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<u>Morning Session Cast</u> July 15 at 7 p.m., July 17 at 2 p.m., and July 18 at 7 p.m.

Story Teller / Mice 1	Grace Coon
Story Teller / Mice 2	
Story Teller / Mice 3/ Rat Dancer	-
Mama Ogre / Knight 2	
Papa Ogre / Knight 1	
Guard / Dwarf	
Shrek	
Captain of the Guards	
, Pinocchio	
Big Bad Wolf	
Pig 1 / Rat Dancer	
Pig 2	
Pig 3 / Rat Dancer	
Wicked Witch	
Peter Pan	-
Ugly Duckling	•
Mama Bear	Lucy Harper
Papa Bear / Puss in Boots	
Baby Bear	
Snow White / Woodland Creature	Danielle Gray
Little Red Riding Hood / Woodland Creature	Grace Creasey
Mad Hatter / Woodland Creature	Kylie Price
Tinkerbell / Woodland Creature	Breckyn Bradshaw
Donkey	Adrienne Tanaka
Lord Farquaad	Lucas Morrisey
Gingy	Darby Frost
Young Fiona	Mattie Ellis
Teen Fiona / Rat Dancer	Natalie Pace
Princess Fiona	Olivia Mathews
Dragon / Duloc Performer	Eva Albright
Knight 3 / Guard	Caden Porter
Knight 4 / Guard	Emma Henry
Bishop / Duloc Performer	Jarrett Hall
Duloc Performer / Pied Piper	Genevieve Kelley
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer	Ella Allen
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer	
Duloc Performer / Rat / Little Ogre	Connor Myers
Duloc Performer / Rat	Carleigh Anne Goodson
Duloc Performer / Rat	
Duloc Performer / Rat	Maily Jordan



<u>Afternoon Session Cast</u> July 16 at 7 p.m., July 17 at 7 p.m., and July 18 at 2 p.m.

Story Teller / Mice 1	Marc Daniel Cornelius
Story Teller / Mice 2	
Story Teller / Mice 3/ Rat Dancer	
Mama Ogre / Knight 2	
Papa Ogre / Knight 1	
Guard / Dwarf	
Shrek	
Captain of the Guards / Rat Dancer	
Pinocchio	
Big Bad Wolf	
Pig 1	
Pig 2	
Pig 3	
Wicked Witch	
Peter Pan	Sarah Stoddard
Ugly Duckling	Catherine Hawkins
Mama Bear	
Papa Bear / Puss in Boots	Astro Crawford
Baby Bear	
Snow White / Woodland Creature	Mary Bishop
Little Red Riding Hood / Woodland Creature	Angela Cole
Mad Hatter / Woodland Creature	Parks Garrott
Tinker Bell / Woodland Creature	Josie Huff
Donkey	Josiah Hite
Lord Farquaad	Marshall Robertson
Gingy	Gracie Jordan
Young Fiona	Brooklynn Jefferson
Teen Fiona / Rat Dancer	Audrey Holt
Princess Fiona	Erin Morton
Dragon / Duloc Performer	Taylor Moore
Knight 3 / Guard / Bishop	Jacob Jefferson
Knight 4 / Guard	Cayman Jackson
Duloc Performer / Pied Piper	Patricia Curran
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer	Rylee McKenzie
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer	Dania Robinson
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer	Hope Cuevas
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer	Jaidyn Wright
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer	Eden Hill
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer	Avery Alford
Duloc Performer / Rat Dancer / Little Ogre	Connor Myers





	Storytellers, Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Shrek, Little Ogre Captain of the Guards, Fairy Tale Creatures
	Duloc Performers
	Guards, Duloc Performers, Farquaad
What's Up, Duloc? (Reprise)	Guards, Duloc Performers, Farquaad
I Know It's Today	Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Fiona
Travel Song	Donkey, Shrek, Ensemble
Forever	Dragon, Donkey, Knights,
This Is How A Dream Comes True	Shrek, Fiona,
Morning Person	Fiona, Pied Piper, Ensemble
	Fiona, Shrek
Make A Move	Donkey, Ensemble, Shrek, Fiona
Morning Person (Reprise)	Fiona
Freak Flag	Fairy Tale Characters, Shrek
Big Bright Beautiful World (Reprise)	Shrek
Finale	All
l'm A Believer	Shrek All All

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Eva Albright is 17 and in the 12th grade at Madison Central High School. She is the child of Mike Albright and Serenity Luckett. Eva is geeked to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys drawing, anime, and video games. Eva has been in *Peter Pan, Jr., Sister Act*, and *Little Mermaid, Jr.* She would like to thank her family, Layla, and Julia.

Avery Alford is 13 and in the 8th grade at Brandon Middle School. She is the child of Whitney Self and Craig Alford. Avery is nervous and excited to be in New Stage's *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys dancing, swimming, and watching Netflix. This is Avery's first show! She would like to thank Mom, Pops, and her friends and family.

Ella Allen is 15 and in the 10th grade at Madison Central High School. She is the child of Brookleigh and Parker Allen. Ella is thrilled to be in *Shrek, Jr.* She enjoys dancing, running, and laughing. This is Ella's first show! She would like to thank her grandmother for devoting so much time and energy to her.

Rebekah Brooke Benson is 13 and the daughter of Esther Wilbourn-Benson and Blaine Benson. She attends Jackson Academy where she is an 8th grade Academy Honor Roll student. She also enjoys playing catcher on JA's softball team. Her resume includes performances in Mississippi Children's Music Theater's presentations of *Alice @ Wonderland* and *Kaleidoscope*, and Jackson Academy's production of *NEWSIES*. New Stage has given her the possibility to continue learning and enjoying this art that she loves so dearly; because of this, RB would like to thank New Stage and all her instructors. She would additionally like to thank her mom, dad, and friends.

Mary Bishop is 13 and in the 8th grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Catherine and Steven Bishop. Mary is tickled to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys raising her birds, Pearl and Veldora; playing the French horn; and getting "creative" in the kitchen. Mary would like to thank her family, Stacey Overstreet, and Mrs. Weldon for their love and support.

Breckyn Bradshaw is 14 and in the 9th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Robert and Katie Knight and Chase Bradshaw. Breckyn is so excited to be in New Stage's production of *Shrek, Jr.* Breckyn enjoys acting, music, and all forms of art, especially sketching. Breckyn has been in *Frozen, Jr., Lunchroom*, and *Alienated*. Breckyn would like to thank her family, teachers, and God for having the opportunity to perform her passion.

Arianna Brumfield is 15 and in the 10th grade at the JPS Tougaloo Early College High School. She is the child of Adarianne and Roderick Brumfield. Arianna is overjoyed to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys creating art, dancing, and fellowshipping with her friends and loved ones. Arianna has been in *Seussical the Musical, This is a Test*, and *The Sound of Music*. She would like to thank God, her family, and her other many outlets of support.

Arielle Brumfield is 15 and in the 10th grade at the JPS Tougaloo Early College High School. She is the child of Adarianne and Roderick Brumfield. She is relieved and excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.* Arielle enjoys participating in the performing arts, writing, and making others happy. She has been in *This is a Test, Seussical the Musical*, and *Paper Bag Bandit*. Arielle would like to thank her family, her friends, and God for helping her along her artistic journey.

Angela Cole is 15 and in the 10th grade at Jim Hill High School. She is the child of Michael Cole and Danyele Harrel. Angela is thrilled to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys many things fashion related and is possibly considering it as a career path; she also enjoys dancing and fashion dolls. Angela has been in zero productions and is excited to be doing her first theatre show. She would like to thank her family for giving her a chance to be at New Stage.

Grace Coon is 13 and in the 8th grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Chelsea and Charles Jeffreys and Billy Coon. Grace is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys playing cello, singing, and performing in musicals. Grace has been in *The Little Mermaid, Jr*. as Ariel, *Matilda the Musical* as Alice, and *The Music Man, Jr*. Grace would like to thank her parents for providing the resources she needs to continue her growth in the arts!

Theo Cooper is 15 and in the 10th grade at Murrah High School. He is the child of Wendy and Robert Cooper. Theo has been in *Aladdin, Jr.* and *Frozen, Jr.* He would like to thank his family.

Marc Daniel Cornelius is a 13 and in 9th grade at JPS Tougaloo Early College High School. He is the child of Kimberly Swims-Cornelius and Marc Cornelius. Marc Daniel enjoys playing baseball, playing video games, and watching YouTube. He has been in *Frozen, Jr., Aladdin, Jr.*, and *A Christmas Carol*. Marc Daniel would like to thank his family and friends, and most importantly, God.

Astro Crawford is 14 and in the 9th grade at Rosa Scott High School. They are the child of Rick and Tracy Crawford. Astro is excited and glad to be in New Stage's *Shrek, Jr.* They enjoy cosplaying and messing around with makeup. Astro has been in *Little Mermaid, Jr., Frozen, Jr.*, and *Music Man, Jr.* Astro would like to thank their friends and family for letting them be who they are.

Grace Creasey is 11 years old and will be in 6th grade at First Presbyterian Day School. She is the daughter of Casey and Sam Creasey. Grace is excited to be participating in her first camp at New Stage Theatre. Grace enjoys playing tennis, dance, and guitar lessons. *Shrek, Jr.* will be Grace's first show. Grace would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support and encouragement.

Hope Cuevas is 15 and in the 9th grade at Rosa Scott High School. She is the child of Laurie and David Cuevas. Hope is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys reading, singing, and watching The Owl House. Hope has been in *The Music Man*. She would like to thank her family.

Patricia Curran is 15 and is a 10th grade homeschool student. She is the child of Patrick and Vavra Curran. Patricia is extremely thrilled to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys performing in live stage productions, watercolor sketching, and practicing her culinary skills at home. Patricia has been in *Fairy Tales with a Twist, Cinderella, Jr.*, and *A Christmas to Remember*. She would like to thank God, her family, and Mrs. Amy Hogue, director of Empower Performing Arts.

Charlie Earl is 17 and in the 11th grade at Jackson Academy. He is the child of Mark and Mallie Earl. Charlie enjoys playing drums, watching movies, and hanging out with friends. He has been in *Mamma Mia, Twelfth Night*, and *Newsies*. Charlie would like to thank his friends, family, and directors.

Karlie Edmonson is 13 and is a 7th grade homeschool student. Karlie is the child of Stephen and Deborah Edmonson. She is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.* Karlie enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and reading. She has been in *Anne of Green Gables*. Karlie would like to thank her family, friends, and music.

Mattie Ellis is 14 years old and going into 9th grade at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. She is the child of Tara Ellis. Mattie is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*.! Mattie enjoys cheer, writing, and singing. Mattie has been in *Matilda the Musical, Frozen, Jr*., and *Charlotte's Web*. Mattie would like to thank her family and friends.

Sarah Fowler is 15 years old and in the 10th grade at Murrah High School. She is the child of Joshua and Kristen Fowler. Sarah is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys reading, music, and theatre. Sarah has been in *Shakespeare on the Loose, Frozen, Jr.*, and *This Is a Test*, among other shows. Sarah would like thank her friends and family for supporting her.

Thelma Franklin is 11 and in the 7th grade at Olde Towne Middle School. She is the child of DeMarcus and Lena Franklin. Thelma is excited but nervous about *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys playing video games, singing, and riding her bike. Thelma has been in *Winnie the Pooh, Jr*. She would like to thank her family and her cousin.

Darby Frost is 18 and a 2021 homeschool graduate who will be attending Hinds Community College in the fall. He is the son of Joe and Shannon Frost. Darby has enjoyed his many years of involvement in New Stage's Youth Acting Troupe, summer camps, and volunteering backstage. He has performed in five Christmas Carols at New Stage, *Matilda the Musical, Peter Pan, Legally Blonde, Jr., Singin' in the Rain, Jr., Once on this Island, Jr., Aladdin, Jr.*, and *Frozen, Jr.* He enjoys gaming and DND in his spare time.

Meagan Fuller is 18 years old and is a 2021 graduate of Murrah High School in the APAC program. She is the daughter of Mike Fuller and Karen Fuller. Meagan is thrilled to be in *Shrek, Jr*. Meagan enjoys acting, writing stories, and listening to music. Meagan has been in *Frozen, Jr., Aladdin, Jr.*, and *High School Musical, Jr*. Meagan would like to thank her family, friends, and mentor, Ms. Ashia, for being supportive of her dreams of becoming an actor.

Parks Garrott is 12 and in the 7th grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is the child of Lori and Ben Garrott and is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. Parks enjoys reading and singing and would like to thank her mom and dad.

Legend Gavin is 11 and in the 6th grade at Lovett Elementary School in Clinton. He is the child of Joi Owens and Vern Gavin, and Linda Owens and Sollie Norwood. Legend is happy to be in *Shrek, Jr*. He enjoys soccer, reading, and basketball. This is Legend's first theatrical production! He would like to thank all of his family, friends, and his dog.

Carleigh Goodman is 13 and will be in 8th grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. She is the child of Brad and Sarah Goodman. This is Carleigh's first year at New Stage and she is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys volleyball, art, and reading. Carleigh would like to thank her loving family for their encouragement and Ms. Emily Wright, her Northwest Rankin theatre teacher, for giving her a new interest in theatre.

Danielle Gray is 17 years old and in the 12thgrade at River City Early College. She is the daughter of Dusty and Donna Gray. Danielle is super excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! Danielle enjoys being an avid reader, being involved in her school's performing arts programs, and spending quality time with her friends. Danielle has been in *The Descendants, The Sound of Music*, and *Moana, Jr*. Danielle would like to thank her family, close friends, and teachers for being awesome!

Meredith Green is 15 and in 10th grade at Park Place Christian Academy. She is the child of Robert and Brenda Green. Meredith is very excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! Meredith enjoys painting, soccer, and baking. She has also been in *Frozen, Jr.* and *Aladdin, Jr.* Meredith would like to thank her family and friends.

Tanner Green is 16 and in 11th grade at Warren Central High School. He is the child of Tommy and Mark Green. Tanner is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. He enjoys singing, acting, and listening to music. Tanner has been in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Disney's Descendants the Musical*. He would like to thank his family, friends, and directors for being there and helping him achieve his goals.

Jarrett Hall is 15 and in 10th grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. His is the child of Tondra and John Hall. Jarrett is anxious and excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. He enjoys meeting new people and acting. Jarrett has been in *The Haunted House, Normal vs. Weird*, and *The Spelling Bee*. Jarrett would like to thank Lauryn and his parents.

Isaiah Harris is 17 and in the 12th grade at Wingfield High School. He is the child of Bernadette Harris. Isaiah is happy to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! He enjoys dance very much. This is Isaiah's first theatrical production. He would like to thank his mom and his fellow campers—he is very happy to be at New Stage!

Lucy Harper is 16 and in 10th grade at Germantown High School. She is the child of Heather and Trey Harper. Lucy is absolutely ecstatic to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys theatre, singing, and healthcare academy provided by her school. Lucy has been in *Frozen, Jr., Annie, Jr.*, and *Charlotte's Web*. Lucy would like to thank her family, fellow actors, and amazing staff at New Stage for making this all possible.

Ethan Hartfield is 11 and in the 6th grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. He is the child of Michelle and Zane Hartfield. Ethan is very happy to be in *Shrek, Jr*. He enjoys theatre, collecting, and gaming. Ethan has been in *A Christmas Carol* 2018 and 2019, and *Matilda the Musical* at New Stage. He would like to thank his family and Tom Hanks.

Catherine Hawkins is 13 and in 7th grade at Jackson Prep. She is the child of Elizabeth and Jason Hawkins. Catherine is thrilled to have a new adventure this summer in New Stage camp! Catherine enjoys basketball, volleyball, and playing the piano. Other than school plays, this is Catherine's first production. Catherine would like to thank her family and sweet friends for their love and encouragement!

Emma Henry is 14 and in 9th grade at St. Augustine. She is the child of Meredith and Mark Henry. Emma is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. Emma enjoys singing, cross country, and soccer. She has appeared in *Sleeping Beauty, Kaleidoscope*, and appeared as Mae Mobley in the feature film *The Help*.

Eden Hill is 12 and in the 7th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Glake and Shonda Hill. Eden is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. Eden enjoys drawing, reading, soccer, cooking, and socializing. She has been in *Seussical the Musical*. Eden would like to thank New Stage Theatre and her family for being amazing.

Josiah Hite is 16 and in 10th grade at McLaurin High School. He is the child of Eric and Vishunue Hite. Josiah is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*.! He enjoys playing video games, reading, acting, hanging out with friends, and praising God. Josiah has been in *Andrea and the Lion, The Tempest*, and *Shakespeare on the Loose*. He would like to thank his mom and dad for their continued support; Lauren for introducing him to New Stage; and God for blessing him with the opportunities.

Audrey Holt is 16 and in the 10th grade at Madison Ridgeland Academy. She is the child of Stacey and Stephanie Holt. Audrey is very excited to be in New Stage's *Shrek, Jr.* Audrey enjoys reading, writing, singing, playing tennis, and going to church. She has been in *Anastasia, Beauty and the Beast*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Audrey would like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive and amazing.

Addy Huddleston is 17 and in 12th grade at Germantown High School. She is the child of Ted and Melanie Huddleston. Addy is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys singing, reading, and swimming. Addy has been in *The Tempest, Frozen, Jr.*, and *The Lion King, Jr*. She would like to thank her dogs Marley and Dixie, and her family.

Josie Huff is 16 and in the 11th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Gene and Cathy Huff. Josie is excited to be in New Stage's *Shrek, Jr.*! Josie enjoys reading, paint by diamonds, and foraging for plants. Josie has been in *Mary Poppins, Newsies*, and *Mamma Mia* at Jackson Academy, but this is her first New Stage Show. Josie would like to thank her family and Mrs. Sanders.

Caymen Jackson is 14 and is a 9th grade homeschool student. He is the child of Maria King. Cayman is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. He enjoys acting and playing video games. Cayman has been in *The Kidnapping of Kitty O'Hara*. Cayman would like to thank God, his acting teachers, and his family.

Kya Jackson is 16 and in 11th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Veta and Kevin Jackson. Kya is thankful to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys reading, acting, music, and movies. Kya has been in *Frozen, Jr.* and *Aladdin, Jr*. She would like to thank her family, her friends, and New Stage for their continued support.

Brooklynn Jefferson is 11 and in the 6th grade at Wells APAC. She is the child of Reginald and Janelle Jefferson. Brooke is thrilled to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys singing, dancing, and acting. Brooke has been in *Aladdin, Jr*. and *The Monster Mash-Up*. She would like to thank her family, her theatre teachers, her dance teachers, and her friends for being supportive.

Hart Jefferson is 14 and in the 10th grade at Murrah High School. He is the child of Janelle and Reginald Jefferson. Hart is relieved to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! He enjoys music, reading, and theatre. Hart has been in *Allegiance, Matilda the Musical, Frozen, Jr., Aladdin, Jr., This is a Test*, and *The Tempest*. He would like to thank his family and mentors for shaping him and allowing him to grow as an artist.

Jacob Jefferson is 12 and in the 7th grade at Bailey APAC. He is the child of Reginald and Janelle Jefferson. He is elated to be in *Shrek, Jr*. Jacob enjoys playing baseball, playing video games, and learning about theatre technology. He has been in *Help Desk, Aladdin, Jr*., and helped to write a portion of a short play called *Wonder*. Jacob would like to thank his parents, grandparents, and God for gifting him with his talent.

Daryl Jenkins is 17 and a 2021 graduate of Ridgeland High School. He will be attending Roosevelt University in the fall. He is the child of Mitrease Plunkett. Daryl is ecstatic to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! He enjoys watching Netflix, listening to music, and finding ways to be a better actor. Daryl has been in *Sister Act: The Musical, Frozen, Jr.*, and *Once on this Island, Jr.* He would like to thank his family, his friends, and his mentors.

Brooke Jordan is 13 and in the 8th grade at Northwest IB Middle School in Jackson. She is the child of Heather and Matt Jordan. She is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. Brooke enjoys reading Manga, doing makeup, and dancing. She has been in *So You Want to be a Cheerleader, Night at the Black History Museum*, and *Ms. Cabbage Patch*. Brooke would like to thank her dad and mom for leading her through her theatrical path.

Gracie Jordan is 11 and in the 6th grade at Northwest IB Middle School in Jackson. She is the child of Heather and Matt Jordan. Gracie is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys dancing, acting, and reading. Gracie would like to thank her family and her teachers.

Maily Jourdan is 14 and in 9th grade at Tri-County Academy. She is the child of Chris and April Jourdan. Maily is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys playing guitar and ukulele, reading, and painting. This is Maily's first show ever! She would like to thank her family and friends for always being there for her.

Genevieve Kelley is 15 and in 10th grade at Pearl High School. She is the child of Hillary and Mika Dove. Genevieve is stoked to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys dancing, running, and playing the piano. Genevieve has been in *Frozen, Jr., The Lion King, Jr., Disney's Descendants*, and *The Lion King, Jr.* She would like to thank her family and friends.

Olivia Mathews is an 11th grade homeschool student. She enjoys singing, writing, and everything musical. Olivia has done two years of performances in *A Christmas Carol* at New Stage Theatre. Her favorite roles include Ariel in *The Little Mermaid* and Della in *Gifts of the Magi*. She has also been in *Frozen, Jr.* and *The Music Man*. She is an active member of New Stage Theatre's Youth Acting Troupe and has loved to be able to spread the joy of theater again!

Preston McDowell is 11 and is in 7th grade at Bailey APAC. He is the child of Crystal and Darrell McDowell. Preston is happy and excited to be in New Stage's *Shrek, Jr.* He enjoys any video game, acting, and board games. Preston has been in *Peter Pan, Oliver Twist*, and *The Bulldozers are Coming*. He would like to thank his mom, dad, Nana, and grandma.

Rylee McKenzie is 11 and in the 6th grade at Byram Middle School. Rylee is the child of Nichelle Webb and Ryan McKenzie. She loves that she is involved in *Shrek, Jr.*! Rylee enjoys dancing and theatre. She has been in *Matilda the Musical, Aladdin Kids*, and *Andrea and the Lion*. Rylee would like to thank her mom, dad, auntee, and the rest of her family.

John "Caden" Miller is 18 and in 12th grade at Germantown High School. He is the child of Ken Miller and Jacy Miller. Caden is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. He enjoys gaming with friends and theatre. Caden has been in *Singin' in the Rain, Jr*. and *Aladdin, Jr*. Caden would like to thank his friends, family, and significant other/partner.

Taylor Moore is 17 and is a 2021 graduate of Murrah High School, who will be attending Mississispipi State University in the fall. She is the child of Cheryl Wilson and Demond Robinson. Taylor is ecstatic and happy to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys singing, reading, going to the mall with friends, and graduating high school. Taylor has been in Senior Vocal Recital, Final Solo Performance, and *Disney Dazzle* all at Wells APAC. She would like to thank God, her family and friends, and her teachers for encouraging her and leading her on her journey.

Lucas Morrisey is 17 and in 12th grade at Murrah High School. He is the child of Larry and Stephenie Morrisey. Lucas is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*.! Lucas enjoys art and acting. Lucas has been in *Matilda the Musical, Frozen, Jr., Aladdin, Jr.* Lucas would like to thank his parents and brother for being supportive.

Erin Morton is 17 and is a 2021 graduate of Ridgeland High School. She is the child of Chianti Lindsey. Erin is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! Erin enjoys singing, online shopping, and hanging out with friends. She has been Pabbie in *Frozen, Jr.*, Lizzy in *Pride and Prejudice*, and Asaka in *Once on this Island*. Erin would like to thank her mom, her friends, and New Stage for supporting her.

Connor Myers is 11 and in the 6th grade at Brandon Middle School. He is the child of Mandy Kate and Kevin Myers. Connor is thankful to be in *Shrek, Jr*. He enjoys art (coloring, drawing, painting, etc.), playing video games, and Lego. Connor has been in *Lion King Kids*, *Aladdin Kids*, and *Winnie the Pooh Kids*. Connor would like to thank Mandy, Kevin, and Pat for letting this be possible!

Harrison Palmerton is 16 and in the 11th grade at Madison Central High School. He is the child of John and Angela Palmerton. Harrison is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! He enjoys singing, playing video games, and learning about mythologies. Harrison has been in *Singin' in the Rain, Jr.*, *Once on this Island, Jr.*, *Frozen, Jr.*, and *Aladdin, Jr.* He would like to thank his family, especially his Aunt Diana and Uncle John for this amazing experience.

Natalie Pace is a 15-year-old 10th grade student at Clinton High School. Natalie is the daughter of Chris and Katrina Pace. She is thrilled to be back at Broadway Jr. Camp this year and is grateful to be a part of *Shrek, Jr*. Natalie loves hanging out with her friends and running long distances with her cross country team. Natalie has been in *Frozen, Jr., Aladdin, Jr., Beauty and the Beast*, and *Once on this Island, Jr.* among other musical theater productions. She is so happy to be part of this great group in this year's show and would like to thank her family and friends for coming out to support them all!

Zuri Pearson is 10 and in the 5th grade at Gary Road Intermediate School. She is the child of Chiquila Pearson. Zuri is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.* She enjoys dance, reading, and drawing. *Shrek, Jr.* is Zuri's first New Stage show! Zuri would like to thank her family, mom, sister (Kandace), brother (Le'Thario), and nephew (Landen).

Caden Porter is 15 and in the 10th grade at Hartfield Academy. He is the child of Frank and Emily Porter. Caden is thrilled to be in *Shrek, Jr*! Caden enjoys playing golf, playing the piano, and video games. He has been in *Mary Poppins, Hartfield in Revue*, and *The Sound of Music*. Caden would like to thank his family, church family, and friends for always believing in him.

Kylie A. Price is 18 and is a 2021 graduate of Clinton High School. She is the child of Wendy and Luke Price. Kylie is thrilled to be in *Shrek, Jr*. Kylie enjoys acting, singing, reading good books, and playing the ukulele. Kylie has been in *A Christmas Carol, How to Survive Being in a Shakespeare Play*, and the award-winning *Exile and the Onion Girl*. Kylie would like to thank Carol Joy Sparkman, Sarah Hankins, and her mother and father.

Colin Ridgway is 15 years old and will be entering the 10th grade at Madison Central High School this fall. He is the child of Julius and Stephanie Ridgway. Colin is excited to be back at New Stage for his 4th summer of Broadway, Jr. summer camp, having previously performed in **Once on this Island, Jr., Aladdin, Jr.**, and **Frozen, Jr.** He has also performed at New Stage in its recent main stage production of **Matilda the Musical**. At Madison Middle School and Rosa Scott High, he enjoys participating in the choir and musical productions, and has been selected for the Madrigal choir for the coming school year. In his spare time, Colin enjoys playing video games, collecting vintage games and consoles, and making videos for his YouTube channel.

Marshall Robertson is 17 years old and in the 11th grade at Leake Academy. He is the child of Robbie and Amy Robertson. This is Marshall's fourth Broadway, Jr. camp. He feels like *Shrek, Jr.* is bringing him back to his New Stage roots as this was the first show he came to see at New Stage after attending his first First Stages camp. Marshall enjoys playing football and Youth Acting Troupe. He would like to thank the entire New Stage staff for making this return to the stage possible. The words of Oscar Wilde sum up Marshall's emotions best, "I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being."

Dania Robinson is 13 and in the 8th grade at Clinton Junior High School. She is the daughter of Twana and Damon Robinson. Dania is overjoyed to be in *Shrek, Jr.* She enjoys dancing, singing, and acting. Dania has previously performed in *The Wizard of Oz*. She would like to thank her friends, family, and God.

Lexie Sessums is 13 and in the 8th grade at Pearl Junior High School. She is the child of Katie and Christopher Princiotta. Lexie is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys singing, acting, and animating. Lexie has been in *The Descendants, Grimm Brother's Spectaculation*, and *A Monkey's Paw*. She would like to thank her friends, Mrs. McDowell, and her family.

Avery Stallings is 18 and in the 12th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. She is the child of Andrea and Brian Stallings. Avery is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*.! Avery enjoys singing, playing the guitar, and reading. Avery has been in *Matilda the Musical, Frozen, Jr.*, and *Peter and the Star Catcher*. Avery would like to thank her family, friends, and the New Stage community.

Brian Stallings is 18 and is in the 12th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. He is the child of Andrea and Brian Stallings. Brian is ecstatic to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! Brian enjoys reading, acting, and playing Among Us. Brian has been in *Guys and Dolls, Frozen, Jr.*, and *Aladdin, Jr.* Brian would like to thank his family, video games, and Olivia Mathews.

Conner Stallings is 15 and is in the 10th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. He is the child of Brian and Andrea Stallings. Conner is hyped to be in *Shrek, Jr.* Conner enjoys hanging with friends, playing the bass guitar, and biking. Conner has been in *Frozen, Jr., Aladdin Jr., and Annie, Jr.* Conner would like to thank his family and Darby Frost.

Sarah Stoddard is 17 years old and is going into 12th grade at Germantown High School. She is the child of Holly and Andy Stoddard. Sarah is happy to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! Sarah enjoys watching movies, reading, and painting. Sarah has been in *Frozen, Jr., The Lion King, Jr.*, and *Antigone*. Sarah would like to thank her dogs, Rocket and Stitch, and her cat, Roo.

Adrienne Tanaka is 14 and in 9th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. She is the child of Linda and John Schmidt and Javier Tanaka. Adrienne is electrified to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! Adrienne enjoys sleeping, theatre, and talking with friends. Adrienne has been in *The Lion King, Jr, Frozen, Jr.*, and *Matilda the Musical*. Adrienne would like to thank her huge family, and her in-person and online friends.

Jory Tanaka is 16 and a rising senior at St. Andrew's. She is excited to be a part of *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys acting, dancing, and attending New Stage camps. Jory has been in *Once on this Island, Jr., Aladdin, Jr.*, and *Matilda the Musical*. She would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

Dylan Thomas is 14 and in the 9th grade at Rosa Scott High School. She is the child of Billy and Ashlee Thomas. Dylan is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.*! She enjoys reading, singing, and painting. Dylan has been in *Frozen, Jr., The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, and *Seussical the Musical, Jr*. She would like to thank Mrs. Bruening (voice teacher), her family, and her friends.

Reagan Vinzant is 17 and in 11th grade at East Rankin Academy. She is the child of Amy and Joey Vinzant. Reagan is very excited and honored to be in *Shrek, Jr*. Reagan enjoys acting, dancing, playing video games, video editing, and singing. Reagan has been in *Annie, Jr., Broadway, Jr.*, and *Cinderella, Jr*. Reagan would like to thank Amy Hogue, Chance Anding, and my mom for encouraging me to take the opportunity to do this camp.

Chloe Vizier is 16 and in 12th grade at Germantown High School. She is the child of Travis and Amanda Vizier. Chloe is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr*.! She enjoys creative writing, reading books, and drinking coffee. Chloe has been in *A Christmas Carol, The Wizard of Oz, Bye, Bye Birdie*, and *Frozen, Jr.* She would like to thank her mom and brother.

Kalen Wallace is 16 and in 10th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Juniper and Delwin Wallace. Kalen is excited to be in *Shrek, Jr.* Kalen enjoys theatre, theatre, and theatre. Kalen has been in *Once on this Island, Jr., Aladdin, Jr.*, and *Frozen, Jr.* Kalen would like to thank her family, Ms. Sharon, and Ms. Clara.

Treasure White is 17 and a senior at Murrah High School. She is the child of Tiffany Jackson and Edwin White. Treasure is honored to be in *Shrek, Jr*. She enjoys acting, singing, and being the current drum major in her school's marching band. Treasure has previously appeared in *The Laramie Project, The Trial of Judas Iscariot*, and *A Christmas Carol*. She would like to thank her family and friends.

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Sharon Miles (Camp/Production Director) is an actor, singer, director, playwright, and the education director at New Stage. Her original script, *If Not Us Then Who: Freedom Rides to Freedom Summer* chronicling the Freedom Rides of 1961 and Freedom Summer of 1964-toured throughout the state of MS through New Stage's award-winning education program. Born and raised in Mississippi, Sharon is an avid lover of MS history and seeks to use theatre arts to teach character development, youth empowerment, and empathy. Additional original scripts include: *Who Are You Calling Ugly: A Modern Duck Tale, The Middle Passage, 8:46: Honoring the Life of George Floyd, Andrea and The Lion: A Gratitude Story*, and most recently a script commissioned by the MS Civil Rights Museum, *The Debate for Democracy*.

Mandy Kate Myers (Music Director) credits include *Disney's Beauty and the Beast, A Christmas Carol, Peter Pan, Shrek the Musical, The Marvelous Wonderettes* and *It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues.* She performed in *54/54/54* at Feinstein's/54 Below in NYC and appeared alongside Leslie Jordan and an incredible cast of New Stage's premiere staged reading of the new musical, *Glory! Glory!* Other favorite roles include *Avenue Q, All My Sons, Sordid Lives, Dog Sees God, Company,* and *Sweeney Todd.* Most recently, she was involved in the JOOKMS workshop of *Natchetoches* by Seth McNeill. A graduate of USM, Mandy Kate serves on the board of directors for both Fondren Theatre Workshop and Cheshire Abbey Canine Rescue. She also works as talent coordinator and workshops coordinator for BroadwayCon in New York.

Ashia Benford (Co-Acting Instructor/Assistant Director) received a B.A. in sociology and minored in theatre at Jackson State University. While at JSU, she joined MADDRAMA Performance Troupe, where her love of acting was born. After graduation, Ashia received a professional acting internship at New Stage where she was seen in *Race*, *9 Parts of Desire*, *The Cat in the Hat, Mahalia: A Gospel Musical*, and *Hairspray*. Her directing credits include: *Once on this Island, Jr., Aladdin, Jr., Matilda the Musical*, and *Pipeline*. Currently, she is an acting instructor and director with local theatre companies, the director of innovation for DNA Photography, and is earning an M.A in clinical mental health counseling. Ashia is the founder and artistic director of Stage DNA, which officially launches this summer.

Devin Hunter (Assistant Teacher) is a Tallahassee, Fla. native who graduated from Florida A&M University. Recently, Devin appeared in *The Debate for Democracy* as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and *Hands Up! 7 Testament 7 Playwrights* as Holes in My Identity. Devin was also a Professional Acting Apprentice at New Stage Theatre, where he not only toured Mississippi

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performing three productions for grade school students, but also performed in main stage productions of *A Christmas Carol, Matilda the Musical*, and *Pipeline* where he was mentioned in the American Theatre Magazine. Devin performed in New Stage's virtual production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* that was filmed for distribution to schools around the state during the 2020-2021 school year.

Bridget Archer (Co-Dance Instructor/Choreographer) was born in Jackson and raised in Frankfurt, Germany and Tacoma, Wa. Her training began in Oakland, Ca. where she trained under Halifu Osamare and performed works written by Ntozake Shange, including For Colored Girls Only and From Okra to Greens. She trained at the "Broadway dance center" under the instruction of Maurice Hines and choreographer Frank Hatchett, touring as his apprentice; at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; Steps on Broadway, and several studios in Tokyo. She also trained and performed with Hollis Pippin, an original member of the "Soul Train Gang," and was a member of his performance company. She has toured throughout the U.S. with actress Tonea Harris Stewart, and played in *Profiles of Me*, touring across the country. As a dancer, she was a contestant on the national television show Dance Fever, and a regular dancer on Soul Train and the locally syndicated television show, **Black Gold**. As a dancer/choreographer/vocalist, she has worked with several recording groups such as Sho-nuff!, Foreign Matter, New Orleans Sound, and Sony recording artist Eddy Yamamotto. Bridget has formed her own company, The Bridget Archer Performing Arts Company, created to enhance cultural arts in MS and other areas and provide awareness and training opportunities for inner city youth. Bridget choreographed **Guys** & Dolls, Jr. at New Stage; created and has been running the dance program for the City of Jackson for more than 25 years; and has performed in several musical performances from Carnegie Hall to London, England. She currently dances with Montage Theatre of Dance.

Chiquila Pearson (Co-Dance Instructor/Choreographer) is a dance educator, dancer, choreographer, and costume designer and is the dance educator/dance director at Gary Road Intermediate School. She has danced with Montage Theatre of Dance for the past 13 years. She started working as a dance teacher for Dance Works Studio in 2014 and was one of the dance teacher/choreographers for Legends of Dance Works Studio. Her work was featured for several Montage Theatre of Dance shows including *The Dance of the Lion King* (choreography and costuming), *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Dance Factory*, and a host of other performances. She was the featured choreographer for New Stage's productions of *Crowns* and *Singin' in the Rain, Jr*. Her work was also featured in a dance collage at Carnegie Hall in New York City and she has performed at the Lincoln Center and The Grand Ole Opry. She had the honor of performing for Barak Obama during his campaign for Senator of Chicago and Tito Jackson. She is the proud mother of three beautiful children Kandace (32), Le'Thario (29), and Zuri (10) and a proud grandmother of a grandson Landen (3 years old).

Ciara Monique (Co-Acting Instructor) originally hails from Jackson. She received a BFA in acting from Virginia Commonwealth University and an MFA in acting from Yale School of Drama. Ciara's Yale Repertory Theatre credits include *Native Son, A Raisin in the Sun,* and the world premiere of *Cadillac Crew.* Select School of Drama Credits: *Trouble in Mind, Hamlet,* and *Henry VI Part 3.* Yale School of Drama awarded Ciara with a scholarship to train at the British American Drama Academy's (BADA) Midsummer in Oxford program. Other Yale School of Drama honors include the Constance Welch Memorial Scholarship, the Jerome L. Green Fellowship, and the Carol Finch Dye Award.

Jeffrey Cornelius (Assistant Music Director/Teacher) is from Jackson and graduated in May of 2020 from Murrah High School and APAC with honors. While at APAC, Jeffrey learned how to play other instruments (violin, viola, guitar, bass, ukulele, and organ) while concentrating on playing the cello and singing. Jeffrey began his acting career at New Stage Theatre, first appearing in *High School Musical*, *Jr*. From there, he appeared in many New Stage productions. Jeffrey is featured in the HBO Max special, *Home School Musical: Class of 2020*. He is continuously studying, training, and pursuing his dream in acting, singing, dancing, and instrumental performance at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music working on a BFA in musical theatre.

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Chance Anding (Volunteer Student Counselor) was born in Houston, Texas, but grew up in Brandon. He graduated in 2020 from Brandon High School. This fall, he'll be attending Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va. to major in musical theatre. Chance has participated in both New Stage's Broadway Jr camps and Youth Acting Troupe, and he recently played Flute in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* that was filmed at New Stage during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of New Stage's Education Department Virtual Touring Program. Nowadays he loves to write songs and produce music. Ask him about the musical he's writing on and he'll talk for hours.

Oluchi Nwaokorie (Volunteer Student Counselor/Social Media) is 18 years old and from Jackson. She has been in Broadway Jr. shows since 2017 such as Anna in *Frozen Jr.*, Kassim in *Aladdin Jr.*, and main stage productions of *Matilda the Musical* and *Beauty and the Beast*. She also has had the opportunity to be Andrea in the educational production of *Andrea and the Lion*. In 2020, she was named a National Young Arts winner in theatre and recently named a finalist in Broadway Worlds Next On Stage Competition. This fall, she will be attending the University of Michigan to study musical theatre.

Ren Hite (Volunteer Student Counselor) is elated to be returning to her second home, New Stage, once again! Her Broadway Jr. credits began with Asaka, Mother of the Earth in **Once on this Island, Jr.** in 2017, and most recently as Pabbie in **Frozen, Jr.** She was also involved in Youth Acting Troupe as both an actor and member of the Student Council, as well as appearing in **Matilda the Musical** as Teen Ensemble. Ren is a 2020 graduate of McLaurin High School in Florence, where she graduated with honors and was ranked #20 in her class. She is currently a rising sophomore at the University of Mississippi, majoring in acting for stage and screen with minor in journalism. Her credits at UM include an original radio show **Listening in the Shadows**, **Urinetown the Musical**, and **Legally Blonde**. She has also served as assistant stage manager for UM's Ghostlight Repertory Theatre, and will be serving as the 2021-22 director of special events.

Devin Ranftle (Volunteer Student Counselor) is excited to be back with New Stage Theatre! He is currently a student at Hinds Community College in Raymond as a theatre major. He is a graduate of the Broadway Jr. Camp and has been in *Matilda the Musical*. He first started his journey with *Seussical, Jr.* and branched his horizons at Ridgeland High School, where he learned more about his love for acting. He received best actor in his senior show *Murder Box* by Reid Conrad. Continuing with his theatre studies he is diving into the backstage world. He has returned to New Stage to return the love and support that the Broadway Jr camps has given him to help with *Shrek, Jr*. He is also in a project at Pearl Community Theatre called *Second Samuel* by Pamela Parker. After he completes his studies at Hinds Community College he plans to attend USM.

Becky Freeman (Costume Designer) began her costuming career as a back stage mom volunteering with local community theatre. Originally from Kalamazoo, Michigan, Becky has been a southern transplant for many years. While earning a BFA in clothing and textile design from the University of Alabama, Becky became acting costume shop manager at The University of Alabama in 1989. This contract assignment inspired her to utilize her fashion skills in the area of theatre as a costumer. For twelve years she was the costume shop manager at the University of Alabama where in 2011 she earned an MFA in costume design and technology. Earning this degree led her to Jackson where she taught and mentored students for seven years at Belhaven University. Design credits include: Belhaven Theatre 2014-2020, Children's Theatre of Tuscaloosa, Theatre Tuscaloosa, The Rude Mechanicals, Alabama Repertory Dance Theatre, Actor's Charitable Theatre, Training Better Actors (Anchorage, Alaska), University of Alabama Black Box Theatre, Montana Shakespeare in the Parks (Bozeman, MT), and Shakespeare by the Sea (Thousand Oaks, CA).

Paul Sullivan (Lighting Design Intern) is excited to be working with New Stage Theatre as a lighting design intern this summer. In addition to his business degree, he is pursuing a minor in theatre from Mississippi State University. Prior to designing lights, Paul was originally introduced to theatre as an actor. He has performed with River Region Drama Guild Inc, River Region Ballet Inc, and Starkville Community Theatre. Paul has also designed lights and projections for TheatreMSU.

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