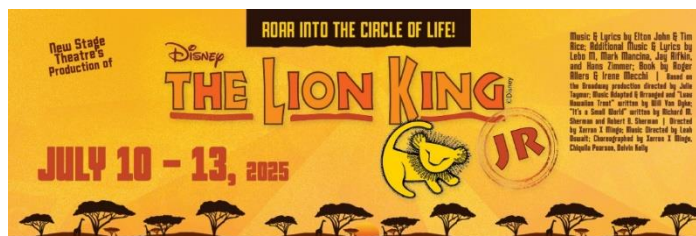


Students Shine in Disney's *The Lion King Jr.* at Broadway Jr. Camp at New Stage Theatre



Jackson, MS – New Stage Theatre will present Disney's *The Lion King, Jr.* July 10 - 13, 2025 as a part of the Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive for rising 6th – 12th graders. Participating in this year's camp, we have 32 campers from Hinds County! Performances will take place July 10 – July 13 with two different youth casts alternating on performance dates. Curtain times and dates for performances are Thursday through Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, charged by phone by calling the theatre at (601) 948-3533, or ordered online at www.newstagetheatre.com. This production is sponsored by The Walker Foundation and Feild Co-Operative Association. Tickets are on sale now! Security will be provided at every performance. *Recommended for ages 5 and up.*

Based on the beloved 1994 film and the Tony Award–winning Broadway musical, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* is a heartwarming, high-energy adventure that's perfect for the whole family! Featuring iconic songs by Elton John and Tim Rice—including “Circle of Life,” “Hakuna Matata,” and “I Just Can’t Wait to Be King”—this one-act musical brings the African savanna to life with unforgettable characters and spectacular storytelling.

Follow young Simba as he journeys from wide-eyed cub to rightful king of the Pride Lands. After being cast out of the Pride Lands as a cub and the tragic death of his father, he must discover the true meaning of responsibility and courage. Along the way, he finds friendship in the carefree duo Timon and Pumbaa, learns from wise Rafiki, and ultimately embraces his destiny as king.

“This show is not only a celebration of music, movement, and culture”, says Education Director, Xerron X. Mingo, “... it’s a powerful opportunity to bring our community together. It highlights the strength of unity, the importance of identity, and the beauty of storytelling with the circle of life. Watching young performers connect with this material has been heartwarming and I can’t wait for them to share it with their families and neighbors.”

Filled with unforgettable music, dynamic dance, and powerful storytelling, *The Lion King Jr.* is a celebration of identity, community, and the circle of life. With dazzling costumes, colorful masks, and a cast of talented young performers, this production is sure to leave audiences cheering and inspired. Join us as the savanna comes alive in this unforgettable theatrical event!

The New Stage Theatre Arts-in-Education department strives to bring professional, progressive acting instruction to youth throughout Mississippi with its summer camps, yearlong acting classes and touring workshops. The Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive provides a comprehensive theatrical learning experience for ages 11-18. Campers receive daily theatrical instruction from experienced acting, dance, and voice teachers, as well as take master classes in stage combat, voice/diction, directing, sound design, storytelling, and mask making.

Generous sponsorship for the summer program and the production is provided by The Walker Foundation, and the Feild Co-Operative Association.

For more information on the New Stage Theatre Education Programs, please contact (601) 948-3533 ext. 232 or education@newstagetheatre.com.