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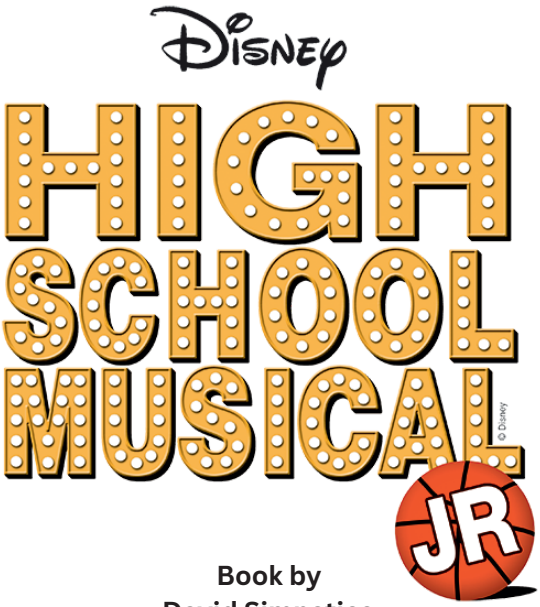

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SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

SCENE 1: EAST HIGH SCHOOL

Wildcat Cheer.....Company
Start of Something New.....Troy, Gabriella, Party Kids, Students

SCENE 2: HOMEROOM

SCENE 3: HALLWAY

SCENE 4: GYM

Get'cha Head in the Game.....Troy, Jocks

SCENE 5: LAB

SCENE 6: THEATER

SCENE 7: THEATRE

Auditions.....James, Susan, Cathy, Cyndra, Ms. Darbus, Thespians
What I've Been Looking For.....Ryan, Sharpay
What I've Been Looking For (Reprise).....Troy, Gabriella

SCENE 8: HALLWAY

SCENE 9: CAFETERIA

Stick to the Status Quo.....Zeke, Martha Cox, Troy
Gabriella, Sharpay, Students

SCENE 10: HORTICULTURE HEADQUARTERS

SCENE 11: STUDY HALL

SCENE 12: GYM

SCENE 13: LOCKER ROOM/LAB

Counting on You .....Chad, Taylor, Zeke, Martha Cox, Brainiacs, Jocks

SCENE 14: THEATER

SCENE 15: CAFETERIA

We're All in This Together.....Chad, Taylor, Zeke, Kelsi,
Martha Cox, Jocks, Brainiacs

SCENE 16: LAB/THEATER/GYM

Bop to the Top.....Sharpay, Ryan, Students
Breaking Free.....Troy, Gabriella, Students

SCENE 17: GYM

We're All in This Together (Reprise).....Troy, Gabriella, Company
High School Musical Megamix.....Company

VARSITY WILDCATS

Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Saturday, July 11, 2026 at 2:00 pm

TROY BOLTON.....Seth Grenfell
GABRIELLA MONTEZ.....Abigail Shannon
CHAD DANFORTH.....Peyton Jones
ZEKE BAYLOR.....Charles Grenfell
SHARPAY EVANS.....Betsy Beard
RYAN EVANS.....Gabriel Gernand
COACH BOLTON.....Alex Fuentes
TAYLOR MCKESSIE.....Isabella Samuels
KELSI NIELSON.....Brecken Woods
MARTHA COX.....Nykendra McInnis
MS. DARBUS.....Emma Carter
CYNDRA.....Pace Rundlett
CATHY.....Rayna Dixon
SUSAN.....Ava Raby
JAMES.....Christopher Sanders
THESPIANS.....Renlee Hammond, Taylor Jackson, Jovanni Marone, Macie McClenty
CHEERLEADERS.....Lucy Daniel, Lillian Dixon, Elizbeth Elmore, Katie Rose Guilfoyle, Zuri Pearson, Kayliegh Summers, Swayzie Vaught, Ella Young
MODERATOR/BRAINIAC.....Ryleigh Holloway
KRATNOFF/BRAINIAC.....Tobi Robertson
MS. TENNY/BRAINIAC.....Amani Palmer
BRAINIACS.....Harper Black, Claire Guynes, Anna Krebs, Marley Martens, Azayla McFadden, Paisley Pickron
JACK/JOCK.....Mariah Loving
SCOTT/JOCK.....Jade Smart
JOCKS.....Kimora Holmes, Matthew McAlpin, Jaden White
TECH.....Mary Beth Furby, Breukelen Khune, Ethan Moore

ALL-STAR WILDCATS

Friday, July 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm
Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm

TROY BOLTON.....Ethan Hartfield
GABRIELLA MONTEZ.....Ruby Martindale
CHAD DANFORTH.....Reginald Jefferson
ZEKE BAYLOR.....Corban Welchlin
SHARPAY EVANS.....Amelie Baquie
RYAN EVANS.....Parks Garrott
COACH BOLTON.....Brandon Harvey
TAYLOR MCKESSIE.....Emma Williams
KELSI NIELSON.....Lila Parrish
MARTHA COX.....Taijha Hackett
MS. DARBUS.....Bella Glenn
CYNDRA.....Iyanu Carson
CATHY.....Emmalyn Humphrey
SUSAN.....Ja'myah Smith
JAMES.....Matthew Jenkins
THESPIANS.....Rayla Davis. Amelia Hartfield, Navá Jackson, Olivia Stewart
CHEERLEADERS.....Brooklyn Bailey, Laila Ann Bass, Aubree Bissett, Mattison Demming, Kennedy King, Zola Lenoir, Andrea Ray, Naomi Willis
MODERATOR/BRAINIAC.....Lee Harwell
KRATNOFF/BRAINIAC.....Riley Cloyd
MS. TENNY/BRAINIAC.....Karis Goodman
BRAINIACS.....Jenesis Francis, Campbell Haindel, Zoey Hall, Zeke Lowry, Kalani Rockett, Izara Rodriguez
JACK/JOCK.....Mason Medina
SCOTT/JOCK.....Kameron Lawson
JOCKS.....Liadan Clay-Hester, Rebecca Jenkins, Sean Kines
TECH.....Mary Beth Furby, Breukelen Kuhne, Ethan Moore

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BROOKLYN BAILEY (Cheerleader) is 16 and in 11th grade at Mississippi School of the Arts. She is the child of Latrisha and Kelvin. Brooklyn is overjoyed to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Brooklyn enjoys singing, acting, and making matcha. Brooklyn has been in ***Sister Act, JR.***, ***Mean Girls, JR.,*** and ***Little Shop of Horrors***. Brooklyn would like to thank God, her choir teacher, and her family.

AMELIE BAQUIE (Sharpay Evans) is 14 and in 9th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of James and Michelle. Amelie is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Amelie enjoys acting, show choir, and playing with her dog, Lucy. Amelie has been in ***Frozen*** at New Stage as young Elsa, ***Peter Pan***, and ***Anything Goes***! Amelie would like to thank her family and friends for always being there for her.

LAILA ANN BASS (Cheerleader) is 13 and in the 8th grade at Baily APAC Middle School. She is the child of Kevin and Angela Bass. Laila is overjoyed to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp! Laila enjoys dancing, talking on the phone, and being on the Bailey APAC drill team. She has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***The Wiz***, and several dance recitals and ballets with the APAC program and the Judah School of Performing Arts. Laila would like to thank all of her teachers at New Stage, APAC, and Judah, as well as her mom and dad, for investing in her talent development.

BETSY BEARD (Sharpay Evans) is 15 and in 10th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Taylor and Justin Beard. Betsy is pumped to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Betsy enjoys theatre, show choir, and dance team. Betsy has been in ***Anything Goes***, ***The Little Mermaid***, and ***The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940***. Betsy would like to thank her family, Mrs. Sanders, and Katie Ladner.

MARY BETH FURBY (Tech Crew) is 11 and in 6th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Cole and Thea Henslee. Mary Beth is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Mary Beth enjoys crafting and drawing.

AUBREE BISSETT (Cheerleader) is 15 and in 10th grade at Ocean Springs High School. She is the child of Leslie and Josh. Aubree is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Aubree enjoys dancing, acting, and journaling. Aubree has been in ***The Crane Wife***, Rodgers and Hammerstein's ***Cinderella***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. Aubree would like to thank her family and her friends for supporting and encouraging her.

HARPER BLACK (Brainiacs) is 12 and in 7th grade at St. Andrew's. She is the child of Katie and Will Black. Harper is ecstatic to be at camp! Harper has been in ***The Lion King KIDS***, ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, and ***The Little Mermaid, JR***. She enjoys painting, reading, singing, and playing the drums. Harper would like to thank her friends, family, and the awesome camp staff for their support.

IYANU CARSON (Cyndra) is 13 and in 8th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Octavia Carson and Warren Carson. Iyanu is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Iyanu enjoys being in show choir, watching movies, and traveling. Iyanu has been in ***Footloose: Youth Edition***, ***The Little Mermaid***, and ***Zombie Prom: Atomic Edition***. Iyanu would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for their support.

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EMMA CARTER (Ms. Darbus) is 16 and in 10th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. She is the child of Bryan and Shelley Carter. Emma is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Emma enjoys theatre, long walks in parks, and eating at Waffle House with friends. Emma has been in ***Matilda*** (Mrs. Wormwood), ***Mamma Mia!*** (Ali), and ***The Lion King, JR.*** (Sarafina). Emma would like to thank her family, her friends, and Xerron.

LIADAN CLAY-HESTER (Jock) is 11 and in 6th grade at Old Town MS. She is the child of Sarah Clay and Adrian Hester. Líadan is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Líadan enjoys reading manga, acting, and drawing. Líadan has been in ***Peter Pan, JR.***, playing Captain Hook at Highland Elementary School. Líadan would like to thank her family!

RILEY CLOYD (Kratnoff/Brainiac) is 16 and in 11th grade at Murrah High School. She is the child of Ben Cloyd and Katie Cassady. Riley is so excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Riley enjoys music, acting, and watching movies. Riley has been in ***Blood at the Root***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***Crooked Letters***. Riley would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

LUCY DANIEL (Cheerleader) is 14 and a rising 9th grader at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Kirk and Stephanie Daniel and the grandchild of Michael and Rebecca Carrol, Judy Daniel, and Rick Daniel. Lucy is very excited to be in New Stage's ***High School Musical, JR.***! Lucy enjoys singing, acting, and hanging out with friends. Lucy has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Frozen, JR.***, and ***Shrek, JR***. Lucy would like to thank her family, her friends, and her theatre and show choir teachers for their love and support.

RAYLA DAVIS (Thespian) is 16 and in 11th grade at Yazoo County High School. She is the child of Tasha Moore and Ranney Davis. Rayla is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Rayla enjoys singing, crocheting, and sleeping. This is Rayla's first show! Rayla would like to thank her family and friends for being so supportive.

MATTISON DEMMING (Cheerleader) is 13 and in 8th grade at Clinton Jr. High. She is the child of Tonya and Jonathan. Mattison is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Mattison enjoys hanging out with friends, singing, and dancing. Mattison has been in ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, ***The Lion King, JR.***, and ***Murder at the Pie Auction***. Mattison would like to thank her family and friends.

LILLIAN DIXON (Cheerleader) is 12 and in 7th grade at Sacred Heart Catholic School. She is the child of Mike Dixon and Sarah Dixon. Lillian is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Lillian enjoys singing/dancing or playing basketball, hanging out with friends, and going on trips! Lillian has been in ***Annie*** as Annie. Lillian would like to thank her family, the people at New Stage, and God for giving her this opportunity!

RAYNA DIXON (Cathy) is 13 and in 8th grade at Jackson Prep. She is the child of Joe and Laura Dixon. Rayna is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Rayna enjoys reading and writing, acting, and group activities/games. Rayna has been in ***Frozen, JR.***, ***Alice in Wonderland, JR***., and ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child***. Rayna would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for supporting her love of theatre.

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ELIZABETH ELMORE (Cheerleader) is 13 and in 9th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Nathan and Karia. Elizabeth is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Elizabeth enjoys shopping with her sister, hanging out with friends, and singing. Elizabeth has been in two show choir shows at Jackson Academy. Elizabeth would like to thank her family.

JENESIS FRANCIS (Brainiac) is 13 and in 8th Grade at Seminole Middle School (Florida). She is the child of Deborah Baker, Jamiri Francis, and Sherry Sterling. Jenesis is eager to start camp and travels each summer to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. from FL.! Jenesis enjoys arts/crafts, gaming with friends, anything outdoors, and most of all singing and acting. Jenesis has been in ***Frog and Toad***, ***Newsies, JR.***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. Jenesis would like to thank her grandmother for introducing her to theatre, her sister for helping guide her, her mom for being supportive of her goals, and most of all, her family and friends for always cheering her on.

ALEX FUENTES (Coach Bolton) is 17 and in 12th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. He is the child of Luz Goncla and Jesus Fuentes. Alex is jubilated to be in to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Alex enjoys watching movies with friends, eating, and playing pokéman. Alex has been in ***Romeo and Juliet***, ***Matilda the Musical***, and ***Puffs***. Alex would like to thank his family, friends, and Rhen.

PARKS GARROTT (Ryan Evans) is 17 and in 12th grade at Madison Central HS. He is the child of Lori Garrott, Ben Garrott, and Ann Skelton Garrott. Parks is exuberant to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Parks enjoys Speech and Debate, baking inventive desserts, and playing guitar. Parks has been in ***Brother's Grimm Spectaculathon***, ***The Lion King, JR.***, and ***Twelfth Night***. Parks would like to thank his family and his best friends, Fiona, Hannah, and Noah, and Beyoncé.

GABRIEL GERNAND (Ryan Evans) is 16 and in 11th grade at Clinton High School. He is the child of CC and Daniel. Gabriel is elated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Gabriel enjoys singing, playing with his pets, and going out with friends. Gabriel has been in ***Sister Act, JR.***, ***The Lion King, JR.***, and ***Mean Girls, JR***. Gabriel would like to thank the staff, his friends, and his family!

BELLA GLENN (Ms. Darbus) is 16 and in 12th grade at Northwest Rankin High. She is the child of Tamara Bennett and Troy Glenn. Bella is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Bella enjoys performing, drawing, and spending time with her cats. Bella has been in ***Hadestown: Teen Edition***, ***Matilda***, and ***Zombie Prom***. Bella would like to thank her family and friends for introducing her to this opportunity.

KARIS GOODMAN (Ms. Tenny/Brainiac) is 16 and in 11th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Sarah and Brad Goodman. Karis is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Karis enjoys being on stage and hanging out with friends. Karis has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Hadestown: Teen Edition***, and ***Sister Act, JR***. Karis would like to thank family and friends for always being there for her!

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CHARLES GRENFELL (Zeke Baylor) is 18 and graduated from Jackson Prep. He is the child of Ric and Tracy. Charles is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Charles enjoys playing games of all sorts, watching sports, and sleeping. Charles has been in ***Phantom of the Opera***, ***My Fair Lady***, and ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child***. Charles would like to thank family and the cast and crew.

SETH GRENFELL (Troy Bolton) is 15 and going into 10th grade at Jackson Prep. He is the child of Ric and Tracy Grenfell. Seth enjoys going to various rehearsals, watching sports, and playing video games. Seth has been in ***Legally Blonde, JR.*** (Lowell) and ***Anne of Green Gables*** (Jerry Buote) at Jackson Prep and will play Feuilly, Brujon, Fauchelevant, and various other roles at Jackson Prep's performance of ***Les Misérables*** this fall. Seth would like to thank his family, his friends, and all his directors for continuing to guide and encourage him.

KATIE ROSE GUILFOYLE (Cheerleader) is 11 and in 6th grade at Germantown Middle School. Katie Rose is the child of Michael and Patrice Guilfoyle. Katie Rose is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Katie Rose enjoys ballet, playing piano, and watching movies with friends. Katie Rose has been in ***The Lion King KIDS***. Katie Rose would like to thank her family for their support.

CLAIRE GUYNES (Brainiac) is 13 and in 8th grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Laura Beth and Gavin Guynes. Claire is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Claire enjoys reading, singing, and ballet. Claire has been in ***Annie, JR.***, ***Beauty and the Beast, JR.***, and ***Moana, JR***. Claire would like to thank her sister Audrey, her mother, Laura Beth, and her grandmothers for supporting the arts.

TAIJHA HACKETT (Martha Cox) has recently graduated from Clinton High School and feels bittersweet about her last summer camp. She was recently seen in ***Ragtime*** at New Stage Theatre, and Ali in Pearl Community Theatre's ***Mamma Mia!***. Her favorite past roles include ***Children of Eden, JR.***, ***Mean Girls, JR.***, and ***Sister Act, JR***. Offstage, she enjoys pickleball, volunteering, and rewatching early 2000s rom-coms. Taijha plans to attend Mississippi State University to major in Elementary Education. She thanks God, her family, and her friends for their endless love.

CAMPBELL HAINDEL (Brainiac) is 16 in 11th grade at MRA. She is the child of Courtney and Ben. Campbell is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Campbell enjoys art, reading, and theatre. Campbell has been in ***The Importance of Being Earnest*** (Cecily Cardew), ***Prince of Egypt*** (Miriam), and ***Les Mis: School Edition*** (Cosette). Cambell would like to thank her mom for getting her interested in New Stage.

ZOEY HALL (Brainiac) is 15 and in 10th grade as a homeschooler. She is the child of Nikki and Ryan Hall. Zoey is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Zoey enjoys singing, art, and performing. Zoey has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Grease***, ***Frozen***, and ***The Little Mermaid***. Zoey would like to thank her family, friends, and New Stage Theater for the opportunity.

RENLEE HAMMOND (Thespian) is 11 and in 6th grade at St. Francis Elementary. She is the child of Shea and Sarah Hammond. Renlee is very excited to be in New Stage's

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Broadway Jr. Camp! Ren enjoys creating jewelry and other art, learning tricks on her lyra, and playing soccer. Ren has been in ***Dare to Dream, JR***., and school programs "Broadway Beat," and "A Taste of Mississippi." Renlee would like to thank her mom, dad, and grandparents for all of their support.

LEE HARWELL (Moderator/Brainiac) is 16 and in 10th grade at The Village School. She is the child of Jimbo and Mary Harwell. Lee is pumped to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Lee enjoys making jewelry, Dungeons and Dragons, and acting. Lee has been in ***Wait Until Dark***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. Lee would like to thank the Weems family, her grandmother, and Reese Overstreet (her mentor) for their unwavering support.

AMELIA HARTFIELD (Thespian) is 11 and in 6th grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. She is the child of Michelle Hartfield and Zane Hartfield. Amelia is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Amelia enjoys dancing, not paying taxes, and drawing. Amelia has been in ***The Tempest***. Amelia would like to thank her friends, family, and God.

ETHAN HARTFIELD (Troy Bolton) is 16 and in 11th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. He is the child of Michelle and Zane. Ethan is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr., Camp! Ethan enjoys working on short films, writing scripts, and going on walks. Ethan has been in ***Zombie Prom*** (Josh), ***Romeo and Juliet*** (Tybalt), and ***67 Cinderellas*** (Prince Dalliance). Ethan would like to thank his family, God, and his New Stage Family.

BRANDON HARVEY (Coach Bolton) is 17 and in 12th grade at Clinton High School. He is the child of Quita Bride and the brother of Quintin Powell. Brandon is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Brandon enjoys puzzles, hanging out with friends, and community service. Brandon has been in ***These Shing Lives***, ***The Lion King, JR.***, and ***Sister Act, JR***. Brandon would like to thank his family, mentors, and friends.

RYLEIGH HOLLOWAY (Moderator/Brainiac) is 16 and in 11th grade at Florence High. She is the child of Bera and Martha Holloway. Ryleigh is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Ryleigh enjoys playing basketball, acting, and being around loved ones. Ryleigh has been in ***Sister Act, JR.*** and ***The Lion King, JR***. Ryleigh would like to thank her parents, family, and friends.

KIMORA HOLMES (Jock) is 16 and in 11th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Jasmin Bucklon and Mike Holmes, as well as her grandmother, Luxanne Bucklen. Kimora is glad to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp! Kimora enjoys going out with friends. Kimora has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Charlie Brown Christmas***, and ***Romeo and Juliet***. Kimora would like to thank her mom, grandma, and family and friends.

EMMALYN HUMPHREY (Cathy) is 15 and in 9th grade at Pearl High School. She is the child of Ron and Carmen Humphrey. Emmalyn is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Emmalyn enjoys reading all the ***Percy Jackson*** books, listening to Broadway musicals, and dancing. Emmalyn has been in ***Grease***, ***The Lion King, JR.,*** and ***Gorilla Ballerina***. Emmalyn would like to thank Ms. McDowell, Mrs. Smith, and her family for

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instilling a love of theatre in her.

NAVÁ JACKSON (Thespian) is 12 and in 7th grade at Moore Middle School. She is the child of Ellis and Janet Jackson. Navá is extremely excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Navá enjoys dancing, cooking, music, theatre, arts and crafts, and soccer. Navá has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***My Fair Lady***, and ***Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory***. Navá would like to thank God, her family, and Ms. Pearson for supporting her in her dreams.

TAYLOR JACKSON (Thespian) is 12 and in 7th grade at Brandon Middle School. She is the child of Tiffany Garrett and Jeremy William, with Troy Jackson Jr. Taylor is nervous and excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Taylor enjoys reading, singing, and making jewelry. Taylor has been in ***Wonka, JR.***, ***The Lion King, JR.***, and ***Schoolhouse Rock***. Taylor would like to thank God and her family, Ms. Pearson, and her best friend, Aubrielle Benson, for always believing in her.

REGINALD JEFFERSON (Chad Danforth) is 13 and in 8th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. He is the child of Reginald V. Jefferson and Janelle Jefferson. Reginald is elated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Reginald enjoys singing, dancing, acting, working out, chess, and swimming. Reginald has been in ***Elf the Musical***, ***One Act Play Disaster***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. Reginald would like to thank his family, friends, and God for always supporting him.

REBECCA JENKINS (Jock) is 17 and in 12th grade at Brandon High School. She is the child of Jennifer Willis, Jacob Jenkins, and Tim Willis. Rebecca is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Rebecca enjoys playing tennis, writing, and acting. Rebecca has been in ***The Crucible***, ***Our Town***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. Rebecca would like to thank her support system, family, and teachers.

MATTHEW JENKINS (James) is 13 and in 8th grade at Brandon Middle. He is the child of Jennifer Willis and Jacob Jenkins. Matthew is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Matthew enjoys acting, singing, and gaming. Matthew has been in ***Romeo and Juliet*** and ***The Lion King, JR***. Matthew would like to thank his Mom and Rebecca.

PEYTON JONES (Chad Danforth) is 14 and in 9th grade at Clinton Christian Academy. He is the child of Monica and Kenvin. Peyton is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Peyton enjoys basketball and football. Peyten has been in ***Horton Hears a Who*** and ***High School Musical***. Peyton would like to thank his family.

SEAN KINES (Jock) is 13 and in 8th grade at Clinton Jr. High School. He is the child of Bernard and Shonda. Sean is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Sean enjoys singing, playing games, and hanging with family and friends. Sean has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, and ***Peanut Gang Christmas***. Sean would like to thank his parents, family, and friend Mattison for their support.

KENNEDY KING (Cheerleader) is 13 and in 8th grade at Madison Middle. She is the child of Tiffany and Kamel. Kennedy is so excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kennedy enjoys singing, dancing, acting, and show choir! Kennedy has been in ***Annie, Jr.***,

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The Lion King, JR., and ***Beauty and the Beast, JR***. Kennedy would like to thank her family, friends, and all of her teachers.

ANNA KREBS (Brainiac) is 15 and in 10th grade at Stiftsgymnasium Melk. She is the child of Daniela and Georg. Anna is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Anna enjoys tennis, soccer, and hanging out out with her friends. Anna has never been in any shows. Anna would like to thank her friends and her family.

BREUKELEN KUHNE (Tech Crew) is 13 and in 7th grade at Canopy School. He is the child of Daul Kuhne, Brooke Roebuck, and Chris Roebuck. Breukelen is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! B enjoys drawing, hanging out with his friends, and listening to music. B has been in ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, ***Frog and Toad***, and ***The Lion King KIDS*** Productions at New Stage. B would like to thank his family, New Stage, and Friends.

KAMERON LAWSON (Scott/Jock) is 13 and in 9th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. He is the child of Tiffany Lawson and Tray Lawson. Kameron is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kameron enjoys building and collecting legos, watching ***Godzilla***, and playing video games. Kameron has been in ***Video Game Palooza***, ***Gravestone Manor***, and ***The Happiness Shop***. Kameron would like to thank his family, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wright, and Mr. Mcnamee.

ZOLA LENOIR (Cheerleader) is 11 and in 6th grade at Byram Middle School. She is the child of Centron and Courtney Lenoir. She is super excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Zola enjoys dancing, acting, and singing. Zola has been in ***The Lion King KIDS***, ***Shrek KIDS***, ***Willy Wonka KIDS***, and ***School House Rock, JR***. Zola would like to thank God, her family, and Ms. Chiquila Pearson.

MARIAH LOVING(Jack/Jock) is 14 and in 9th grade at Clinton Christian Academy. She is the child of Harold and Saundra Loving. Mariah is elated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Mariah enjoys singing, hanging with friends, and show choir. Mariah has been in ***Twelfth Night***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. Mariah would like to thank her family, her best friends, and God.

ZEKE LOWRY (Brainiac) is 12 and in the 7th grade at Jackson Prep. He is the son of Kate and Michael Lowry. Zeke is thrilled to be in ***High School Musical, JR***! Zeke enjoys singing, dancing, and talking to his friends. Zeke has been in ***Seussical KIDS***, ***My Fair Lady***, and ***Finding Nemo KIDS***. Zeke would like to thank his family and friends for their love and support!

MARLEY MARTENS (Brainiac) is 16 and in 10th grade at Tougaloo JTECHS. She is the child of Cameron Black and Bailey Braswell. Marley is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Marley enjoys reading, playing video games, and drawing. Marley has been in a Christmas play, a Veteran's Day play, and a Black History play. Marley would like to thank her family, cats, and friends for encouraging her.

RUBY MARTINDALE (Gabriella Montez) is 17 and in 12th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Wrenn and Jody Martindale. Ruby is delighted to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Ruby enjoys singing pop a Capella, bowling, and thrifting with her

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friends. Ruby has been in ***Beetlejuice, JR.***, ***Little Shop of Horrors***, and ***These Shining Lives***. Ruby would like to thank her family, grandparents, and friends for always supporting her.

MATTHEW MCALPIN (Jock) is 14 and in 9th grade at Sumner Hill Jr. High School. He is the child of Josh and Laura McAlpin. Matthew is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Matthew enjoys sports, music, and video games. Matthew has been in ***Mean Girls, JR.***, and various show choir performances. Matthew would like to thank his family, Erin, Mrs. Linton, and Dexter Bishop for support and guidance.

MACIE MCCLENTY (Thespian) is in 8th Grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the child of Spencer and Teja McClenty. Macie McClentie is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Macie enjoys dancing, acting, and singing. Macie has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Annie, JR.***, and short films. Macie would like to thank God, her family, and friends.

JOVANNI MARONE (Thespian) is 12 and in 7th grade at NWR Middle School. He is the child of Nate Marone and Maria Marone. Jovanni is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Jovani enjoys listening to artists like Taylor Swift and Olivia Rodrigo, being in show choir, and going to concerts. Jovanni has been in ***Seussical***, ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, and ***The Lion King KIDS***. Jovanni would like to thank his parents for supporting him and taking him to concerts.

AZALYA MCFADDEN (Brainiac) is 15 in 10th grade at Leake High School. She is the child of Kareem McFadden and Jadja Crouther. Azayla is jovial to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Azalya enjoys reading and writing. Azalya has been in ***Romeo and Juliet***. Azalya would like to thank her family for their continued support.

NYKENDRA MCINNIS (Martha Cox) is 16 and in 11th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Christopher and LaShunna McInnis. Nykendra is so excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Nykendra enjoys FaceTiming with friends, watching television, and annoying her older brother. Nykendra has been in ***Sister Act, JR.*** and ***The Lion King, JR.*** Nykendra would like to thank her family.

MASON MEDINA(Jack/Jock) is 14 and a 9th-grade homeschool student. He is the child of Sharonda and Victor Medina. Mason is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Mason enjoys traveling, gaming, and theatre! Mason has been in ***Romeo and Juliet***, ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid***, and ***James and the Giant Peach***. Mason would like to thank his friends, family, and parents for all of their support.

ETHAN MOORE (Tech Crew) is excited to be in his second year at New Stage Broadway Jr. Camp. Last year, he was in the camp production of ***The Lion King, JR.***, and he is very excited to be back for ***High School Musical, JR***. Ethan attends Northwest Rankin Middle School and will be in 7th grade. He is in band and theatre for his extracurricular classes. His parents are Timothy and Allison Moore, who support him in all ways.

AMANI PALMER (Ms. Tenny/Brainiac) is 13 and in 10th grade at Madison Central High School. She is the child of Jonathan, T'Ondrea Robinson, and Jermaine Kelly. Amani is

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very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Amani enjoys singing, acting, andbeing with family. Amani has been in ***Children of Eden, JR.***, ***Mean Girls, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***! Amani would like to thank all of the people who supported her through the end!

LILA PARRISH (Kelsi Nielson) is 12 and in 7th grade at Madison Middle. She is the child of Jessica and Dan. Lila is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Lila enjoys reading, show choir, and swimming. Lila has been in ***Beauty and the Beast, JR.***, ***The Lion King, JR.***, and ***Romeo and Juliet***. Lila would like to thank her family, friends, and Mrs. Kettler.

ZURI PEARSON (Cheerleader) is 15 and in 10th grade at Terry High School. She is the child of Chiquila Pearson. Zuri is always honored to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp! Zuri enjoys making bracelets, drawing, and making art (whether physical or verbal). Zuri has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***Mean Girls, JR***. Zuri would like to thank God, her family (including friends), and Mr. Xerron for always pushing her 10 times more than she thinks she can do.

PAISLEY PICKRON (Brainiac) is 16 and in 11th grade at Germantown High School. She is the child of Nathan Pickron and Joy Hollingsworth. (Caleb Hollingsworth and Julie Frost). Paisley is excited but also nervous since it is her first time being in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Paisley enjoys reading fiction, hanging out with friends, and singing covers. Paisley has been in the talent show multiple times and other school concerts, but never in theatre. Paisley would like to thank her supportive parents and friends, along with Cedric Robinson.

AVA RABY (Susan) is 14 and in 9th grade at Rosa Scott. Ava is the child of Malcom and Tianna. Ava is excited and nervous to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Ava enjoys playing soccer, acting, and shopping. Ava has been in ***Beauty and the Beast, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. Ava would like to thank her family and her drama teacher, Mrs. Asia, for their support.

ANDREA RAY (Cheerleader) is 16 and in 11th grade at Madison Central. She is the child of Ivette Ray and Marty Ray. Andrea is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Andrea enjoys All-Star cheer, broadcast journalism, and acting. Andrea has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***Mean Girls, JR***. Andrea would like to thank her family and coaches.

TOBI ROBERTSON(Kratnoff/Brainiac) is 13 and in 9th grade at St. Andrews. She is the child of Denzel and Audrey Robertson. Tobi is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Tobi enjoys drawing, playing drums, and writing. Tobi has been in ***Annie, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***Willy Wonka, JR***. Tobi would like to thank her family and friends.

KALANI ROCKETT (Brainiac) is 11 and in 7th grade at Germantown Middle. She is the child of Rashida Walker, Felix Walker, Jessica Scott and Scottie Rockett. Kalani is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kalani enjoys singing, dancing, and tiktoking. Kalani has been in ***The Lion King, JR.*** Kalani would like to thank grandparents, parents, family, and friends.

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IZARA RODRIGUEZ (Brainiac) is 14 and in 9th grade at Central Hinds Academy. Izara is the child of Laura Almanza and Hector and Amy Rodriguez. Izara is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Izara enjoys volleyball, soccer, and theatre. Izara has been in ***La Klorana***, ***Newsies, JR.,*** and ***Dulce***. Izara would like to thank her friends, family, and sisters.

PACE RUNDLETT (Cyndra) is 17 and in 12th grade at Clinton Public High School. She is the child of Vicki Rundlett and Kevin Rundlett. Pace is grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Pace enjoys spending time with loved ones, writing, and art of all kinds. Pace has been in ***Little Shop of Horrors, Beetlejuice, JR.,*** and ***Into the Woods***. Pace would like to thank her family, castmates, and teachers for their help.

ISABELLA SAMUELS (Taylor McKessie) is 13 and a rising 8th grader at Bailey APAC. She is the child of Christopher and Angela Samuels. Isabella Samuels is happy and excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Isabella Samuels enjoys acting, volleyball, and art. Isabella has been in ***The Lion King, JR., Annie, JR.,*** and ***Finding Nemo KIDS***. Isabella would like to thank her family.

CHRISTOPHER SANDERS (James) is 15 and in 10th grade at Jackson Academy. He is the child of Ramona and Gary. (Jessica). Christopher is hyped to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp. Christopher enjoys roller-skating, reading, and knitting/crocheting. Christopher has been in ***Musical Comedy Murders of 1940*** and ***The Little Mermaid***. Christopher would like to thank grandparents, parents, and theatre friends.

ABIGAIL SHANNON (Gabriella Montez) is 13 years old and going into 8th grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is the child of Jason and Angela Shannon. Abigail is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Abigail enjoys creating art, playing violin, and acting. Abigail has been in ***Willie Wonka, JR., Annie, JR.,*** and ***The Little Mermaid, JR***. Abigail would like to thank her family for their support and guidance.

JADE SMART (Scott/Jock) is 17 and in 12th grade at Benton Academy. She is the child of Ashley and Dusty Chisolm. Jade is very grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Jade enjoys watching slasher films, writing, and performing. Jade has been in ***Romeo and Juliet, Mean Girls, JR.,*** and ***The Lion King, JR.***! Jade would like to thank her friends she's made at camp, her aunt, Courtney, and all the camp staff!

JA'MYAH SMITH (Susan) is 17 and in 12th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Jonathan Smith and Temikia Morgan. Ja'myah is very happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys singing in the youth choir at church, baking for friends, and spending time with friends and family. She has been in ***Finding Nemo KIDS***. Ja'myah would like to thank God, her family, and her voice coach for supporting her and pushing her.

OLIVIA STEWART (Thespian) is a vibrant and talented 12-year-old who has been making waves in the performing arts arena. With an impressive array of performances under her belt, Olivia has been in ***The Lion King, JR***., ***Seussical KIDS***, and ***School House Rock***. She would like to thank her parents, George and Evelyn, and her brother, Landon.

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K*AYLIEGH SUMMERS (Cheerleader)** is 15 and in 10th grade at Northwest Rakin High School. She is the child of Kristin Barnes and Demorris Summers. Kayliegh is excited and so proud to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Kayliegh enjoys making songs, doing hair, cooking, spending time with family and friends, going on trips, playing Roblox, watching TV, and fashion. Kayliegh has been in ***Children of Eden, JR., ***Mean Girls, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. Kayliegh would like to thank her mom, Gma, Aunt Linda, and all of her support system!

SWAYZIE VAUGHT (Cheerleader) is 17 and in 12th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Chris and Kerri Vaught. Swayzie is delighted to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Summer Camp! Swayzie enjoys show choir, reading, and all forms of art. Swayzie has been in many productions, but her favorite was ***Beetlejuice, JR***. Swayzie would like to thank her family and friends, her teachers and mentors, and the Broadway Jr. Team at New Stage.

JADEN WHITE (Jock) is 10 and in 6th grade at Byram Middle School. He is the child of Deirdre and Courtney White. Jaden is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Jaden enjoys karaoke, baseball, and playing chess. Jaden has been in ***The Lion King KIDS***, ***Shrek the Musical***, and ***Willy Wonka***. Jaden would like to thank his family, Mrs. Pearson, and Ms. Jackson.

EMMA WILLIAMS (Taylor McKessie) is a rising 10th grader at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is thrilled to be performing in ***High School Musical, JR***. at New Stage Theatre. Emma trains with Ballet Mississippi, where she made history as the second African American dancer cast as the Soldier Doll in ***The Nutcracker***. Her recent theatre credits include ***Mean Girls, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***All Shook Up***. She is especially thankful to her dad and mum for nurturing her creativity and encouraging her passions. She is also grateful for the dedication of her dance teachers, theatre directors, and mentors who have helped shape her love for the arts.

NAOMI WILLIS (Cheerleader) is 18 and in 12th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Pamela and Bryan. Naomi is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Naomi enjoys video games, pickleball, and shopping. Naomi has been in ***Hadestown: Teen Edition***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***Mean Girls, JR***. Naomi would like to thank her family, directors, and friends.

BRECKEN WOOD (Kelsi Nielson) is 12 and in 7th grade at Pearl Jr. High. She is the child of David and Hope Wood. Brecken is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Brecken enjoys creative writing, art, and creating homemade jewelry. Brecken has been in ***Honk, JR.***, ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical***, and ***James and the Giant Peach***. Brecken would like to thank her mom, dad, and bestie Violet for their support.

ELLA YOUNG (Cheerleader) is 14 and in 10th grade at Ridgeland High School. She is the child of Ashley and Jason. Ella is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Ella enjoys writing, dancing, and singing. Ella has been in ***Once on This Island, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and **The *Lion King, JR***. Ella would like to thank her mom, show choir director, and friends for supporting her.

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CORBAN WELCHLIN (Zeke Baylor) is 15 years old and in 9th grade. He is the child of Cassandra and Kass Welchlin. Corban is eager to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Corban enjoys theatre, singing, and performing. Corban has been in ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR***., ***Newsies***, and ***Winnie the Pooh***. Corban would like to thank his parents and his teachers for their support.

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Drum Major.....Jacob Weems
Cymbals.....Keilan Burrell
Bass Drum.....Jacob Jefferson



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XERRON X MINGO (Camp Director/ Director/ Co-Choreographer) is a graduate of Florida A&M University . Born and raised in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. While living in New York City, he worked as a health & safety manager for Apple TV and HGTV productions. He also worked as a testing secretary and production coordinator for television shows with LIONSGATE and Apple Music Reviews. For ten summers, Mingo worked at Raquette Lake Camps teaching musical theatre to students from all across the world. Mingo could not be more blessed to continue teaching, coaching, and mentoring in his fourth season as Education Director at New Stage Theatre. Mingo most recently served as choreographer for the production of ***Disney's Frozen*** at New Stage. He also served as choreographer for ***Alice In Wonderland, JR*** and ***The Little Mermaid, JR*** at Jackson Prep and Saint Andrew's. On New Stage's main stage, he directed ***Chicken & Biscuits***, ***The Mountaintop***, ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***Mean Girls, JR***. Mingo also directed the touring productions of ***Junie B. Jones, The Musical***, ***Anne & Emmett***, ***A Year with Frog & Toad***, ***Don't Let The Pigeon Drive The Bus! The Musical***, and ***Blues for an Alabama Sky*** (Unframed) . Mingo played BOB in ***Come From Away*** and Macy's Store Manager in ***ELF The Musical*** and served as the choreographer for the productions. He also played the role of Gabriel in ***Fences*** and served as choreographer while playing the role of Fezziwig in ***A Christmas Carol*** at New Stage in 2021. He has worked professionally at a plethora of regional theatres in a handful of states. Some of his past credits include ***Matilda*** (Rudolpho/Choreographer), ***Hell In High Water*** (Cephus), ***Sister Act*** (TJ), ***Shakespeare in Love*** (Wabash/Frees), and ***Disney's Beauty & The Beast*** (Monsieur Dar'que). Moreover, ***The Wiz*** (The Lion) and ***The Hot Mikado*** (Pooh-Bah) at the GLOW Lyric Theatre in Greenville, S.C. He was in ***Black Nativity*** (Narrator) at Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, ***The Great Society*** at Asolo Rep, and ***Hairspray*** (Gilbert) at American Stage. Mingo continues to live in the light and encourages everyone else to do the same.

REESE OVERSTREET (Adminstrative Assistant/Teacher Assistant) is so excited to be back at New Stage this summer! She spent many of her own summers participating in Broadway Jr. Camp. Overstreet was last seen at New Stage as Susan in ***Wait Until Dark***. She earned her BFA in Acting for Stage and Screen from the University of Mississippi. Other credits include Cora in ***Lost Girl***, Baker's Wife in ***Into the Woods***, and Daughter in ***Trail to Oregon***. When not on stage, she teaches theatre to preschool and lower school students at Jackson Academy.

ANGIE RAWLS (Music Director/Assistant Music Teacher) is a retired choral director having served thirty years in the Pearl Public School District in Pearl, Mississippi. During that time, she was privileged to serve as a director and accompanist for a host of junior high and high school choral groups and musical productions. She was a National Board-Certified Teacher for the last twenty years during her public education career. Rawls is continuing to impact students as Director of Blitz and Boom Show Choirs at Brandon Middle School, and an Assistant Director of Brio and Bellas Show Choirs at Brandon High School. Rawls is actively involved as a performer, music director, and accompanist at Pearl Community Theatre. She is the recipient of several awards. She was bestowed the honor of Pearl High School and Pearl Public School District Teacher of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year. She received the MMEA Outstanding Music Educator Award in 2020, the National Federation of High Schools Heart of the Arts Award in 2019, and the ACDA Ernestine Ferrell Award in 2018. Rawls received her Bachelor of Music Degree

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from Millsaps College and her Master of Music Education Degree from Mississippi College. She is married to Peyton who is also a musician. They serve on the music team at McLaurin Heights Baptist Church in Pearl, Mississippi. They have two equally musical children. Jaron is forever nineteen and resides in Heaven. Melody is in her second year as a choral music director at Clinton Junior High School.

CHIQUILA PEARSON (Co-Choreographer/Dance Instructor) is an esteemed dance educator, dancer, choreographer, and costume designer and is the dance educator/director at Gary Road Intermediate School. She has danced with Montage Theatre of Dance for over 15 years. She was the featured choreographer for the New Stage 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 Barack Obama during his campaign for Senator of Chicago. She is the proud mother of three beautiful children, Kandance, Le'Thario, and Zuri and a proud grandmother of her grandson Landen.

MARQUITA K. LEVY (Show Runner/Dismissal) is excited to be returning to New Stage Theatre! She is a graduate of THEE Jackson State University, where she received her B.S. in mass communications. Levy last appeared at New Stage as Nancy in ***Gaslight***. Additional New Stage credits include ***Chicken and Biscuits***, ***Lend Me a Soprano***, ***Clue***, ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time***, and several Unframed Productions. Levy would like to thank her family and friends for their continuous love & support.

ASHIA BENFORD (Acting Coach/Lead Acting Instructor) is a local actor, director, and theatre educator. Her stage credits include ***Race***, ***9 Parts of Desire***, ***Mahalia: A Gospel Musical***, ***Hairspray***, ***Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time***, ***Is God Is***, ***Chicken and Biscuits***, and ***We Need to Talk***. Her directing credits include: ***Matilda the Musical***, ***Pipeline***, ***Sunset Baby***, ***For Colored Girls...***, and *TopDog/Underdog*. She has recently joined the theatre department at Wells APAC, where she teaches elementary, middle, and high school students. Benford also holds an M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and is a therapist at Progressive Counseling, where she utilizes theatre and therapy to help clients rewrite their stories, express their feelings, and create meaningful change.

LEAH OSWALT (Assistant Music Teacher/Vocal Coach) is thrilled to be back at Broadway Jr. for the second summer! She received her Bachelor of Arts in voice and Master of Music in vocal pedagogy and performance from Mississippi College. She teaches voice and piano lessons at 601 Studios in Jackson, as well as out of her home studio in Clinton. She is also the choir director at First Presbyterian Church of Canton. Some of her favorite past performances include ***Into the Woods*** and ***Songs for a New World***.

DELVIN KELLY (Co-Choreographer/Dance Instructor) is a resident of Brandon, MS and currently serves as the Warren Central Jr. High Choir Director. He has performed in ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** and ***Ragtime***, and has been the Assistant Choreographer at New Stage's Broadway Jr. summer camp since 2022. He is the choreographer for the Hattiesburg Choral Program, is an alumnus of Montage Theatre

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of Dance at Hinds Community College, performing at the Jackson Film, Music, and Gospel Music Awards in 2023 and 2024, and is a member of Jones Jefferson Entertainment. Other recent performances include ***The Magic Flute*** with the MS Opera Chorus in Spring 2025.

KEITH ALLEN DAVIS, JR (Assistant Director) is an actor, writer, musician, and director from Meridian, Miss. He is currently pursuing his MFA in acting at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and earned his Bachelor of Arts in theatre performance from Alabama State University. His Credits include Leland in ***Blues for an Alabama Sky*** at Alabama State University; Tim Allgood in ***Noises Off*** and Professor Bhaer/Knight in ***Little Women*** at New Stage Theatre; and Fish in ***Royale*** and Philpot/Grimgrind in ***A Christmas Carol*** at Clarence Brown Theatre. In addition to performing, Davis wrote for and co-directed Montgomery, Alabama's presentation of ***The Walk*** (Little Amal), the worldwide public art festival, in 2023. Follow his acting and music on Instagram: @keithallendavisjr and @thebabyboykeith

BETTY WONG (Education Assistant) begins her 18th season at New Stage. She continues to enjoy traveling to schools and towns throughout the state with the Professional Apprentice Company to provide live theatre experiences for students and adults of all ages. When not on the road, you can find her in the box office. She has also served for many years as a volunteer in other areas of the theatre. Her professional work experiences in education and her passion for live theatre have contributed to the growth and expansion of New Stage's Education Department. She has served as a consultant to school districts throughout the state of Mississippi. Wong has a B.S. in educational psychology from Mississippi State University, a M.Ed. from Delta State University, and recently won the 2019 Exemplary Arts Service Award from the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education.

RAKAELA THOMPSON (Production Assistant/Admin Assistant/Substitute Teacher) is thrilled to be back at New Stage as a graduating Acting Associate! She is a Mississippi Native and a graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in theatre with an emphasis in performing. After graduating she came back home to work as an Acting Associate at New Stage Theatre, Apprentice at Aurora Theatre and Resident Actor at Playhouse on the Square. Some of her favorite roles include, ***Primary Trust*** (Corinna), ***Chicken and Biscuits*** (Brianna), ***Waitress*** (Nurse Norma), ***Skeleton Crew*** (Shannita), ***Sunset Baby*** (Nina), and ***King Lear*** (Goneril). She wants to thank her friends and family for always supporting her on this crazy journey and remind everyone that they are always seen, heard, and valued.

MARCUS POLLARD (Co-Choreographer/Dance Instructor) is a current student at Howard University. He is entering his senior year at Howard, majoring in theatre administration and minoring in dance. At Howard, Pollard has gotten the opportunity to develop skills in ballet, contemporary, modern, african, and hip hop dance. Prior to being part of the New Stage Staff, Marcus has participated in the Institute of Contemporary Dance Summer Intensive in Houston, Texas, as well as the Breakthrough Bootcamp Dance Intensive in New York City. During the spring of 2026, Pollard was also an intern at Dance Place Theater in Washington, DC. Pollard also currently serves as the Male choreographer for the Howard University chapter of Models Inc.

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EMMA LAPEYRE (Stage Manager) is excited to be on staff at New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp. Her previous production experience includes stage managing ***Doubt*** and ***Seussical the Musical***, as well as sound designing for Sarah Ruhl's ***Eurydice***. Emma is a senior at Belhaven University, where she is studying theatre and classical education. Apart from this camp's performance, she has never seen ***High School Musical***. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoys calling it.

CATE PURVIS (Assistant Acting Teacher) is so happy to return to New Stage camp as a staff member! She started attending Broadway Jr. as a camper in 2018, and she was in productions of ***Aladdin, JR.***, ***Frozen, JR.***, and ***Children of Eden, JR***. This is her fourth year as a staff member. She just completed her degree in theatre education and performance at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts. She would like to thank Xerron and the rest of camp staff for welcoming her back, and she looks forward to continuing to work with New Stage whenever she can!

AUSTIN SAMPSON (Camp Intern) is an intern and former camp attender and Youth Acting Troupe student and is very happy to have been part of the camp process. He is currently entering his sophomore year at Hinds Community College, where he is majoring in theatre, and has been part of their production of ***The Bad Seed***. He was also a part of the past Broadway Jr. productions of ***Mean Girls, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, and ***The Lion King, JR***. He was also in the main stage production of ***The Secret Garden***. He would like to thank his friends who have stayed with him through all these years and the New Stage staff for making his first year interning unforgettable.

TWYNESEIA GRAISE (Camp Intern) is absolutely thrilled to be back at Broadway Jr. as an intern! Graise is a sophomore B.F.A. acting student at the University of Mississippi. Some past performances include ***The Lion King, JR.***, ***Sister Act, JR.***, ***Mean Girls, JR.***, ***Chicken and Biscuits***, and ***The Secret Garden: Spring Version***.

DYLAN THOMAS (Camp Intern) is so excited to return to New Stage as an intern. Dylan attended Broadway Jr. Camp as a camper for five years from 2021 to 2025. She played Janis in ***Mean Girls, JR.***, Mother Superior in ***Sister Act, JR.***, and Shenzi in ***The Lion King, JR.*** She is now a sophomore at the University of Mississippi as a journalism major and a theater minor. Dylan is so grateful to be brought on as a staff member for Broadway Jr. Camp 2026 and can't wait to work with New Stage again in the future.

SHAUGHNESSY BAKER (Camp Intern) is currently a Sophomore at Hinds Community College majoring in theater. She is a former camper from the New Stage Broadway Jr. summer camp and she excited to be returning here at New Stage. She has been in ***Children of Eden, JR.*** (ensemble), ***Mean Girls, JR.*** (Janis), ***Sister Act, JR.*** (Mary Lazarus), ***The Lion King, JR.*** (Rafiki), and ***Chicken and Biscuits*** (Latrice). She is grateful to have the opportunity to become an intern and learn a bit more about the theatre world, what goes on behind the scenes, and what makes the theatre magic happen.

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RICHARD LAWRENCE (Technical Director) serves as the vice president of Fondren Theatre Workshop and has appeared in ***A Christmas Memory*** at New Stage, FTW's ***The Rocky Horror Show***, ***Buck Nekkid for Jesus***, directed FTW's ***Every Christmas Story Ever Told***, and most recently appeared as Trekkie Monster in ***Avenue Q***. He was also the director of the widely successful productions of ***Cabaret*** and ***Company***, which were joint productions of FTW and Actor's Playhouse of Pearl, with support from New Stage. Lawrence has been seen in New Stage productions of ***The Trip to Bountiful*** and UnFramed's ***The Eight: Reindeer Monologues***, ***How I Learned to Drive***, ***The Weir***, ***Circle Mirror Transformation***, and ***Dublin Carol***. Lawrence has won three Best Set awards at Mississippi Theatre Association conferences, and has also won Best Set at Southeastern Theatre Conference.

CALLIE JACKSON (Resident Sound Designer) is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a B.A. in Political Science and is from Madison, MS. She began working at New Stage Theatre in 2024 as a board operator and is now the Resident Sound Designer and Engineer. She enjoys working with different schools and community theaters in her free time. Some of her regional credits include: ***Million Dollar Quartet Christmas***, ***Little Women***, ***Come From Away***, ***The Play That Goes Wrong***, ***Frozen***, ***Primary Trust***, ***The Attala County Garden Club***, and ***Ragtime***.

ANNA DUNBAR (Lighting Designer/Light Board Operator) is a performer, theatre/film technician, sketch comedian, and writer originally from Madison, MS. She's worked several shows here at New Stage in many capacities and is so excited and thankful to be a part of this important show! She's studied, performed, and worked at theatres and studios including The Second City, Blue Man Group, Broadway in Chicago, Acting Studio Chicago, iO Chicago, The Annoyance Theatre, and the Neo-Futurists. She's also worked in the UK for a show, Ubu Cocu, that was accepted into two London theatre festivals and is now being submitted to fringe festivals around the UK. She's written, produced, designed, and directed multiple independent film projects including two of her very own web series ***Scratch That!*** (YouTube) and ***Bottled Up*** (winner of two film festival awards and participant in five film festivals). You are enough. You are loved. You matter.

RACHEL BOUDREAUX (Resident Stage Manager/Sound Board Operator) is thrilled to join New Stage Theatre as their Resident Stage Manager. Rachel is a member of the Stage Managers' Association and received their Bachelor of Arts in theatre from the University of Southern Mississippi. Past work includes ***Ragtime***, ***Frozen***, ***Wait Until Dark***, ***The Play That Goes Wrong***, ***Come From Away***, ***Big Fish***, ***Into The Woods***, ***Is God Is***, and ***Macbeth***. Boudreaux is passionate about stage management and theatre education and can often be found monologuing or reading. www.rachelboudreauxsm.com

ANTONIO JUAREZ (Scenic Coordinator/Assistant Technical Director) has worked in theatre for 6 years, beginning from when he was the technical director in his senior year for Northwest Rankin's production of ***Zombie Prom***. His first professional role was here at New Stage sewing phantom cloaks and board operation for ***A Christmas Carol*** in 2021. Juarez's favorite shows that he has worked on are ***Clue***, ***Fences***, ***Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime***, and ***The Play that Goes Wrong***. Juarez is also pursuing a BFA in theatrical design at the University of Mississippi.

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LAUREN RAY (Co-Costume Designer) is a creative human with a compulsive propensity for making theatre art. By profession, she teaches secondary theatre at Northwest Rankin HS, where she is grateful for her incredible collaborators - Juniper, Emily, Ruthie, and so many incredible adolescents! By education, she holds a BA from the University of Mississippi in Theatre and French ('09), an MS in Communications from Purdue University ('16), and an MFA in Theatre Arts with an emphasis in Pedagogy from the University of Idaho ('24). She extends gratitude to Lillian for such focused work on this project and to New Stage for the opportunity. 84 is SO MANY CHILDREN!

LILLIAN MINNERY ROLFE (Co-Costume Designer) discovered her love of the theatre arts when she joined the adult ballet classes at Ballet Mississippi in 2019, a year after moving to Madison from upstate NY. When she joined the cast of ***The Nutcracker*** in 2021, she knew she wanted to be backstage as often as possible. She joined the staff in 2023 as their full-time Costume Manager/Designer after being a stay-at-home parent for 18 years. In between building new costumes for ***The Nutcracker*** and Spring Show, she works as a contract dresser for Traveling Broadway when shows come to Thalia Mara. Her education includes three years at the State University of New York at New Paltz where she worked towards a Bachelor of Science in Studio Arts, studying metalworking and jewelry, drawing, anthropology and art history. She has three children with her husband, Ryan (whom she left New Paltz for) and has thoroughly enjoyed spending her summer sabbatical at New Stage learning theatrical costuming under the expert eye of Lauren Ray.

CAROLINE JOHNSTON (Properties Designer) is a theatre major at USM from Ridgeland, MS. While at USM, she's studying stage management, but enjoys all aspects of technical theatre. After working in academic and community theatre, this is her first time designing professionally with New Stage. Some of her favorite credits include ***Othello***, ***Rhinosaurs***, ***Ragtime***, and ***Anything Goes***. She's very grateful for New Stage for hiring her for ***Ragtime*** and keeping her on for the summer camp.

CASEY NELMS (Production Manager) is a proud Mississippian born and raised in Pearl, MS. She received her Bachelor of social work from Belhaven University followed by her master of social work from the University of Southern California. While living in Los Angeles, she transitioned from a robust therapy career to producing and supervising productions in the film industry. Nelms has been fortunate enough to work with companies such as Lionsgate, Patriot Pictures, and Convoke Media, as well as many others, and now happily serves as production manager at New Stage Theatre, where she has worked on productions such as ***Little Women***, ***Come From Away***, and ***The Play That Goes Wrong***. She lives on the Ross Barnett Reservoir with her husband, Joey, and daughter, Cleopatra, and their two droopy-faced beagles, Olive and Mabel



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Mrs. Christie

By Heidi Armbruster

September 8 – September 20, 2026 **MYSTERY/COMEDY**

In 1926, famed author Agatha Christie vanished for 11 days, reappearing without explanation. The real-life case of the "Missing Mrs. Christie" became a tabloid sensation, but the reasons behind her disappearance remain unknown. Now, 100 years later, a devoted superfan stumbles upon the clues that could finally crack the case, launching a coming-of-age journey of memory and self-discovery – with the thrill of a good old-fashioned mystery.

Slippin' Through the Cracks: The Bobby Rush Musical

By Stephen Helper and Bobby Rush

October 20 – November 1, 2026 **WORLD PREMIERE**

Triple Grammy-winner Bobby Rush has a foot-stomping, uplifting, funky blues story that he wants to tell. From the juke joints of the South to the Grammy stage, Bobby Rush's life is a story of perseverance, artistry, and soul. This electrifying world premiere musical developed by New Stage Theatre blends live music with storytelling to trace a remarkable journey through American history and the blues. ***Slippin' Through the Cracks*** encapsulates the message Bobby Rush has for us today: "If a dirt-poor country boy, with no education, no opportunities, faced with great troubles, can make it through life doing what he loves, so can you."

John Proctor is the Villain

By Kimberly Belflower

February 2 – February 14, 2027 **CONTEMPORARY PLAY**

At a high school in a one-stoplight town in Georgia, a group of lively teens navigate young love, sex ed and a few school scandals while studying a canonical play in English class. As the students delve into the American classic, they begin to question the play's perspective and the validity of naming its hero. With deep wells of passion and biting humor, this dramatic comedy captures a generation mid-transformation, running on pop music, optimism and fury. Alternating between touching, unsettling and bitingly funny moments, these teens discover that their future is not bound by the past and that they have the power to change it all by writing their own coming-of-age story.

Harvey

By Mary Chase

March 30 – April 11, 2027 **AMERICAN CLASSIC COMEDY**

Elwood P. Dowd is charming and kind with one character flaw: an unwavering friendship with a 6-foot-tall, invisible white rabbit named Harvey. When Elwood starts to introduce his friend to guests at a society party, his sister Veta can't take it anymore. In order to save the family's social reputation, Elwood's sister takes him to the local sanatorium. But when the doctor mistakenly commits his anxiety-ridden sister, Elwood and Harvey slip out of the hospital unbothered, setting off a hilarious whirlwind of confusion and chaos as everyone in town tries to catch a man and his invisible rabbit!

Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim; Book by Hugh Wheeler

May 25 – June 6, 2027 **CLASSIC MUSICAL**

A classic masterpiece by the legendary Stephen Sondheim, this heart-pounding thriller will shock the senses with diabolical comedy and razor-sharp wit. Savor the macabre madness as a murderous barber, hungry for revenge for his long-lost family, strikes a partnership with a beastly baker. Filled with extraordinary, soaring music, this eight-time Tony Award winner will leave you gasping!

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Holiday Show
A Christmas Carol adapted from Charles Dickens by Ivan Rider

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Music Teacher/Vocal Coach.....Leah Oswalt
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Acting Coach/Lead Acting Instructor.....Ashia Benford
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