# CHILDREN 5EDEN JR

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## EDEN Cast July 14 and 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Father	Jory Tanaka
Young Adam	Jake Weems
Young Eve	Brooklyn Bailey
Middle Adam/Japeth	Colin Ridgway
Middle Eve	Grace Coon
Eve	Cate Purvis
Adam/Noah	Jacob Jefferson
Young Cain	Ethan Hartfield
Young Abel	Maddie Vance
Cain	Caden Miller
Abel	Mattie Ellis
Snake 1	Adrienne Tanaka
Snake 2	Reagan Vinzant
Snake 3	Taijha Hackett
Snake 4	Shelby Smith
Snake 5	Gracie Jordan
Snake 6	Taylor Harper
Snake 7	Legend Gavin
Snake 8	Preston McDowell
Seth/Ham	Lance Taylor
Mama Noah	Dylan Thomas
Shem	Annie Beaugez
Yonah	Audrey Holt
Aphra	Violet Daniels
Aysha	Ashlan McGuffee
Featured Soloist	Astro Crawford
Storyteller/Featured Soloist	Hannah Shelton
Storyteller/Featured Soloist	•
Storyteller Ensemble	Paige Barker
Storyteller Ensemble	Míriam Caballero
Storyteller Ensemble	Mark Tuttle
Storyteller Ensemble	Avery Alford
Storyteller Ensemble	Natalie (Jade) Smart
Storyteller Ensemble	Thelma Franklin
Storyteller Ensemble	
Storyteller Ensemble	Hannah King
Storyteller Ensemble	
Storyteller Ensemble	
Storyteller Ensemble	Kiersten Simmons



## ARK Cast July 15, 2022 at 7 p.m. and July 17, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Father	
Young Adam	
Young Eve	
Middle Adam/Japeth	Marc Daniel Cornelius
Middle Eve	Brooklyn Jefferson
Eve	Kya Jackson
Adam/Noah	Tanner Green
Young Cain	Connor Myers
Young Abel	Amani Palmer
Cain	Parks Garrott
Abel	Breckyn Bradshaw
Snake 1	Trinity Johnson
Snake 2	Charlie Perna
Snake 3	Rylee McKenzie
Snake 4	Zyon Hubbard
Snake 5	Jazzlynn Loving
Snake 6	Lauryn Smith
Snake 7	Zuri Pearson
Seth/Ham	Caden Porter
Mama Noah	Lucy Harper
Shem	Alex Ragsdale
Yonah	Natalie Pace
Aphra	Elmer Gordan
Aysha	Angela Cole
Featured Soloist	Addyson Russell
Storyteller/Featured Soloist	Meredith Green
Storyteller/Featured Soloist	Josie Huff
Storyteller Ensemble	Khloe Lenoir
Storyteller Ensemble	Harlie Hunt
Storyteller Ensemble	Grace Wicks
Storyteller Ensemble	Makenzie Ledford
Storyteller Ensemble	Makaila Faith Nixon
Storyteller Ensemble	Kaylee (Kas) Morgan
Storyteller Ensemble	Taylor Harper
Storyteller Ensemble	Natalia Elmore
Storyteller Ensemble	Shaughnessy Baker
Storyteller Ensemble	Kayla Winn
Storyteller Ensemble	Ana Hamilton

Let There Be	Storytellers, Father
Father's Greeting	Father, Young Adam, Young Eve
The Naming	Father, Young Adam, Young Eve, Storytellers
Grateful Children	Young Adam, Young Eve, Father
Perfect	Storytellers, Featured Soloists
The Spark of Creation	Storytellers, Middle Eve
In Pursuit of Excellence—Part 1.	Snakes, Middle Eve
In Pursuit of Excellence—Part 3.	Snakes, Middle Eve
The End of a Perfect Day	Featured Soloists, Storytellers, Middle Eve, Middle Adam, Father
Childhood's End	Father, Middle Adam, Middle Eve
A World Without You	Father, Middle Adam, Middle Eve
The Expulsion	Father, Middle Adam, Middle Eve
Wasteland/Wilderness Family	Storytellers, Featured Soloists, Adam, Eve, Young Cain, Young Abel
Close to Home	Young Cain, Young Abel, Adam, Eve
The Spark of Creation—Reprise.	Eve, Young Cain, Young Abel, Cain, Abel
Lost in the Wilderness	Cain, Abel, Father
Lost in the Wilderness—Reprise	Cain, Abel, Father, Storytellers, Adam, Eve
Clash of the Generations	Storytellers, Cain, Abel, Adam, Eve
Death of Abel	Featured Soloists, Eve
The Mark of Cain	Cain, Father, Storytellers
Children of Eden	Eve, Storytellers
Generations	Company
A Piece of Eight	Storytellers, Noah, Mama Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, Yonah
Noah's Lullaby	Noah, Yonah
Stranger to the Rain	Yonah, Japheth
	Japheth, Yonah
The Flood/What is He Waiting Fo	orCompany
Sailor of the Skies	Yonah, Father
The Hardest Part of Love	Noah, Father
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	Mama Noah, Noah, Shem, Ham, Japheth, Aphra, Aysha
In the Beginning	Company

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**Avery Alford** is 14 and in the 9th grade at Brandon High School. She is the daughter of Whitney Self and Craig Alford. Avery is excited and prepared to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Avery enjoys swimming, dancing, and hanging out with friends. Avery has been in **Shrek the Musical, Jr.** Avery would like to thank her friends, family, and New Stage for encouraging her.

**Brooklyn Bailey** is 12 and in 7th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the daughter of Latrisha Pamas and Kelvin Bailey. Brooklyn is feeling relaxed to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Brooklyn enjoys singing, baking, and crocheting. Brooklyn has been in *Winnie the Pooh, Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon*, and *Lion King Kids*. Brooklyn would like to thank her family and God.

Shaughnessy Baker is 16 and in the 10th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of William and Iris Baker. Shaughnessy is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Shaughnessy enjoys watching movies, singing, dancing, reading, drawing, church festivals, and traveling. Shaughnessy is new to theatre camp and is looking forward to learning all she can about performing. Shaughnessy would like to thank her family and friends for their support and encouragement.

**Paige Barker** is 12 and in the 7th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the daughter of Larry and Shondra Barker. Paige is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp. Paige enjoys reading books, dancing, and playing volleyball. She has been in *The Tempest*, Wells APAC's *Broadway Review*, and *The Happiness Shop*. Paige would like to thank her family, friends, and supporters.

**Annie Beaugez** is 13 and in the 9th grade. She is homeschooled and the daughter of Jennifer and Jim Beaugez. Annie is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Annie enjoys playing Sky, drawing, and making music. Annie has been in *The Lion King, Jr*. Annie would like to thank her friends for being nice.

**Breckyn Bradshaw** is 15 and in the 10th grade at NW Rankin High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Katie Knight and Chase and Parker Bradshaw. Breckyn is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Breckyn enjoys theatre and loves Broadway shows. She also loves to draw and watch movies with her friends. Breckyn has been in *Frozen Jr.*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Jr.*, and *Failure: A Love Story*. Breckyn would like to thank her family, friends, and God for always seeing her through and supporting her.

**Míriam Caballero** is 11 and in the 7th grade. She is the daughter of Judith and David Caballero. Míriam is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Míriam enjoys drawing, painting, walking, Japanese vocaloid music, and has earned a perfect strawberry pie in the game Celeste. She has been involved with piano recitals and competitions. Míriam would like to thank Mark Tuttle for being a good friend.

**Angela Cole** is 16 and in 11th grade at Jim Hill High School. She is the daughter of Danyele Harrell and Michael Cole. Angela is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Angela enjoys dance, acting, musical theatre, and animated television shows. Angela has been in **Shrek the Musical, Jr., A Christmas Carol,** and **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. Angela would like to thank her parents for paying for her Broadway Jr. experience.

**Grace Coon** is 14 and in 9th grade at Rosa Scott High High School. She is the child of Chelsea Jeffreys and Charles Jeffreys, and Billy Coon. Grace is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Grace enjoys playing cello in the Mississippi Youth Symphony Orchestra and performing in her schools show choir. Grace has been in *Matilda the Musical, A Christmas Carol*, and *The Lion King, Jr*. Grace would like to thank her parents for being her personal cab drivers and New Stages wonderful staff for teaching her so much.

Marc Daniel Cornelius is 14 and a rising 10th grader at JPS-Tougaloo Early College High School Program. He is the son of Marc and Kimberly Cornelius. Marc Daniel is overjoyed to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Marc Daniel enjoys baseball, singing, acting, and going outside. Marc Daniel has been in *Frozen, Jr., A Christmas Carol*, and *Shrek the Musical, Jr*. Marc Daniel would like to thank God, his family, and others who helped him get here.

**Astro Crawford** is 15 and in 10th grade at Madison Central High School. They are the child of Rick and Tracy Crawford. Astro is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Astro enjoys cosplay, sewing, and building. Astro has been in *Shrek the Musical, Jr., Shrek the Musical*, and *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* Astro would like to thank their friends and family for being supportive while they continue doing what they love!

**Rett Daniels** is 12 and in the 7th grade at Madison Middle School. He is the son of James and Rainey Daniels. Rett is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Rett enjoys robotics, Legos, video games, band, Technology Student Association, choir, and guitar. Rett has been in *Oliver, Jr., Best Christmas Pageant*, and *The Lion King, Jr*. Rett would like to thank his family, friends, and pets!

Violet Daniels is 14 and in the 9th grade at Rosa Scott High School. She is the daughter of James and Rainey Daniels. Violet is delighted to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Violet enjoys speech and debate, yearbook, Technology Student Association, piano, voice, and stage crew. Violet has been in *Oliver, Jr., Music Man, Jr.*, and *The Lion King, Jr*. Violet would like to thank her family, friends, and pets.

Mattie Ellis is 15 and in 10th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. She is the child of Tara Ellis and Tony Ellis. Mattie is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Mattie enjoys singing, acting, and performing. Mattie has been in *Matilda the Musical, A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Shrek the Musical, Jr*. Mattie would like to thank the staff at New Stage and her parents.

**Natalia Elmore** is 14 and in the  $9^{th}$  grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is the daughter of Nathan and Karla Elmore. Natalia is excited to be in this year's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp. Natalia enjoys track, painting, and traveling. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and Elizabeth for their love and support.

**Thelma Franklin** is 12 and in the 8th grade at Olde Towne Middle School. She is the daughter of DeMarcus and Lena Franklin. Thelma is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway, Jr. camp. Thelma enjoys drawing, skateboarding, and running track. Thelma has been in **Shrek the Musical, Jr.** and **Winnie the Pooh Kids** in New Stage's First Stages Camp. Thelma would like to thank her parents and family for their support.

Parks Garrott is 13 and in the 8th grade at Madison Middle School. He is the son of Ben and Lori Garrott. Parks is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Parks enjoys writing songs, working on various writing projects, and hanging out with his friends. Parks has been in *Shrek the Musical, Jr., Clue Onstage*, and *Singing in the Rain*. Parks would like to thank his best friend, Jaxx, and everyone involved in the St. Joseph Catholic School Theatre Department.

**Legend Gavin** is 12 and in the 7th grade at Clinton Jr. High School. He is the son of Sollie and Joi Norwod and Vern Gavin II. Legend is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Legend enjoys basketball, chess, reading, track, and soccer. Legend has been in *Shrek the Musical, Jr.* Legend would like to thank his parents and family, including his new baby sister Soleil Legacy.

**Elmer Grace Gordon** is 13 and in the 7th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the daughter of Porsha and Vondaris Gordon. Elmer is absolutely ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Elmer enjoys reading books by her favorite authors, shopping, and exploring the outdoors. Elmer has been in the *The Happiness Shop, Matilda the Musical*, and *The Wiz*. Elmer would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her!

Meredith Green is 16 and in the 11th grade at Park Place Christian Academy. She is the daughter of Brenda and Robert Green. Meredith is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Meredith enjoys art, singing, and piano. Meredith has been in *Aladdin, Jr., Frozen, Jr.*, and *Shrek the Musical, Jr*. Meredith would like to thank her Mom, Dad, and Kaylan for their support.

**Tanner Green** is 17 and in the 12th grade at Warren Central High School. He is the son of Tommy and Mark Green. Tanner is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Tanner enjoys singing, acting, and dancing. Tanner has been in *The Spongebob Musical*, Disney's *Descendants The Musical*, and *Shrek the Musical*, Jr. Tanner would like to thank his voice teacher, Sam Lovorn, his choir director, Eric Johnson, and his family.

**Taijha Hackett** is 14 and in the 9th grade at Summer Hill Junior High School. She is the daughter of Shamika Conley and granddaughter of Paula Conley. Taijha is super blessed and excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Taijha enjoys reading, going to Barnes and Noble, making YouTube videos, baking, and spending time with friends and family. Taijha has been in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Taijha would like to thank God, her family, and New Stage management for helping make her dreams come true.

Ana Hamilton is 13 and in the 8th grade at Olde Town Middle School. She is the daughter of Veronica and Jacob Watters. Ana is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Ana enjoys acting, reading, and watching *Friends*. Ana has been in *The Little Mermaid*, *Jr.*, *Broadway Jr.*, and *The King and I*, *Jr*. Ana would like to thank her family and friends for their loving support and Jennifer Aniston for inspiring her.

**Lucy Harper** is 17 and in the 11th grade at Germantown High School. She is the daughter of Trey and Heather Harper. Lucy is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Lucy enjoys babysitting, cosplay, musical theatre, and acting. Lucy has been in *Annie*, *Jr*. (Mrs. Hannigan), *Frozen*, *Jr*. (Ensemble), and *Charlotte's Web* (Edith). Lucy would like to thank her family, the New Stage staff, and all the supporters of New Stage theatre for making this possible.

**Taylor Harper** is 15 and a freshman at Germantown High School. She is the child of Jeff and Cynthia Mumford. Taylor is very thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Taylor enjoys cheering, singing, and dancing. She would like to thank her parents for seeking out this camp to allow her to participate to pursue a passion.

**Ethan Hartfield** is 12 and in the 7th grade at NW Rankin Middle School. He is the son of Zane and Michelle Hartfield. Ethan is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Ethan enjoys music, theatre, and art. Ethan has been in *A Christmas Carol* (Tiny Tim), *Matilda the Musical* (Nigel), and *Andrea and the Lion* (Leo). Ethan would like to thank his family and God.

**Emma Henry** is 15 and in the 10th grade at St. Augustine. She is the daughter of Meredith and Mark Henry. Emma is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Emma enjoys soccer, singing, and writing. Emma has been in **Shrek the Musical, Jr., Alice in Wonderland**, and the film **The Help**. Emma would like to thank her parents, Ella Henry, and friends for putting up with her constant singing.

**Audrey Holt** is 17 and in the 12th grade at Madison Ridgeland Academy. She is the daughter of Stacey and Stephanie Holt. Audrey is beyond excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Audrey enjoys reading, writing, singing, acting, and playing tennis. Audrey has been in **Seussical** (Gertrude), **Shrek the Musical, Jr.** (Fiona), and **Beauty and the Beast** (Belle).

**Zyon Hubbard** is 13 and in 8th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the daughter of D'Andrea Gilmore. Zyon is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Zyon enjoys talking to friends, playing with friends and family, and spending time with her baby sister. Zyon has been in **The Dozens are Coming, Peter Pan**, and **The Happiness Shop**. Zyon would like to thank her family.

Josie Huff is 17 and in the 12th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the daughter of Gene and Cathy Huff. Josie is excited to be in New Stage's production of *Children of Eden, Jr*! Josie enjoys reading, working puzzles, and singing. Josie has been in New Stage's production of *Shrek the Musical, Jr.*, and Jackson Academy's productions of Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* and *Mamma Mia*. Josie would like to thank her family, friends, and Mrs. Sanders for their continued support and encouragement.

**Harlie Hunt** is 12 and in 7th grade at NW Rankin Middle School. She is the daughter of Stephanie and Brian Hunt. Harlie is very thankful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Harlie enjoys doing rehearsals on the stage, meeting new people, and dance class. This is Harlie's first show. She would like to thank her mom for encouraging her to do the camp and whoever decided not to do the camp so she could!

**Kya Jackson** is 17 and in the 12th grade at Clinton High School. She is the daughter of Kevin and Veta Jackson. Kya is excited and grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kya enjoys acting, reading, and playing bass guitar. Kya has been in **Aladdin, Jr., Frozen, Jr.**, and **Shrek the Musical, Jr.** Kya would like to thank God, her family, and her village of support.

**Brooklyn Jefferson** is 12 and in 7th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the daughter of Janelle and Reginald Jefferson. Brooklyn is so excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Brooklyn enjoys singing, dancing, writing, baking, and making jewelry and selling it. Brooklyn has been in **Shrek the Musical, Jr., The Wiz**, and **Aladdin Kids**. Brooklyn would like to thank her mommy, daddy, God and her teacher Dr. Reed.

**Jacob Jefferson** is 13 and in 8th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. He is the son of Janelle and Reginald Jefferson. Jacob is so happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Jacob enjoys playing sports and video games, and spending time with his family. Jacob has been in **Aladdin Kids**, **A Christmas Carol**, and **Shrek the Musical**, **Jr**. Jacob would like to thank his parents, family, and the whole New Stage family.

**Trinity Johnson** is 15 years old and in the 11th grade at Mississippi School of the Arts. She is the daughter of Shonda and Ronald Johnson. Trinity is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Trinity enjoys dancing, acting, and singing. Trinity has been in **The Chi** (season 2), **Chicago P.D.**, and **Chicago Fire**. Trinity would like to thank her family, God, and New Stage Theatre for this opportunity.

**Lily Johnston** is 13 and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at NW Rankin Middle School. She is the daughter of Nancy Johnston. Lily is excited to join New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp. Lily enjoys horseback riding and playing saxophone in her spare time. She has been in **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. Lily would like to thank her mom and friends for encouraging her to take theatre.

**Gracie Jordan** is 12 and in 7th grade at Northwest Jackson Middle School. She is the daughter of Matt and Heather Jordan. Gracie enjoys acting, dancing, cheering, and volleyball. Gracie has been in *Shrek the Musical, Jr.* and *A Christmas Carol*. Gracie would like to thank her friends and family.

**Hannah King** is 15 and in 9th grade at Murrah High School. She is the daughter of Stacy and Andrew Lee. Hannah is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Hannah enjoys listening to music, reading books, and writing in her journal. Hannah has been in *Motown: The Musical, The Sound of Music* (Medley), and *This is a Test*. Hannah would like to thank her mom, dad, and her friends for supporting her throughout her life.

**Makenzie Ledford** is 14 and in the 8th grade at NW Rankin Middle School. She is the daughter of Joshua and Kamberly Ledford and Nelene and Steve Ledford. Makenzie is happy and excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Makenzie enjoys listening to music, drawing, and learning different languages. Makenzie has been in *The Box*. Makenzie would like to thank Mrs. Wright and her family.

**Khloe Lenoir** is 11 and in the 6th grade at Germantown Middle School. She is the daughter of Eric and Marjorie Lenoir. Khloe is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Khloe enjoys making art, singing, and watching television. Khloe has not yet been in any shows. Khloe would like to thank God and her family for their support.

**Taylor Longmire** is 11 and in 6th grade at Lovett Elementary School. He is the son of Tamera Longmire and Tony Jackson. Taylor is extremely excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Taylor enjoys golf, singing in his church choir, and playing guitar with his uncle. Taylor has been in *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Flashback*, and *Rears*. Taylor would like to thank his family and friends for always being supportive.

Jazzlyn Loving is 14 and in the 10th grade at Clinton High School. She is the daughter of Marquise and Pat Kessee and Dana and Javerro January. Jazzlyn is excited and nervous to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Jazzlyn enjoys playing her clarinet, spending time with her friends, and learning more about God and nature. Jazzlyn has been in *Footloose* and *Broadway Dreams*. Jazzlyn would like to thank her family, friends, and her choir directors.

**Preston McDowell** is 12 and in the 8th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. He is the son of Darrell and Crystal McDowell. Preston is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Preston enjoys acting, video games, and TikTok. Preston has been in *The Happiness Shop, Jersey Boys, Peter Pan, Help Desk, Oliver Twist*, and *Shrek the Musical*. Preston would like to thank his mom, dad, and friends.

**Ashlan McGuffee** is 13 and in the 8th grade at NW Rankin Middle School. She is the daughter of Leslie and Durwood McGuffee. Ashlan is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Ashlan enjoys painting, reading, and rollerblading. Ashlan has been in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Ashlan would like to thank her family for supporting her in what she loves to do.

**Rylee McKenzie** is 11 and in the 7th grade at Byram Middle School. She is the daughter of Michelle Webb and Ryan McKenzie. Rylee is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Rylee enjoys cheerleading, tumbling, and track. Rylee has been in *Matilda the Musical, Shrek the Musical, Jr.*, and *Winnie the Pooh Kids*. Rylee would like to thank her mom, dad, and family for always supporting and encouraging her.

Caden Miller is 19 and has graduated from Germantown High School. He is the son of Ken and Jacy Miller. Caden is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Caden enjoys singing, modeling, dancing, acting, and hanging with his friends. Caden has been in *Shrek the Musical, Jr.*, *Aladdin, Jr.*, *As You Like It*, *Singin' in the Rain, Jr.*, and *Once on this Island, Jr*. Caden would like to thank his friends, family, Reagan, and the New Stage crew.

**Connor Myers** is 12 and in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Brandon Middle School. He is the son of Mandy and Kevin Myers. Connor is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Connor enjoys music, dance, and acting. Connor has been in *Aladdin, Jr.* and *Shrek the Musical, Jr.* Connor would like to thank his mom, dad, Mimi, Grandpa, Graygray, Granddaddy, and his siblings.

**Natalie Pace** is 16 and in 11th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Katrina and Chris Pace. Natalie is exuberant to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Natalie enjoys running and show choir. Natalie has been in *Beauty and the Beast, Shrek the Musical, Jr.*, and *Frozen, Jr*. Natalie would like thank her friends.

**Amani Palmer** is 11 and in the 6th grade at Shirley Simmons Middle School. She is the daughter of Jonathan and T'Ondrea Robinson. Amani is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Amani enjoys cooking, painting, and tumbling. Amani has been in *The Snow Queen* at Ballet Magnificat. Amani would like to thank her family and for always being supportive.

Harrison Palmerton is 17 and in the 12th grade at Madison Central High School. He is the son of John and Angela Palmerton. Harrison is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Harrison enjoys singing, interacting with others in the camp, and acting. Harrison has been in *Singin' in the Rain Jr., Once on This Island, Jr.*, and *Shrek the Musical, Jr*. Harrison would like to thank his family and friends.

**Zuri Pearson** is 11 and in 6th grade at Byram Middle School. She is the daughter of Chiquila Pearson. Zuri is so happy to being New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Zuri enjoys reading, sleepovers, and acting. Zuri has been in **A Midsummer Night's Dream** and **Shrek the Musical, Jr**. Zuri would like to thank her family for always being there for her, especially her mom!

**Charlie Perna** is 12 and in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Clinton Junior High School. He is the child of Mandy and Nick Perna. Charlie is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! He enjoys reading, baking, and all things Disney. Charlie has been in *Humbug High* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He would like to thank his family, his 6<sup>th</sup> grade accent teacher, Mrs. Hudson, and his directors and teachers.

Caden Porter is 16 and in the 11th grade at Hartfield Academy. He is the son of Frank and Emily Porter. Caden is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Caden enjoys playing piano, golf, and doing things with his church's youth group. Caden has been in *Mary Poppins, Shrek the Musical, Jr.*, and *My Fair Lady*. Caden would like to thank his family, friends, and camp instructors for being so supportive!

Cate Purvis is 17 and just graduated from St. Andrews Episcopal School; she will be attending Emerson College in the fall to pursue a BFA in theatre education and performance. Cate is the daughter of Mary and Alex Purvis. She is grateful to be in her last Broadway Jr Summer Camp. Cate enjoys reading, cycling, and obsessing over musical theatre. Cate has been in *A Christmas Carol, Little Women*, and *Frozen, Jr.* at New Stage. She would like to thank her family and everyone at New Stage, especially Ms. Sharon!

Alex Ragsdale is 17 and in the 12th grade at Clinton High School. She is the daughter of Kirby and Ranita Ragsdale. Alex is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Alex enjoys gaming, singing, and quality time with friends. Alex has been in *Frozen Jr*. Alex would like to thank her family, best friend, and all of her godparents.

Colin Ridgway is 17 years old and going into the 11th grade at Madison Central High School. He lives in Madison with his dad and step-mom, Julius and Stephanie Ridgway. This is Colin's fifth Broadway, Jr. production at New Stage! He previously appeared in *Once on This Island, Jr., Aladdin, Jr., Frozen, Jr.*, and *Shrek the Musical, Jr*. He was also in the main stage production of *Matilda the Musical* at New Stage. Colin enjoys filmmaking and video production, making short films and videos for his YouTube channel. He also enjoys playing video games, as well as collecting vintage games and consoles.

**Addyson Russell** is 12 and in the 7th grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is the daughter of Melvin and Latasha Russell. Addyson is overjoyed to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Addyson enjoys playing different instruments, swimming, and listening to music. Addyson has been in **Snow White and the Seven Dwarves**. Addyson would like to thank her family for always being there for her.

**Hannah Shelton** is 16 and in the 9th grade at Shelton Academy. She is the daughter of Marc and Sara Shelton. Hannah is ecstatic and confident to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Hannah enjoys singing, arts and crafts, watching anime, reading books, and socializing. Hannah has been in Mississippi Children's Musical Theatre's *Olivia*, *Dorothy in Wonderland*, and *The Greatest Hits of MCMT*. Hannah would like to thank her family, her cousin Meagan, and God for giving her courage and strength.

**Kiersten Simmons** is 12 and in 7th grade at NW Rankin Middle. She is the child of Brianna Jones, Brandon Simmons, and Debra Jones. Kiersten really enjoys New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kiersten enjoys drawing, painting, volleyball, and cheer. This is Kiersten's first show! Kiersten would like to thank her friends and family.

**Natalie (Jade) Smart** is 13 and in the 8th grade at Benton Academy. She is the daughter of Ashley and Dusty Chisolm, Johnathan Smart, and Courtney and Catherine Mansell. Jade is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys playing video games and watching musical theatre. Jade has not been in any of New Stage's shows so far but is a member of her school's Show Choir program. Jade would like to thank her mom and stepdad, her aunts for being so supportive, and Lily Murphy, her best friend.

Lauryn Smith is 12 and in the 7th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the daughter of Jamario and Kimberly Smith. Lauryn is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Lauryn enjoys acting, singing, and cheering. Lauryn has been in *Broadway Review* (twice), *The Happiness Shop*, and *The Wiz*. Lauryn would like to thank New Stage for this opportunity, her parents, and her theatre teachers.

**Shelby Smith** is 14 and in 9th grade at NW Rankin High School. She is the daughter of Liz and Josh Smith. Shelby is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Shelby enjoys 80s movies, mystery documentaries, and kayaking. Shelby has been in *Alienated, The Inexplicable Chaos Factors of Mia Gregory*, and *Shrek the Musical, Jr*. Shelby would like to thank her mom, dad, and best friend Mackenzie.

Kayleigh Summers is 11 and in the 6th grade at NW Rankin Middle School. She is the daughter of Kristin Barnes and DeMorris Summers. Kayleigh is excited and nervous to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kayleigh enjoys singing, drawing, making bracelets, doing DIY projects, and being creative. Kayleigh has been in *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon Kids* (First Stages Camp). Kayleigh would like to thank her mom, family, friends, and honor choir teacher for all their love, support, and encouragement.

Jory Tanaka is 17, just graduated from St. Andrews Episcopal School, and will be attending Tulane University in the fall. She is the daughter of Linda and John Schmidt and Javier Tanaka. Jory is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Jory enjoys acting and spending time with her little sister Rhen. Jory has been in *A Midsummers Night's Dream, The Tempest*, and *Frozen, Jr*. Jory would like to thank her siblings and friends.

Adrienne (Rhen) Tanaka is 15 and in 10th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. She is the daughter of Linda and John Schmidt and Javier Tanaka. Rhen is stoked to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys acting, singing, and swimming. Rhen has been in *Matilda the Musical, Little Women*, and *A Christmas Carol*. She would like to thank her siblings, her family, and The Rending Machine.

Lance Taylor is 15 and in the 10th grade at Jackson Classical Homeschool Program. He is the son of Tim and Marcie Taylor. Lance is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp. Lance enjoys playing electric guitar in the style of Jimi Hendrix, building challenging Lego sets, attending Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Madison, and playing strategy games like chess and Magic: The Gathering. Lance has performed in *Treasure Island* (CHEC drama), *A Christmas Carol* (New Stage Theatre), and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Unity Theatre). Lance would like to thank his family for supporting him and always providing valuable material for his stand-up comedy routines.

**Dylan Thomas** is 15 and in the 10th grade at Madison Central High School. She is the daughter of Ashlee and Billy Thomas. Dylan is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Dylan enjoys painting on her furniture, reading, and origami. Dylan has been in *Shrek the Musical, Jr.*, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, and *Music Man, Jr.* Dylan would like to thank her family for supporting her, her friends for believing in her, and Mrs. Bruening for teaching her.

Mark Tuttle is 12 and in the 7th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. He is the son of Steve Tuttle and Anita DeRouen. Mark is glad to be New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Mark enjoys video gaming, reading, and martial arts. Mark has been in *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon Kids*. Mark would like to thank people at New Stage and his fellow cast members for making the show possible!

**Maddie Vance** is 11 and in the 6th grade at Midtown Public Charter School. She is the daughter of Lily Victory. Maddie is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Maddie enjoys gardening, 3D printing, and reading. She has not been in any shows yet. Maddie would like to thank Jamie and her brother and sisters.

**Reagan Vinzant** is 18 and in the 12th grade at East Rankin Academy. She is the daughter of Amy and Joey Vinzant. Reagan is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Reagan enjoys playing video games, video and photo editing, and acting. Reagan has been in **Shrek the Musical**, **Jr.**, **Annie**, **Jr.**, and **Cinderella**, **Jr**. Reagan would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors.

Makenzie Weaver is 14 and in 9th grade at NW Rankin High School. She is the daughter of Jaitha Weaver and Marcus Weaver. Makenzie is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Makenzie enjoys listening to music, playing piano, and playing any game. Makenzie has been in *Inexplicable Chaos Factor of Mia Gregory, Parents Just Don't Understand*, and *Alienated*. Makenzie would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers.

Jake Weems is 11 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. He is the son of Jamie and Julia Weems. Jake is really excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp. Jake has a 2nd degree black belt in Taekwondo, and also enjoys piano and swim team. Jake played Captain Bones in First Stages production of *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon Kids*. He would like to thank my family and friends

**Grace Wicks** is 12 and in 7th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the daughter of John and Felice Wicks. Grace is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Grace enjoys painting, drawing, and spending time with friends. Grace has been in *Winnie the Pooh Kids* and *Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon Kids*. Grace would like to thank her family and friends for being so very supportive.

**Kayla Winn** is 16 and in 11th grade at Murrah High School. She is the child of Nikki and Patrick Winn. Kayla is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kayla enjoys baking, listening to music, watching television, and acting. This is Kayla's first show, and she would like to thank her family, her friends, and the staff at New Stage for making her first camp experience amazing.

#### Staff Biographies

Sharon Miles (Camp Director/Education Director) is an actor, singer, director, playwright, and the education director at New Stage Theatre. Her original script, *If Not Us Then Who: Freedom Rides to Freedom Summer* toured though out the state of Mississippi through New Stage Theatre's award winning education program. Born and raised in Mississippi, Miles is an avid lover of Mississippi 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 and 8:46*, and most recently, *The Debate for Democracy*. Miles collaborated with Frank Kuhn to create a one woman show about civil rights champion Fannie Lou Hamer entitled *Let It Shine: Visit with Fannie Lou Hamer*.

Ashia Benford (Assistant Director/Lead Acting Instructor) holds a BA in sociology and theatre from Jackson State University. After graduating, Benford joined the professional acting internship program at New Stage Theatre, where she was seen in *Race, 9 Parts of Desire, The Cat in the Hat, Mahalia: A Gospel Musical,* and *Hairspray*. Currently, she is an acting instructor/director with local theatre companies and privately trains children and adults preparing for educational and professional auditions. Last year Benford earned a MA in clinical mental health counseling and is a therapist at Progressive Movement Counseling. She enjoys working with children and integrates various theatre techniques into the counseling process. She has recently been seen as Ella Baker in *The Debate for Democracy* and *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime.* She would like to thank Destin and Audrey-Grace for their continuous love and support.

Chiquila Pearson (Choreographer/Dance Instructor) 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 14 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, Singin' in the Rain, Jr.*, and *Shrek the Musical, 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. She is the proud mother of three beautiful children Kandace, Le'Thario, and Zuri and a proud grandmother of a grandson Landen.

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Mandy Kate Myers (Music Director/ Music Teacher) New Stage credits include Babette in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, Ghost of Christmas Past in *A Christmas Carol*, Mrs. Darling in *Peter Pan*, Mama Bear in *Shrek the Musical*, Cindy Lou in *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, Puppeteer in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues*. She performed in *54/54/54* at Feinstein's/54 Below in New York and appeared alongside Leslie Jordan and an incredible company of talented professionals in New Stage Theatre's premiere staged reading of the new musical, *Glory! Glory!* Other favorite roles include Kate Monster in *Avenue Q*, Kate Keller (Mother) in *All My Sons*, Latrelle in *Sordid Lives*, CB's Sister in *Dog Sees God*, Amy in *Company*, and Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*. Myers has acted as New Stage's musical director and as and instructor for the First Stages and Broadway, Jr. Summer Camps for several years. A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Myers 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.

K. Devin Hunter (Stage Manager) is a Tallahassee, Fla. native who graduated from Florida A&M University. Recently, Hunter appeared in *Slippin' Through the Cracks: The Blues Journey of Bobby Rush, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, Little Shop of Horrors, The Debate for Democracy* as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and *Hands Up! 7 Testament 7 Playwrights* as Holes in My Identity. He was also a Professional Acting Apprentice at New Stage Theatre, where he not only toured Mississippi performing three productions for grade school students, but also performed in main stage productions of *A Christmas Carol* (2019), *Matilda the Musical*, and *Pipeline* where he was mentioned in the American Theatre Magazine. Hunter 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.

Matthew McMurtry (Lighting Design/Light Board Operator) is a senior theatre major at Belhaven University. He has spent the last year there both performing and designing. His most recent lighting positions include master electrician for 9 to 5 the Musical (New Stage Theatre), assistant lighting designer for The Wizard of Oz (Belhaven University), and lighting designer for Steel Magnolias (Belhaven University). McMurtry is thrilled to be working on Children of Eden, Jr. and to be back at New Stage! His experience here began years ago at a summer camp where he had the opportunity to perform in Legally Blonde Jr.

Sasha Erives (Camp Assistant/Teaching Assistant) is from El Paso, Texas and is an upcoming senior at Belhaven University pursuing a degree in acting. She has been part of the production team for several shows at Belhaven. She was run crew for *The Wizard of Oz*, assistant stage manager for *Steel Magnolias*, props master for *Pride and Prejudice*, and worked in the costume and scene shops for various shows. She has also been in several shows at Belhaven with some of her recent roles include Speed in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, Lydia in *Pride and Prejudice*, and Popova in *The Bear*. She is delighted to help with this camp and to watch this show come together!

Hosea Griffith (Teaching Assistant) is a recent graduate of the University of Mobile, obtaining a MM in vocal performance. Griffith enjoys performing music whenever the chance arises, both musical theatre and opera. A native of Jackson, he had the pleasure of portraying many roles in Jackson and the surrounding areas, including the roles of Pablo in Sister Act, Joe in Show Boat, and Papageno in The Magic Flute, as well as a recent turn in New Stage's Little Shop of Horrors, 9 tio 5 the Musical, and the recent workshop production of Slippin' Through the Cracks: The Blues Journey of Bobby Rush. While pursuing graduate studies, Griffith was granted multiple performance opportunities, his favorites being Friar Laurent in Roméo et Juliet and Don Alfonso in Così fan tutte.



#### CLUE

#### Contemporary Comedy

By Sandy Rustin

September 13-25, 2022

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well...dead. Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, *Clue* is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

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By August Wilson

October 25-November 6, 2022

Set against the backdrop of 1950's Pittsburgh, August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize winning drama tells the story of Troy Maxson, a one-time star of the Negro baseball leagues who now works as a garbage man, holding court and expounding on life from the chair in his backyard. Due to his race, Troy was denied his shot at the big league, so when his son Cory wants his own chance to play ball, Troy's bitterness and resentment threaten to tear their relationship apart.

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Could you name a hundred things that make life wonderful? A thousand? How about a million? A boy's mother attempted suicide and in response, he started a list of things to live for. As he grows up, the list takes on a life of its own. This surprising and immersive theatrical experience speaks openly about depression, mental illness, and suicide. With poignant humor and joy, it takes us on a journey through grief, healing, falling in love, and (re)discovering all that life has to give.

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April 18-30, 2023

From her cramped St. Louis apartment, Amanda Wingfield dreams of her days as a Southern debutante while worrying about the future of her aimless son and unmarried daughter. With their father absent and the Great Depression in motion, the siblings find comfort in their foibles, which only heightens Amanda's anxiety. When a gentleman caller arrives for dinner, the Wingfields are flooded with hope.

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