *The Lion King Jr*. She is very excited to be in *Finding Nemo Jr* this year and hopes you enjoy the show!

### **NIYAHKABURIA**

This is Niyah's fourth year with Showstoppers and her second year in Juniors. Niyah has been playing piano since she was five years old. She also enjoys reading, drawing, baking, and sculpting (her latest creation is a town of clay mushroom gnomes). Niyah would like to thank her Showstoppers teachers and her parents for their support (and she would like to remind her parents that she wants a puppy!).





### KAIA LABUNSKI

This is Kaia's second year at Showstoppers Academy. She really enjoyed playing Coach Bolton in last year's production of *High School Musical Jr*. Kaia was born in Maple Ridge and attends Maple Ridge Christian School. Outside of theatre, Kaia really enjoys art, reading and spending time with her friends. 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!

### **DUMA MA**

Duma Ma is very excited to be a part of Finding Nemo Jr. Duma is in Grade 4 and has passion for Musicals. He has participated in Sound of Music, Annie Jr, Newsies, and A Year with Frog and Toad Kids. His favorite role is Turtle in A Year with Frog and Toad Kids. Duma also enjoys playing piano, drawing, swimming and playing basketball. Duma would like to thank all his teachers and the team for their support and hard work.





### **PARKER MATLOCK**

Parker is in her 2nd year at Showstoppers and loves being on stage where she can indulge her passion for singing and acting. She also excels at visual/craft arts and has taught herself how to crochet and build multi-media cosplay masks. Outside of her creative pursuits, Parker enjoys nature through camping, Girl Guides activities, and attending horseback riding camps. She is also in her fourth year in ice hockey and soccer. Parker is excited to share *Finding Nemo Jr* with her family, teachers, and cast-mates, who she thanks for their support throughout the season!

### **KALEA MCDONALD**

Kalea has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for six years and is in grade 5 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 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 is thrilled to play Marlin and hopes you enjoy the show!





### AMBER MORENO

This is Amber's third year with Showstoppers, having previously enjoyed being Zazu in *The Lion King Jr* and a cheerleader in *High School Musical Jr*. Besides musical theatre, Amber also loves circus school and art. She would like to thank her theatre teachers and parents for supporting her creative journey.

### **NICE NAKKAS**

Nice is currently in her second year at Showstoppers and is thrilled to be a part of Finding Nemo Jr. She was born in Dubai, UAE, and is now a fifth grader attending James Kennedy Elementary. Nice has previously participated in High School Musical Jr, and has taken classes for singing and jazz. In her free time, she enjoys doing gymnastics, playing tennis, and spending time with her cat. Nice would like to express her heartfelt gratitude to her family, and instructors for their unwavering support and guidance. She hopes you enjoy the show!





### MAYANILSSON-CARLETON

Maya is in her second year of Showstoppers, and is really enjoying developing her skills in musical theatre. She has previously performed as Kathy in *High School Musical Jr*, and is looking forward to her role as Breeze in *Finding Nemo Jr*. Outside of Showstoppers, Maya takes lyrical dance and private singing lessons. In her spare time she enjoys indoor rock climbing, reading, writing and solving any kind of puzzle! She wants to thank all her wonderful teachers, and she hopes you enjoy the show!

### **SOPHIE O'HARA**

Sophie has been taking musical theatre at Showstoppers Academy for two years now. Sophie played the role of Gabriella in *High School Musical Jr*, as well as Mrs. Bucket is *Willy Wonka Jr*, and Sina in *Moana Jr*. Sophie is also a member of Glee Choir at Lindbjerg Academy and has had the privilege of performing on stage at the PNE in 2023 and this Spring at Disney's California Adventure. In her spare time Sophie loves to read, write, draw, and craft. Sophie is thankful for all her teachers and her parents' support. She hopes you enjoy the show.





### **JILLIAN OAKLEY**

This is Jillian's first year with Showstoppers, and she is performing the role of Tad in Finding Nemo Jr. Jillian has always loved being on stage, singing and dancing in groups, but she has really caught the acting bug since joining Showstoppers Academy. She has learnt so much from her teachers and fellow performers, and is excited to grow her experience in the world of performing arts.

### **ELLIE RICH**

Ellie is now in her fourth year as student at Showstoppers Academy and is very excited to perform this year as part of Juniors. Ellie is very active and, when she is not singing and dancing, she is working on her gymnastics, jumping on the trampoline, riding her bike, or in the water swimming. In the rare occasion that you see her sitting or lying down, you would probably find her reading. Ellie would like to thank all the teachers and volunteers for their hard work to bring this years show to life, as well, for making Showstoppers the wonderful and enjoyable place that it is. Ellie hopes you have fun and enjoy the show!!





### PIPER ROBERTS

Piper is currently in Grade 5. Her favourite subject is writing, art and science. Piper has been a student at Showstoppers Academy since 2020. Piper has performed in *Madagascar Jr, The Lion King Jr, Annie Jr* and *High School Musical Jr*. Piper also enjoys dancing and is currently in jazz. Piper's hobbies are, singing, makeup, spending time with friends, and outdoor activities. Piper loves being apart of the Showstoppers family. She would like to thank her teachers for their patience and kindness and her fellow cast mates for always being there for her and making every performance fun and memorable. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **NORA ROSENLUND**

Nora is a grade four French immersion student at Pitt Meadows Elementary. This is her first year with Showstoppers Academy and she is loving the experience! Nora has previously performed in her school's musical productions as Gretel Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*, Cogsworth in *Beauty and the Beast*, and as Razoul in *Aladdin*. Besides musical theatre, Nora loves to play softball and competitive soccer. Nora 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!





### **ROYAH SHAMS**

Royah Shams is thrilled playing the role of Nemo in *Finding Nemo Jr.* She has been with Showstoppers Academy for five years. Most recently she performed as Ryan Evans in *High School Musical Jr*, the leading role in *The Lion King Jr* as Young Simba. She has performed in *Madagascar Jr* and *Annie Jr* as well. Outside of theatre, Royah loves reading, playing soccer, biking, speed swimming, and playing her guitar. Royah would like to thank her wonderful Showstoppers Academy teachers for their guidance and inspiration, her parents for being endlessly supportive and loving, and her little brother for being number one fan. She hopes you enjoy the show!



### **CAYLEA SMITH**

Caylea is so excited to be in Finding Nemo Jr this year! Past shows include *High School Musical Jr* and *Annie Kids*. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### **ELLA VAN SICKLE**

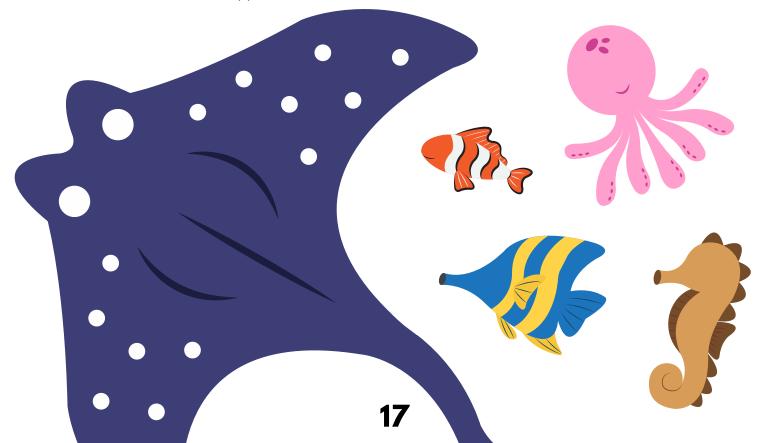
This is Ella's second year of Showstoppers Academy. She has previously performed with the Stage Stars as Mouse in A Year with Frog and Toad Kids. Besides musical theatre, Ella enjoys playing the piano, dabbling with the ukulele, raiding the recycling bin for all kinds of crafts and using up every square inch of tape in the house, hiking with her family, laughing with friends, and curling up with a good book. Ella would like to thank her Showstoppers teachers for all their dedication, Ms. Susan for feeding her yummy snacks and getting her to her rehearsals, and her parents for encouraging her to keep going, even when it's hard.





### **MAYA WILSON**

Maya has been dancing since she was three and has been a student of Showstoppers since she was six years old. She has studied jazz, tap, ballet and hip hop. Maya is a Grade 6 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 one cat. She would like to thank her mom and dad for supporting all of her interests and all the teachers at Showstoppers. She wishes all her cast mates all the best.



# **TEACHING TEAM**



# **SAM JUDD**Teacher / Studio Manager

Miss Sam has been teaching at Showstoppers for 12 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

Calling the Lindbjerg Academy home since 2009, Emily has been so thrilled since joining the Showstoppers family last year. They are 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 six production classes between both studios, are a part of the costume team, and run the Lindbjerg website and social media accounts. Select performing credits: Lefou in Beauty and the Beast (Align Ent), 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 Lindbjerg/Showstoppers, teaching credits include: Matilda Jr, Madagascar Jr, Frog and Toad Kids, Shrek Jr, Honk Jr, and Frozen Jr. Other choreographer/director credits: Peter Pan Jr (CTORA), Cinderella YE (CTORA), and American Idiot (URP - Ovation Nomination for Best Choreography). Upcoming: Winnie the Pooh Kids (Lindbjerg).



# KATELYNN SCHMIDT Teachers' Assistant

Katelynn has been a TA at Showstoppers Academy since 2022 and has enjoyed every second of it. Previously, she helped with the Stage Stars production of *Frog and Toad Kids*. She loves having the opportunity to work with such talented kids and be a part of helping them grow. Currently, she teaches three classes at Showstoppers, including Junior Jazz, Junior Tap, and Juniors B. She is so proud of how much work her kids have put into this show and cannot wait for you to see it!

### GEMMA SEGUIN Teachers' Assistant

This is Gemma's eighth year in Showstoppers, first year as a TA, and she is very excited to help the magic come to life! Outside of Showstoppers, she has volunteered as a TA for community theatre camps and she loves working with kids. A few of her past roles with Showstoppers include Olaf in *Frozen Jr*, Asaka in *Once on this Island Jr*, and Pugsley in *The Addams Family YE*. She's very grateful for the opportunity to help kids and she hopes you enjoy the show!



# Showstoppers Academy's Seniors presents



May 9th - 11th, 2024





### Showstoppers Academy's Seniors



Music by ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD ASHMAN and GLENN SLATER

### Book by DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

### Music Adapted and Arranged by David Weinstein

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Teachers: Jordyn Elizabeth Beyer & Emily Matchette

Teachers' Assistants: Madysen Osborne-Babiuk & Ellie Ramsay

Backstage Crew: Sam Judd, Jessica Allen, Dara Coulter

Co-Owner / Artistic Director: Chad Matchette

Co-Owner / Studio Administrator: Erin Matchette

Costume Designer: Emily Matchette

Costume Team: Alex Godlewski, Kelsey Tierney, & Megan Wiebe

Select Costumes by: Jordan Chambers & Evan Halex

Head Painter: Jordan Stasuk

Program Design: Emily Matchette

Props Managers: Brontë Gooselaw, Elisabeth Pollock, & Sophia Pollock

Set Design: Dan Wiebe

Set Construction: John Bradbury, Rob Newington, Dan Wiebe

Volunteer Coordinator: Jodi Kaldestad

Wigs & Makeup: Jan & Ian Ballard

The ACT Arts Centre Technical Director: Shadoe Reisler

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

Veltin

Disney's The Little Mermaid JR.
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# **CAST**

### Cast A "Fishy Business"

Ariel Gabriella Wild

Prince Eric Tucker Vincent Aulando-Leffler Vanessa VanShagen

Sebastian Connor Mosher

Flounder Ella Legget

**King Triton** Duncan Lockhart

Ursula Sarah Foss

Flotsam Emily Van de Kerkhof

Jetsam Myah Mahon **Grimsby** Brielle Neil

**Scuttle** Nathan Wellington

Chef Louis / Sailor / Gull Marah Harris

Allana / Princess Camryn Boyes

Aquata / Princess Isabella Jeffery

Arista / Princess Kalista DeGroot

Adella / Princess Saige Moreno

Andrina / Princess Hannah Wellington

Atina / Princess Elyse Gullmes

Pilot / Gull 1 / Chef Morgan Jones

Sailor / Gull 2 / Chef Emery Depourcq

Sailor / Gull 3 / Chef Zoe Francisco

Sailor / Gull / Chef Kenzie Wedd

Sailor / Gull / Chef Lee Jordan

**Ensemble** Rayne Saunders

### Cast B "Crustacean Nation"

Danika Bailey

Tianna Bailey

Emma Peng

James Ngayawon

Sarah Foss

Isabella Murray

Finley Robertson

Bijan Salimian

Kenzie Wedd

Lee Jordan

Gigi Wall

Kalia Mesto

Aya Fakim

Kyla Inkster

Malina Foss

Erin Donkersloot

Morgan Jones

**Emery Depourcq** 

Zoe Francisco

Nathan Wellington

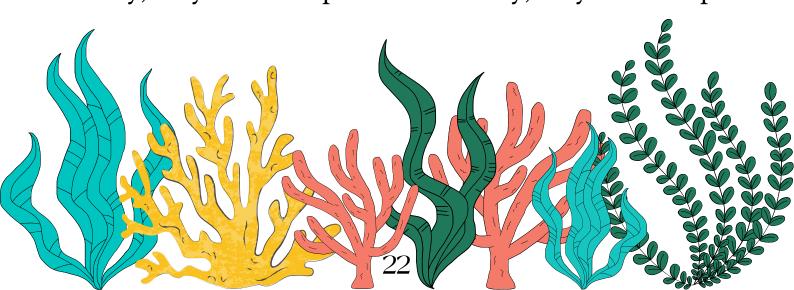
Marah Harris

Rayne Saunders

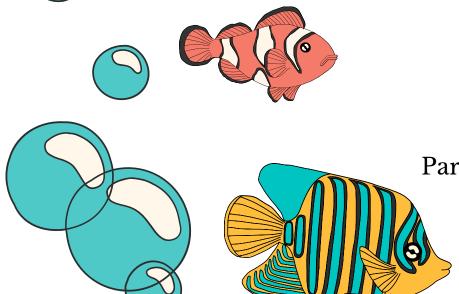
Thursday, May 9 at 11:00am Friday, May 10 at 7:00pm

### Fishy Business Shows Crustacean Nation Shows

Friday, May 10 at 11:00am Saturday, May 11 at 7:00pm







Fathoms Below
Daughters of Triton
Human Stuff
Part of Your World
Under the Sea
The Storm
Part of Your World Reprise
She's in Love
Poor Unfortunate Souls
Les Poissons
One Step Closer
Kiss the Girl
The Contest

THANK YOU! -Miss Emily and Miss Jordyn

Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)
Confrontation / Whirlpool
Human Again
Part of Your World (Finale)

### 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, John Bradbury, and Rob Newington 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 beautiful, we can not thank you enough for your creativity and incredible work on this wig/makeup heavy show. Thank you to the costume team, Miss Kelsey, Miss Megan, and Miss Alex for your endless support with the many, many, magical costumes. To our TAs, Miss Ellie and Miss Mady, thank you for your dedication and work for this class and show. Your work choreographing "One Step Closer" is wonderful and appreciated so much. To Jen Phillip for coordinating many many volunteers. Thank you to all of our backstage helpers -Miss Jess, Miss Dara, Miss Kelsey, other students, parents, alumi! You're amazing!! To Miss Sam, for absolutely everything you do for Showstoppers and each and every student. A thank you to Mr Chad and Miss 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. You have all grown so much this year and we could not be prouder. To all of you and to anyone we may have missed,

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#### TUCKER VINCENT AULANDO-LEFFLER

Tucker Aulando-Leffler is in his first official year at Showstoppers Academy. After having professional training in music, he has taken up theatre as a way to extend his preforming abilities. He has participated in the Showstoppers Summer Camp production of *Beetlejuice: The Musical*, and has participated in numerous musical showcases with Garibaldi Secondary School. He is excited to show off the hard work that has been put into this show, and would like to thank his friends and family for supporting him.

### **CAMRYN BOYES**

Camryn has been in Showstoppers for eight years and has been in spast shows such as *Once On this Island Jr* and *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. She is so excited for this year's show and more to come!





### KALI DEGROOT

Kali has been in Showstoppers for five years. Past shows include *Once On This Island Jr*, *Beauty and the Beast Jr*, and *Shrek the Musical Jr*. Her favourite role has been the Beast in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### EMERY DEPOURCQ

This is Emery's third year at Showstoppers. She goes to Kanaka Creek Elementary and was in *High School Musical Jr* last year.





**ZOË FRANCISCO** 

Zoë is in her first year of Showstoppers, as she was born in Bangkok, Thailand and lived overseas until 2022. She is in eighth grade at Westview Secondary School. She played the lead child-role as Dread Pirate Roberts in *Unsleeping Beauty*, a pantomime production with The Phnom Penh Players (Phnom Penh, Cambodia). She has been part of the ensemble of *Aladdin Jr* and *Cats Jr* (Northbridge International School, Cambodia), along with the *Matilda Jr* summer camp last year (Lindberg Academy). She is nervous to act in the roles of Gull 3, Ensemble Chef and Ensemble Sailor in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. She would like to thank her awesome friends and her teachers for putting up with them every Monday night.

### **ELYSE GULLMES**

Elyse has been a student at Showstoppers for six years. Her 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 downhill skiing. Elyse would like to thank her fellow cast mates for their dedication and her brilliant teachers for their hard work.





**MARAH HARRIS** 

Marah Harris was born in 2009 and has been doing musical theatre for eight and a half years. Some of her previous roles include a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*, and the Wicked Witch in *Shrek Jr*. She also took singing lessons for a year and a half, and has been in multiple acting shows and projects. She would like to thank her castmates and teachers for their love and support throughout the show-making process.

**ISABELLA JEFFERY** 

Isabella has loved her time at Showstoppers. This will be her 10th show with many more to come. She enjoys singing lessons in her spare time and some of her favourite roles have included Melman the Giraffe in *Madagascar Jr* and Asaka in *Once on This Island Jr*. Isabella would like to thank her teachers and her parents for driving her to rehearsals.





**MORGAN JONES** 

Morgan is so happy to be back on stage with Showstoppers Academy for her fourth year. Some of Morgan's favourite past roles include Molly in *Annie Jr* and Kowalski in *Madagascar Jr*. Morgan has eight years of dance training and is currently taking hip hop and jazz. When Morgan isn't singing or dancing, you can find her drawing, crocheting, or hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her family for their love and support, and her teachers for their guidance. Morgan hopes you enjoy the show!

LEE JORDAN

Lee is very excited to be spending another year with Showstoppers. He's enjoyed all the roles he's been given, but his favourite has been Lord Farquaad in *Shrek the Musical Jr*. Lee is also participating in a student production of *The Lightning Thief* as Percy Jackson at Garibaldi Secondary. He would like to thank all the Showstoppers teachers who taught him over the years, for the skills and confidence, and his friends, for performing with him. Enjoy the show!





### **ELLA LEGGETT**

Ella has been a member of Showstoppers Academy for over ten years, since she was four years old. Ella's favourite roles have been Annie in *Annie Jr*, Marty in *Madagascar Jr*, and Flounder 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. She wants to thank her parents for driving her to rehearsals. She hopes you enjoy the show.

#### **DUNCAN LOCKHART**

Duncan is in his second year at Showstoppers, with his first role being Pinnochio in *Shrek the Musical Jr*. Duncan would liek to thank his sisters, parents, friends, and teachers for the opportunity to be here for *The Little Mermaid Jr*.





### **MYAH MAHON**

Myah has been preforming in dance since the age of four and theatre since the age of ten. Myah is a member of Showstoppers Academy, as well as Garibaldi IA Academy and SRT drama. Her favorite roles with Showstoppers have been Hei Hei in *Moana Jr*, Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*, and Fiona in *Shrek Jr*. Myah is excited to be playing Jetsam in *The Little Mermaid Jr* and has enjoyed the challenge it has brought. She is thankful for her friends and family, teachers and cast members at Showstoppers for encouraging her to step out of her comfort zone and giving her all the support she needed to get to where she is now.

### SAIGE MORENO

This is Saige's debut with Showstoppers. She previously appeared in *High School Musical* with Stagecoach in Coquitlam. She enjoys acting, singing, dancing, swimming and caring for animals. Saige loves her work as the munchkin wrangler (official title) for junior grades while attending the environmental school in Maple Ridge. She is grateful for the opportunity to learn from Showstopper's amazing instructors.





### **CONNOR MOSHER**

Connor Mosher has been with Showstoppers for 11 years now, performing in shows like *The Lion King Jr* and *Beauty & The Beast Jr*, his favourite role being Asaka in *Once On This Island Jr*. Connor won the Showstoppers Citizenship Award in 2023, for his kindness towards others in his cast. Connor would like to thank his friends and family for supporting him, Miss Nicole for helping him get this far, and all of the current teachers at Showstoppers Academy for helping to put on this amazing show!

### **BRIELLE NEIL**

Brielle Neil has been performing with Showstopers since 2020. She's performed in shows such as *Beauty and the Beast Jr* as Chip and *Shrek the Musical Jr* as Peter Pan. Brielle is very excited to be performing as Grimsby in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. She hopes everyone enjoys the show as mush as she has enjoyed working on it. Brielle would like to thank all her teachers for putting together an amazing show!





### **RAYNE SAUNDERS**

Rayne is a first year student at the Showstoppers Academy, they have really enjoyed getting to know the staff and the rest of the cast. Aside from theatre, Rayne finds joy in expressing their creativity in a wide variety of different ways. They thank their family for the continued love and support. Enjoy the show!

### **EMILY VAN DE KERKHOF**

Emily is excited to play Flotsam in this production of *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Emily has been a student at Showstoppers for the past three years. Emily is 16 years old and is a grade 11 student at Garibaldi Secondary School. Emily's favourite role at Showstoppers was Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast Jr*. In addition to music theatre, Emily enjoys roller skating, digital art, philosophy, 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 with transportation and encouragement. She hopes you have a wonderful time and enjoy the show.





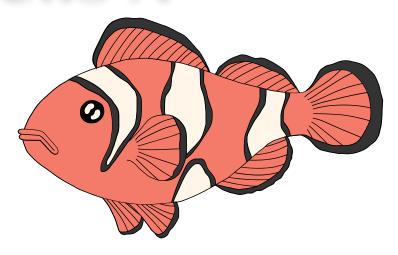
### **KENZIE WEDD**

Kenzie is very excited to play Scuttle in this year's show. She has been at Showstoppers for six years and has loved all of the roles she's played. Kenzie's favourite roles at Showstoppers has been Troy Bolton in *High School Musical Jr*. She would like to thank her teachers and parents for always encouraging her. She hopes you enjoy the show!

### HANNAH WELLINGTON

This is Hannah's second year with Showstoppers and she is very excited to be in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Hannah is a grade 10 student at Pitt Meadows Secondary School where she has been apart of the drama department there since grade 8. Some of Hannah's favourite roles she has played consist of Donkey in *Shrek the Musical Jr*, Damion in *Mean Girls*, Kristof in *Frozen*, and Tanya in *Mamma Mia*. Hannah would like to thank her brother Nathan and the rest of her castmates for always being supportive and encouraging and making this show come life! Hannah hopes you enjoy the show and she is so grateful you came to watch!







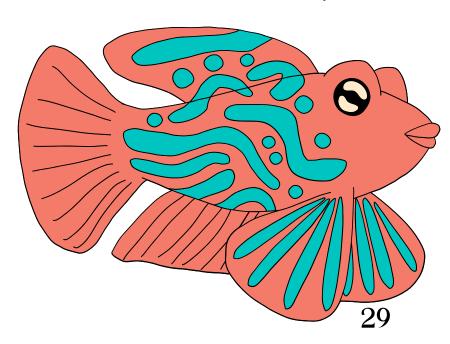
### NATHAN WELLINGTON

Nathan is 15 years old and in grade 10 at Pitt Meadows Secondary. With school, Nathan has done small theatre performances such as monologues and movie trailers. Nathan has been performing for several years, however this is only his second year at Showstoppers. During his first year Nathan played Shrek in *Shrek Jr.* Nathan has played many roles. Some of his favourites are Sam in *Mamma Mia*, Regina George in *Mean Girls*, Olaf in *Frozen* and JoJo in *Seusical*. He would like to thank his sister Hannah and his other castmates for making this experience an amazing one. Nathan is thrilled to bring the role of Scuttle to life, and he hopes you enjoy the performance!

#### **GABRIELLA WILD**

Gabriella Wild has been a student at Showstoppers Academy since she was five years old. Her favourite roles have included Ms. Hannigan in *Annie Jr*, Baloo in *The Jungle Book Kids* and Taylor in *High School Musical Jr*. Besides musical theatre, Gabriella also takes singing lessons and plays hockey. In her spare time, she enjoys going for walks with her dog, and hanging out with friends. Gabriella would like to thank her teachers for their support and hard work and her parents for providing the opportunity to be part of this theatre community and for driving her to and from rehearsals. She hopes you sit back and enjoy the show!







#### **DANIKA BAILEY**

Danika has been a student in Showstoppers for nine years. Some of Danika's favourite roles have been Grace in *Annie Jr*, Gus in *Cinderella Kids* and Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Danika is also in the Show Choir at Showstoppers Academy. Outside of Showstoppers, Danika enjoys skating, math, hanging out with friends, and walking her dog. Danika thanks her wonderful family for driving her to every practice and her amazing teachers for all their hard work. She hopes you enjoy the show!

#### TIANNA BAILEY

Tianna Bailey has been a devoted student at Showstoppers Academy since they were five years old. They have been in a wide selection of shows with their favourite role being Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Outside of theatre, Tianna enjoys hanging out with their friends, reading, and listening to music. They would like to thank their parents for driving them to and from rehearsals, their fellow cast mates who worked so hard to make this show amazing, and their instructors who take time out of their day to teach them what they need to perform. Tianna hopes you enjoy the show and leave with a smile on your face.





### **ERIN DONKERSLOOT**

This is Erin's second year at Showstoppers. Last year, she played Lord Farquaad in *Shrek the Musical Jr* and is enjoying playing a Mersister this year. Outside of theatre, Erin enjoys reading and listening to music. She would like to thank her teachers and parents. Enjoy the show!

### **AYA FAKIM**

Aya has been attending Showstoppers Academy for five years. Some of her past roles include Pepper and Drake in *Annie Jr* and Skipper in *Madagascar Jr*. Outside of Showstoppers, Aya plays basketball, enjoys math, 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.





### **MALINA FOSS**

Malina has been at Showstoppers for three years and is super excited to be in *The Little Mermaid Jr*! Past roles include Kelsie in *High School Musical Jr* and ensemble in *Shrek the Musical Jr*. Sheo hopes everyone enjoys the show!

### **SARAH FOSS**

Sarah is 13 years old, been at Showstoppers for three years, and been in *Shrek the Musical Jr* twice. She would like to thank her teachers and fellow cast members for encouraging her and helping her. She hopes you enjoy the show!





### **KYLA INKSTER**

Kyla is sixteen years old. Kyla has been in more than ten shows, with four 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*, Gingy in *Shrek the Musical Jr*, and now a Mersister in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Some of Kyla's favourite parts outside of Showstoppers include Jojo in *Seussical the Musical* and Little Red Riding Hood in *Into the Woods*. Kyla has also just completed ten performances of *Annie* at school where she played Tessie the Orphan. Kyla would like to thank her Showstoppers' teachers for working hard to make *The Little Mermaid Jr* possible.

### **ISABELLE MURRAY**

Izzy has been attending Showstoppers for six years. Some of her past roles include Oliver Warbucks in *Annie Jr*, Alex in *Madagascar Jr*, and Dragon in *Shrek Jr*! Izzy is also in the Show Choir at Showstoppers. Outside of theatre, Izzy likes reading (especially Percy Jackson), listening to Taylor Swift and Phoebe Bridgers and others. Izzy would like to thank her teachers for getting her this far, her parents for supporting her throughout the years and her best friend Aya for sticking with her.



JAMES NGAYAWON

James has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for one year. James has started his acting career at the ACT Arts Centre. Some of his plays there were *Elf the Musical*, *Beetlejuice*, and *High School Musical*. His favourite roles there were Horton the Elephant and Chad Danforth. Other activities that James has been participating in are dance-related activities such as hip-hop and jazz. James would like to thank his parents for their hard work and support and his teachers for their fun and creative personalties and industrious work. James hopes you have an amazing show!

#### EMMA PENG

Emma was born here in Maple Ridge and is currently attending Maple Ridge Secondary. She has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for three years. Her roles have included Nala in *The Lion King Jr* and Fiona in *Shrek Jr*. This year she is Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. She also does singing piano, ukulele, and a little guitar. During her free time, she likes to draw and make jewelry. Emma would like to thank her parents for always supporting her and driving her to and from her extracurricular activities.



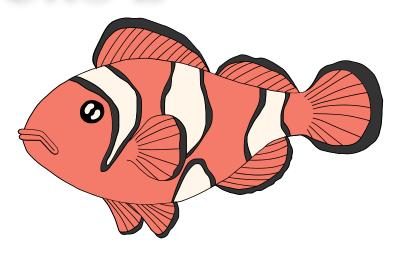
### KAI ROBERTSON

Kai has been enjoying their first year at Showstoppers playing Jetsam in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Aside from causing trouble for Ursula under the sea, they are up on the shore working towards being an advocate for human rights and womens' rights. They have been writing songs for two years about their experiences that lead them to have that goal. They like to thank all the adults who supported them through their first year of showstoppers. And keep a look out for Kai and make sure they dont zap you on stage!



Bijan Salimian was born in Abbotsford, British Columbia. He attends École Des Pionniers de Maillardville in Port Coquitlam. Bijan has loved performing from a very young age. He previously attended Creative Edge in Abbotsford, and played the roles of Bill the Lizard and the King of Hearts in *Alice in Wonderland*. Bijan dreams of performing in Studio 8H one day as a cast member of Saturday Night Live. He would like to thank his parents for their support and all of those Uber rides! He would also like to thank the instructors for creating an environment where everyone can shine.







#### VANESSA VANSCHAGEN

Vanessa has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for seven years. Her favourite roles include Marty in *Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr*, Bagheera in *The Jungle Book Kids*, and Sharpay Evans in *High School Musical Jr*. Vanessa expresses her love of music through performing, and playing the piano and clarinet. Besides musical theatre, she also enjoys reading, writing, soccer, and swimming. Vanessa is very grateful to her parents for their support, and her teachers and fellow cast members for their hard work and dedication. She hopes you enjoy the performance!

#### **GIGI WALL**

Gigi has been a student at Showstoppers Academy for eight years. Her favourite roles have been Miss Hannigan in *Annie Kids*, Timon in *The Lion King Jr*, and Gloria in *Madagascar Jr*. Over the last year, Gigi has competed in many singing competitions and performing the national anthem at Maple Ridges Canada Day celebration and her school assemblies. She really enjoyed her summer camp at The Vancouver Art's Club Junior Musical Theatre Intensive program. Her favourite place will always be on stage performing.





### TEACHING TEAM

### JORDYN ELIZABETH BEYER Teacher

Jordyn Elizabeth Beyer is a singer, dancer, actor, director and choreographer from Vancouver. She has played many different fun roles over the years such as Jane in *Pride and Prejudice* (dir. Janet Munsil), Pig 3 in *Shrek* (dir. Naomi Costain), Mrs. Trunchbull and Mrs. Wormwood in *Matilda* (dir. Cynthia Lacroix). Jordyn has also had the

pleasure of teaching the little ones as well as dance intensive workshops at Showstoppers and as well as choreographing and directing various shows at the P.L.A.Y. Society. Behind the scenes, Jordyn loves to dabble in production tasks such as costume design and hair and makeup. Jordyn began performing at Showstoppers at four years old and never looked back. She studied various styles of dance, musical theatre and voice throughout grade school and has just graduated with a diploma in musical theatre at the Canadian College of Performing Arts. Now that she has graduated, she intends teach theatre as well she hopes to travel for theatre, dance and voice and get to see the world while following her dreams.

# **EMILY MATCHETTE** Teacher / Costume Team

Calling Lindbjerg home since 2009, Emily has been so thrilled since joining the Showstoppers family last year. They are 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



exploration and play. This year, they teach six production classes between both studios, are a part of the costume team, and run the Lindbjerg website and social media accounts. Select performing credits: Lefou in *Beauty and the Beast* (Align Ent), Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical* (Align Ent), Ensemble in *Mamma Mia* (Arts Club), and Millie in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Exit 22). For Lindbjerg/Showstoppers, choreographer/director credits: *Matilda Jr, Madagascar Jr, Frog and Toad Kids, Shrek Jr*, and *Honk Jr*. Other choreographer/director credits: *Peter Pan Jr* (CTORA), *Cinderella YE* (CTORA), and *American Idiot* (URP - Ovation Nomination for Best Choreography).



### MADYSEN OSBORNE-BABIUK Teachers' Assistant / Carlotta

Madysen has been a TA at Showstoppers Academy for 5 years now! She has helped with the shows Annie, Shrek, Madagascar and more. Not only is she a TA but she is also in the Masters class at Showstoppers and has been in a number of shows such as, Once on this Island, Beauty and the Beast, and The Addams Family. She loves assisting classes and watching

everyone grow as performers and she is so proud of all the hard work that has been put into making this show amazing! She hopes you enjoy the show!

### ELLIE RAMSAY Teachers' Assistant

This is Ellie's fourth year as a TA. She loves teaching kids and being able to watch them grow. She's also a student in the master's class and has been a part of Showstoppers Academy for 10 years. She has taught shows such as Jungle Book, Annie, and High School Musical. She's so proud of her students and hopes you enjoy the show.





### IAN BALLARD Wigs and Makeup

lan Ballard is a professional hair stylist who has worked on stage, film and to 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 lan, 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!





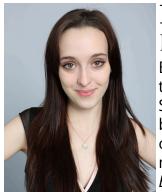
# JOHN BRADBURY SET CONSTRUCTION

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

# ALEX GODLEWSKI

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.





### BRONTË GOOSELAW PROPS ASSISTANT

Brontë is more than thrilled to be working at Lindbjerg, since she has spent the past eight years learning and thriving here till her graduation in 2023. She is skilled in a variety of dance styles, including hip hop, jazz, jazz funk, ballet, pointe, contemporary, musical theatre, and more. She spent five years of her time at Lindbjerg assisting many classes, including jazz, ballet, and musical theatre. Past credits include Marcellus in *The Music Man*, Babette in *Beauty and The Beast* (Lindbjerg), Jungle Creature in *Suessical*, Little Red

Riding Hood in *Shrek* (Align Entertainment), and Show Person in *Curtains* (Applause! Theatre Society). She has won many awards for her citizenship and dance talents, including Top 10 Dancer, awarded by the Shine Dance Festival.

### SAM JUDD STUDIO MANAGER

Miss Sam has been teaching at Showstoppers for 12 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 MARKETING COORDINATOR / COSTUME TEAM

Calling the Lindbjerg Academy home since 2009 when they began there as a student, Emily has been so thrilled since joining the Showstoppers family last year. They are 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 six production classes between both Lindbjerg and Showstoppers, are a part of the costume

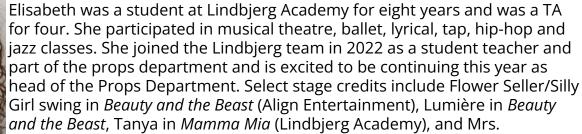
team, and run the Lindbjerg website and social media accounts. This year's shows include: *Flat Stanley Jr* (Lindbjerg), *Finding Nemo Jr* (Showstoppers), *The Little Mermaid Jr* (Showstoppers), and *Winnie the Pooh Kids* (Lindbjerg).

# 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. This year, he has enjoyed working with Align Entertainment as well as Lindbjerg Academy & Showstoppers. 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



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 10 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

Kelsey has spent her childhood surrounded by music; growing up at Showstoppers Academy in Maple Ridge and participating in multiple bands and choirs. Kelsey has continued this love of performing through community theatre, including in *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (Vagabond Players), and *Anastasia the Musical* (TIC). Since 2017, Kelsey has also been involved in teaching children's musical theatre first at Showstoppers and then at Lindbjerg as well. This has involved many different roles including creating

props, costuming shows, administration, working backstage, and teaching. Outside of theatre Kelsey also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology from Simon Fraser University. Kelsey is continuously amazed at the students and the work that they put into everything they do and hopes that you enjoy the show!

# 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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