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Don't be fooled by the pink.

JACKSON—New Stage Theatre will present the musical *Mean Girls, Jr.* July 13 - 16, 2023 as a part of the Broadway Junior Summer Camp Intensive for rising 6th – 12th grades. Performances will take place July 13 – July 16 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 \$15.00 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 Feild Cooperative and The Walker Foundation. Tickets will go on sale on June 30, 2023. Security will be provided at every performance. *Recommended for ages 10 and up.*

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. Cady and her friends devise a “Revenge Party” to end Regina’s reign with Cady going undercover as an aspiring Plastic. When the lines between real Cady and Plastic-self get blurred, she must find her way back to herself and her true friends!

Adapted from Tina Fey’s 2004 blockbuster film and the Broadway smash hit, *Mean Girls, Jr.* is sure to be the queen bee of New Stage Theatre!

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 will receive daily theatrical instruction from experienced acting, dance, and voice teachers, as well as taking master classes in stage combat, voice/diction, directing, sound design, storytelling, and mask making.

“Education is an integral part of our organization’s mission and the Broadway Junior camp is one of the most exciting times around the theatre,” said artistic director Francine Thomas Reynolds. “It is awesome to witness eighty young people from both private and public schools; from so many of the Metro area communities, participating in dance, voice, acting, and stagecraft classes together. Not only are the students experiencing the best theatre education and training available in the state of Mississippi, they are learning important life-long skills such as problem-solving, self-confidence and teamwork.”

Generous sponsorship for the summer program and the production is provided by The Walker Foundation, and the Field Cooperative, Inc.

Camp Instructors include: Xerron Mingo (Florida) as Camp Director, Reese Overstreet (Ridgeland) as Administrative Assistant, Ashia Benford (Brandon) as Acting Coach, Timothy Magee (Byram) as Assistant Acting Teacher, Chiquilla Pearson (Jackson) as Dance Teacher/Choreographer, Angie Rawls (Pearl) as Music Director, and Claire Porter (Madison) as Assistant Music Teacher.

Volunteers include: Cate Purvis, Hayley Mawson, Jory Tanaka, Marshall Robertson, Lucas Morrissey, Rivka Quarterman, and Kendra Quarterman.

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Schedule & Ticket Information

Where:

1100 Carlisle Street, Jackson MS 39202

Dates:

July 13 - 16, 2023

Performance Times:

Thursday - Friday: 7:00 pm;

Saturday - Sunday: 2:00 pm

Tickets:

\$15 adults; \$10 children

Box Office:

Telephone: 601-948-3533

Online: www.newstagetheatre.com

Email: tickets@newstagetheatre.com

Hours: Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hours During Show:

Tuesday thru Friday: 10 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday: 4 pm - 7:00 pm; Sunday: 1 pm - 2 pm

Tickets Online:

Tickets may be purchased 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.newstagetheatre.com beginning on June 30 (*a per-ticket service fee of \$3 applies to all online purchases*).

Campers/Cast List

Cady Heron	Mattie Ellis (Jackson)/Rhen Tanaka (Jackson)
Regina George	Kate Jasper (Madison)/Genevieve Kelley (Jackson)
Gretchen Wieners	Kayleigh Simmons (Brandon)/Brooklynn Jefferson (Jackson)
Karen Smith	Brooklyn Bailey (Jackson)/ Lucy Harper (Canton)
Damian	Charlie Perna (Clinton)/ Walker Scott (Madison)
Janis Sarkisian	Dylan Thomas (Madison)/ Shaughnessy Baker (Clinton)
Aaron Samuels	Jake Weems (Jackson)/ Charles Grenfell (Ridgeland)
Teary Girl	Andrea Ray (Madison)/ Karis Goodman (Brandon)
Sohpie	Lauryn Smith (Jackson)/ Paige Barker (Jackson)
Sonja Aquino	Ella Young (Ridgeland)/ Amani Palmer (Jackson)
Glenn Cocco	Preston McDowell (Jackson)/ Mark Tuttle (Jackson)
Taylor	Thelma Franklin (Ridgeland)/ Annie Beaugez (Clinton)
Caitlin	Katelyn Williams (Brandon)/ Avery Warf (Madison)
Rachel	Maegan Buchanan (Ridgeland)/ Zyon Hubbard (Jackson)
Shane Oman	Seneca Kelly (Jackson)/ Jacob Jefferson (Jackson)
Dawn	Lilly Johnston (Brandon)/ Ashlan McGuffee (Brandon)
Lizzie	Emily Schulte (Jackson)/ Catherine Gregory (Madison)
Martin	Parks Garrott (Jackson)/ Seth Grenfell (Ridgeland)
Tony	Lawson Carter-Price (Jackson)/ DaReon Hughes (Canton)
Caroline Kraft	Elizabeth Franklin (Brandon)/ Harlie Hunt (Flowood)
Kevin G.	Austin Sampson (Clinton)/ Larkin Rives (Madison)
Mathlete Moderator	Neely Moak (Brandon)/ Sarah Fowler (Madison)
Marymount Captain	Astro Crawford (Madison)/ Emma Henry (Madison)
Marymount 1	Kaz Morgan (Florence)/ Hannah King (Jackson)
Marymount 2	Matthew McAlpin (Clinton)/Khloe Lenoir (Madison)
Marymount 3	Maya Nevosadova/ Chloe Jackson (Jackson)
Mathlete Moderator	Neely Moak (Brandon)/ Sarah Fowler (Jackson)
Jason	Violent Daniels (Madison)/ Connor Adair (Terry)
Mr. Heron	Rett Daniels (Madison)/ Jacob Jefferson (Jackson)
Mrs. George	Kara Mattingly (Madison)/ Kya Jackson (Madison)
Mrs. Norberry	Kennedy Carruth (Brandon)/ Naomi Willis (Brandon)
Coach Carr	Ethan Hartfield (Brandon)/ Gabriel Germand (Clinton)
Mr. Duvall	Colin Ridgway (Madison)/ Cayman Jackson (Jackson)
French Teacher	Jade Smart/ Avery Toth (Madison)
Plastic Swing	Kara Mattingly (Madison)/ Kya Jackson (Clinton)
Dance Team	Johnecia Campbell (Jackson), Gracyn Files (Madison), Twynesia Graise (Port Gibson), Jarrett Hall (Jackson), Addison Russell (Terry), Meredith Green (Florence), Alex Ragsdale, Emma Williams (Canton)
Tech	Areat Davis Jr. (Jackson), B. Nichols, Raymond Walker (Madison), Andrew Hasin (Madison)