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Production of

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THE

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July 10 & 11, 2025 at 7:00pm
July 12 & 13, 2025 at 2:00pm

Music & Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice; Additional Music & Lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer; Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi | Based on the Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor | Directed by Xerron X Mingo; Music Directed by Leah Gswalt; Choreographed by Xerron X Mingo, Chiquita Pearson, Gelvin Kelly

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BROADWAY JR. SUMMER CAMP



WHAT IS BROADWAY JR.?

Each summer, New Stage Theatre transforms into a creative playground for young performers during our four-week Broadway Jr. Summer Camp. Led by our Education Director and a dynamic team of seasoned theatre professionals, campers dive headfirst into all aspects of the performing arts—acting, improvisation, musical theatre, dance, voice, stage makeup, and more.

WHERE YOUNG TALENT TAKES CENTER STAGE!

Campers gain hands-on experience every day, participating in master classes with working artists and exploring the magic behind the scenes of a professional production. The experience culminates in a fully staged musical performance on New Stage's main stage—a thrilling moment for both students and their families!



CAMP DETAILS

When: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., for four weeks

Who: Rising 6th grade through graduating 12th grade



Registration for camp begins in the spring. Full and partial scholarships are available based on talent and financial need. Auditions are typically held in April and require a monologue, essay, and recommendation letter.

HAKUNA CAST

Thursday, July 10 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 12 at 2:00 pm

RAFIKI	Rhen Tanaka*
YOUNG SIMBA.....	Bo Bullin
SIMBA.....	Charles Grenfell
YOUNG NALA.....	Kennedy King
NALA.....	Zuri Pearson
MUFASA.....	Jacob Jefferson
SCAR.....	Alex Fuentes
ZAZU.....	Karis Goodman
TIMON.....	Macie McClenty
PUMBAA.....	Gabriel Gernand
SARABI.....	Nykendra McInnis
SARAFINA.....	Emma Carter
SHENZI.....	Dylan Thomas*
BANZAI.....	Jade Smart
ED.....	Andrea Ray
MOUSE/PRIDELANDER.....	Jovanni Marone

HYENAS.....Thelma Franklin, Lee Harwell,
Reginald Jefferson, Wiley Johnson, Reagan Kelly
Austin Sampson*, Corban Welchlin, Maliyah Robinson

PRIDELANDERS.....Madeleine Hall,
Seth Grenfell, Alexander Chigbo, Ava Raby,
Murray Cooper, Tobi Robertson, Avery Toth

LIONESSES.....Aubree Bissett, Lucy Daniel,
Lewis Gregory, Ella Young, Addyson Russell,
Meagan Buchanan, Emmalyn Humphrey

**Graduated Seniors (Class of 2025)*

MATATA CAST

Friday, July 11 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 13 at 2:00 pm

RAFIKIShaughnessy Baker*
YOUNG SIMBA.....Sean Kines
SIMBA.....Ethan Hartfield
YOUNG NALA.....Amani Palmer
NALA.....Kayliegh Summers
MUFASA.....Brandon Harvey
SCAR.....Twyneseia Graise*
ZAZU.....Charlie Perna
TIMON.....Parks Garrott
PUMBAA.....Astro Crawford*
SARABI.....Emma Williams
SARAFINA.....Christian Ross*
SHENZI.....Jacob Weems
BANZAI.....Rebecca Jenkins
ED.....Matthew Jenkins
MOUSE/PRIDELANDER.....Lila Parrish

HYENAS.....Zoey Hall, Ethan Moore,
Derrick Aziz, Miguel Galvan, Payton Fuller,
Ryleigh Holloway, Isabella Samuels

PRIDELANDERS.....Trinity Braboy, Seneca Kelly,
Mattison Demming, Gaby Gonzales, Melaine Gaines,
Jenesis Francis, Kimora Holmes, Lila Parrish

LIONESSES.....Breckyn Bradshaw*, Olivia Perna,
Kiersten Simmons, Mariah Loving,
Naomi Willis, Kelli Brandon, Laila Bass

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

<i>Circle of Life with Nants' Ingonyama</i>	Rafiki, Ensemble
<i>Grasslands Chant</i>	Ensemble
<i>The Lioness Hunt</i>	Lionesses
<i>I Just Can't Wait to Be King</i>	Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, Ensemble
<i>Be Prepared</i>	Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Hyenas
<i>They Live in You</i>	Mufasa, Ensemble
<i>The Stampede</i>	Ensemble
<i>The Mourning</i>	Sarabi, Young Nala, Rafiki, Lionesses, Hyenas
<i>Hakuna Matata</i>	Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Simba, Ensemble
<i>Shadowland</i>	Nala, Lionesses, Rafiki
<i>Can You Feel the Love Tonight</i>	Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala, Ensemble
<i>He Lives in You</i>	Rafiki, Ensemble
<i>Luau Hawaiian Treat</i>	Timon, Pumbaa, Ensemble
<i>Finale</i>	Company



Music Adapted & Arranged and

"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke

"It's a Small World" written by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

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CAST BIOS

DERRICK JAMES AZIZ (Hyena) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at St. Andrews. He is the child of Tayla Thomas and Jelani Douglas. Derrick is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Derrick enjoys video games, art, and acting. Derrick has been in *Willy Wonka, Jr.* and *The Hobbit*. Derrick would like to thank his family, his school, and his friends.

SHAUGHNESSY BAKER* (Rafiki) is 19 years old and a graduate of Clinton High School. She is the child of Iris McAllen and William Baker, and guardian Sherry St. Shaughnessy is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Shaughnessy enjoys finding new music to listen to, watching movies, and hanging out with friends. Shaughnessy has been in *Mean Girls, Jr.*, *Chicken and Biscuits*, and *Sister Act, Jr.* Shaughnessy would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone who has supported her.

LAILA BASS (Lioness) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the child of Angela and Kevin Bass. Laila is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys dancing, reading, and talking to her friends. She has been in several dance recitals at the Wells APAC school, the Judah School of Performing Arts, and even at the Debbie Allen Dance Academy Summer Intensive in Los Angeles. Laila would like to thank her family, her friends, and her New Stage teachers for supporting her in this production!

AUBREE BISSETT (Lioness) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at Ocean Springs High School. She is the child of Leslie and Josh. Aubree is honored and excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Aubree enjoys dance, art, music, and theatre. Aubree has been in *Winnie the Pooh KIDS*, *Silver Belles*, and Disney's *Dare to Dream*. Aubree would like to thank Grandma and Grandpa for making theatre camp possible.

TRINITY BRABOY (Pridelander) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at St. Andrews Middle School. Trinity is the child of Cathy Braboy. Trinity is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Trinity enjoys volleyball, playing piano, and reading. Trinity has been in *Annie, Jr.* Trinity would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone that continuously supports her.

BRECKYN BRADSHAW* (Lioness) is 18 years old and a recent graduate. She is the child of Kathryn Knight and Robert Knight. Breckyn is enjoying her last year at New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Breckyn enjoys dance, art, and theater. Breckyn has been in *Shrek, Jr.*, *Sister Act, Jr.*, and *Mean Girls, Jr.* Breckyn would like to thank her family, her friends, and God.

KELLI BRANDON (Lioness) is 14 years old and in 10th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Renea and Alfred Brandon. Kelli is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Kelli enjoys reading, baking, and hanging out with friends. Kelli has been in no musicals yet, but is excited to take part in this one. Kelli would like to thank her family and friends for always being so encouraging and supportive.

CAST BIOS

MAEGAN BUCHANAN (Lioness) is 13 years old and in 9th grade at Ridgeland High School. She is the child of Tonia and Jimmy. Maegan is very excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Maegan enjoys cheer, acting and cooking. Maegan has been in ***Sister Act, Jr., Mean Girls, Jr.,*** and ***Magic Treehouse KIDS***. Maegan would like to thank her friends and family for all their support.

BO BULLIN (Young Simba) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Brandon Middle School. He is the child of Chris and Chesley. Bo is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Bo enjoys hanging out with friends, show choir, and sports activities. Bo has been in ***Sister Act, Jr, Frozen, Jr,*** and ***101 Dalmatians, Jr.*** Bo would like to thank God for His many blessings, his family for their support, and New Stage for this opportunity.

EMMA CARTER (Sarafina) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. She is the child of Bryan and Shelley Carter. Emma is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! She enjoys singing, dancing, and being with friends. Emma has been in ***Mamma Mia, Sister Act, Jr.,*** and ***Newsies***. Emma would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers.

ALEXANDER CHIGBO (Pridelander) is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. He is the child of Anthonette Chigbo and guardian Grace Chigbo. Alexander is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Alex enjoys running, theatre, math, soccer, playing with friends, and playing video games. Alexander has been in ***Franz Kafka Cancels His Cell Phone Plan, Newsies, Jr.*** and ***How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying***. Alex would like to thank his family, his teachers, and his directors for helping him reach his potential and be great.

MURRAY COOPER (Pridelander) is 12 years old and in 8th grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. He is the child of Pat Cooper and Jeffrey Cooper. Murray is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Murray enjoys Boy Scouts, acting, and archery. Murray has been in ***Sister Act, Jr*** and ***Videogampalozza 2025***. Murray would like to thank his family.

ASTRO CRAWFORD* (Pumbaa) is 18 years old and a graduate from Madison Central High School. They are the child of Rick and Tracy Crawford. Astro is stoked to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Astro enjoys sewing, cosplaying, and bingeing movies. Astro has been in ***Trail to Oregon, Matilda the Musical,*** and ***Beauty and the Beast***. Astro would like to thank everyone who has supported them throughout this journey.

LUCY DANIEL (Lioness) is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. She is the child of Kirk and Stephanie Daniel. Lucy is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Lucy enjoys singing in her school's show choir, acting, and reading. Lucy has been in ***As You Like It, The Magic Flute,*** and ***Frozen, Jr.*** Lucy would like to thank her family and friends for always being supportive of her dreams.

CAST BIOS

MATTISON DEMMING (Pridelander) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Clinton Junior High School. She is the child of Tonya Demming and Jonathan Demming. Mattison is eager and delighted to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Mattison enjoys listening to music, reading books, and drawing and painting in coloring books. Mattison has been in ***Finding Nemo, Jr.*** and ***Murder in the Art Show*** at Clinton High School Little Theater. Mattison would like to thank her family, her cousin, Kya Jackson, and her friend Sean who is also trying out.

JENESIS FRANCIS (Pridelander) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Seminole Middle School. She is the child of Deborah Baker and grandchild of Sherry Sterling. Jenesis is excited and anxious to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Jenesis enjoys playing Roblox, interacting with friends, singing, dancing, and swimming at the beach. Jenesis has been in the cast of First Stage's ***A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS***. Jenesis would like to thank her mother, grandmother, aunts, cousins, and all other family and friends for their support and encouragement.

THELMA FRANKLIN (Hyena) is 15 years old and in 11th grade at Ridgeland High School. She is the child of Lena and DeMarcus Franklin. Thelma is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Thelma enjoys running, writing, and playing video games. Thelma has been in ***Children of Eden, Jr., Mean Girls, Jr.,*** and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Thelma would like to thank her friends and family.

ALEX FUENTES (Scar) is 16 years old and in 11th grade at St. Andrews Episcopal School. He is the child of Luz and Jesus. Alex is hyped to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Alex enjoys acting, playing instruments, and spending time with loved ones. Alex has been in ***Silent Sky, Mamma Mia,*** and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Alex would like to thank his mom, his dad, and his sister.

PAYTON FULLER (Hyena) is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Germantown Middle School. She is the child of Ashley and Robert Toussaint. Payton is nervous and excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Payton enjoys making TikTok dances, braiding hair, and participating in show choir. Payton has been in ***Frozen, Jr.*** and ***Moana***. Payton would like to thank my family, my grandparents, and my choir and drama teachers.

MELAINIEY GAINES (Pridelander) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is the child of Stacey and Ernest Gaines. Melaineiy is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Melaineiy enjoys character making, general arts, and swimming. Melaineiy has been in school plays, ***Sister Act, Jr.,*** and this one! Melaineiy would like to thank her friends, the cast, staff, and her family for being awesomesauce!

MIGUEL GALVAN (Hyena) is 16 years old and in 11th grade at St. Joseph's. He is the child of Ana and Guillermo Galvan. Miguel is excited and nervous to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Miguel enjoys 3D creation, stop motion, acting, and video games. Miguel has been in ***The Bold The Young The Murdered, Footloose,*** and ***On The Tip of My Tongue***. Miguel would like to thank his mom and his father.

CAST BIOS

PARKS GARROTT (Timon) is 16 years old and in 10th grade at Madison Central High School. He is the child of Lori and Ben Garrott. Parks is super-duper happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Parks enjoys writing stories, doing speech and debate, and puppetry. Parks has been in *Matilda*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Sister Act, Jr.* Parks would like to thank his brother Jack, his parents for paying for camp, and Beyonce.

GABRIEL GERNAND (Pumbaa) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Clinton High School. He is the child of CC and Daniel. Gabriel is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Gabriel enjoys writing, playing games, and playing with his cats. Gabriel has been in *Sister Act, Jr.*, *Mean Girls, Jr.*, and *Murder at the Malt Shop*. Gabriel would like to thank his family, his friends, and everyone who taught him.

CHARLES GRENFELL (Simba) is 17 years old and in 12th grade at Jackson Preparatory School. He is the child of Ric and Tracy. Charles is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Charles enjoys reading, hanging out with friends, and playing games of all sorts. Charles has been in *Phantom of the Opera*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Anastasia*. Charles would like to thank his family and directors.

SETH GRENFELL (Pridelander) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at Jackson Prep. He is the child of Ric Grenfell and Tracy Grenfell. Seth is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Seth enjoys doing theatre, playing video games, and doing stuff outside. Seth has been in *The Lion*, *The Witch*, and *The Wardrobe* and *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition* at Christ Covenant School, and *Sister Act, Jr.* at New Stage. Seth would like to thank his family, all of his directors, and his friends.

KARIS GOODMAN (Zazu) is the daughter of Brad and Sarah Goodman of Brandon. She will be a 10th grader at Northwest Rankin High School. She is thrilled to be a part of New Stage camps and Youth Acting Troupe for the past 7 years. Karis loves to spend time with her friends and is a hard worker. Karis is so excited to be a part of *The Lion King, Jr.*! Her top 3 favorite shows to be in so far have been *Hadestown*, *Mean Girls, Jr.*, and *Sister Act, Jr.* Karis would like to thank her family for their love and support and her theatre teachers and directors for their instructions and encouragement that has allowed her to grow her love for the arts.

GABY GONZALES (Pridelander) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Byram Middle School. She is the child of Violeta and Rosendo. Gaby is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Gaby enjoys dancing, singing, and acting. Gaby has been in *Sister Act, Jr.*, *School House Rock, Jr.*, and *The Lion King, Jr.* Gaby would like to thank her parents for supporting her.

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TWYNESEIA GRAISE* (Scar) is 17 years old and an incoming freshman at The University of Mississippi. She is the child of Twyla and Marcus Graise. Twyneseia is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Twyneseia enjoys singing, hanging with friends, and watching movies. Twyneseia has been in ***The Secret Garden***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***Sister Act, Jr.***, ***Little Shop of Horrors***, and ***Chicken and Biscuits***. Twyneseia would like to thank God, her friends, and her family.

LEWIS GREGORY (Lioness) is 16 years old and in 12th grade at Madison Central. He is the child of Margie and Levi Williams. Lewis is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Lewis enjoys singing, learning about human anatomy, and cosplaying. Lewis has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, ***Sister Act, Jr.***, and ***Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*** Lewis would like to thank his mom, his dad, and his friends.

ZOEY HALL (Hyena) is 14 years old and in 9th grade. She is the child of Nikki Hall and Ryan Hall. Zoey is nervous and excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Zoey enjoys arts and crafts, singing, and reading. Zoey has been in ***Grease***, ***The Lion King***, ***Frozen***, ***The Nutcracker***, and ***The Little Mermaid***. Zoey would like to thank her family, her best friend, and God.

MADELEINE HALL (Pridelander) is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Bailey Middle School. She is the child of Alicia and Seth Hall. Madeleine is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Madeleine enjoys visual art, music, reading, and going to the beach. Madeleine has been in ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, ***A Year With Frog and Toad KIDS***, and ***Pluto's Big Problem***. Madeleine would like to thank her mother and grandmothers for their inspiration and support.

BRANDON HARVEY (Mufasa) is 16 years old and in 11th grade at Clinton High School. He is the child of Quita Bride and the brother of Quintin Powell. Brandon is thrilled and delighted to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Brandon enjoys listening to music, acting, and hanging out with friends. Brandon has been in ***Sister Act Jr***, ***Finding Nemo Jr***, and ***Wiley and the Hairy Man***. Brandon would like to thank his family, mentors, and friends for being inspirational and supporting his dreams.

ETHAN HARTFIELD (Simba) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. He is the child of Zane and Michelle. Ethan is incredibly excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Ethan enjoys collecting, listening to music, and working out. Ethan has been in ***Secret Garden***, ***The Sound of Music***, and ***A Christmas Carol***. Ethan would like to thank his family, friends, and New Stage Theatre.

LEE HARWELL (Hyena) is 15 years old and in 9th grade at Magnolia Homeschool. She is the child of Mary Harwell and Jimbo Harwell. Lee is jazzed to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Lee enjoys character writing, world building, tabletop RPGs, and drawing. Lee has been in ***Sister Act, Jr.***, ***As You Like It***, and ***Twelfth Night***. Lee would like to thank her parents, her best friend, and her grandmother.

CAST BIOS

RYLEIGH HOLLOWAY (Hyena) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Florence High School. Ryleigh is the child of Bera and Martha Holloway. Ryleigh is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Ryleigh enjoys playing basketball, talking to friends, and spending time with her family. Ryleigh has been in ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Ryleigh would like to thank her family and the New Stage Theatre counselors and staff for their support.

KIMORA HOLMES (Pridelander) is 14 years old and in 10th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Jasmin Buckley and Michal Holmes. Kimora is loving to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Kimora enjoys doing lashes and acting. Kimora has helped on ***James and the Giant Peach***. Kimora would like to thank her Gramma, Granddaddy, and Dad.

EMMALYN HUMPHREY (Lioness) is 14 years old 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 dancing at Central MS Dance, singing, and all things Hamilton. Emmalyn has been in ***Fun Town*** at Pearl Junior High. Emmalyn would like to thank Mrs. McDowell and her family for supporting her.

REBECCA JENKINS (Banzai) is 16 years old and in 11th grade at Brandon High School. She is the child of Jennifer Willis and Jacob Jenkins. Rebecca is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Rebecca enjoys studying her current hyper fixations, playing tennis, and spending time with those she loves. Rebecca has been in ***Footloose, You Can't Take It With You, and A Midsummer Night's Dream***. Rebecca would like to thank God, her family, and her friends for helping her grow.

MATTHEW JENKINS (Ed) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Brandon Middle School. He is the child of Jennifer Willis and Jacob Jenkins. Matthew is glad to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Matthew enjoys gaming, swimming, and acting. Matthew has been ***Descendents, Jr., Aladdin, Jr., and Charlie Brown Christmas***. Matthew would like to thank Marilyn Julian, Jennifer Willis, Tim Willis, and Jacob Jenkins.

REGINALD JEFFERSON (Hyena) is 12 years old and in 7th grade Bailey APAC Middle School. He is the child of Reginald and Janelle Jefferson. Reginald is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Reginald enjoys singing, acting, chess, swimming, and 90s R&B. Reginald has been in ***Franz Kafka Cancels His Cell Phone Plan, Elf the Musical, and Seussical the Musical***. Reginald would like to thank his family, God, and his friends for supporting him.

JACOB JEFFERSON (Mufasa) is 16 years old and in 11th grade at Murrah High School and Wells APAC. He is the child of Reginald and Janelle Jefferson. Jacob is exhilarated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Jacob enjoys band, arranging music, drums, baseball, choir, and student council. Jacob has been in ***A Christmas Carol, Sister Act, Jr., and Shrek, Jr.*** Jacob would like to thank God, his mother, and his father.

CAST BIOS

WILEY JOHNSON (Hyena) is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. He is the child of Amber Johnson and Daniel Johnson, and the grandchild of Suzie Kellum. Wiley is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Wiley enjoys swimming, spending time with friends, and playing games. Wiley has been in ***Franz Kafka Cancels His Cell Phone Plan***, ***Trap***, and ***How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying***. Wiley would like to thank his family, his community, and his district.

REAGAN KELLY (Hyena) is 16 years old and in 11th grade at Jackson Academy. She is the child of Mike and Rhoshunda Kelly. Reagan is happy and privileged to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Reagan enjoys watching Formula 1, writing, and cooking/baking. Reagan has been in ***Anything Goes*** and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Reagan would like to thank Mr. Xerron and her family.

SENECA KELLY (Pridelander) is 16 years old and in 11th grade at Terry High School. He is the child of James and Sandra Hollins. Seneca is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Seneca enjoys sports, dancing, etc. Seneca has been in ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Seneca would like to thank his family, friends, and Ms. Pearson.

SEAN KINES (Young Simba) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Clinton Junior High School. Sean is the child of Bernard and Shonda. Sean is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Sean enjoys listening to music, singing, and attending Broadway musicals. Sean has been in ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, ***The Elf on a Shelf Must Die***, and ***Murder at an Art Show***. Sean would like to thank his family for supporting his dreams!

KENNEDY KING (Young Nala) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Kamel King and Tiffany Mosley. Kennedy is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Kennedy enjoys acting, singing, and dancing. Kennedy has been in ***Annie, Jr.*** Kennedy would like to thank her family, her choir teacher, and God.

MARIAH LOVING (Lioness) is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Clinton Christian Academy. She is the child of Harold and Saundra Loving. Mariah is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Mariah enjoys reading, creative writing, and show choir. Mariah has been in ***As You Like It***, ***The Elf on the Shelf Must Die***, and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Mariah would like to thank God, her family, and her friends.

JOVANNI MARONE (Pridelander) is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. He is the child of Maria and Nate Marone. Jovanni is elated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Jovanni enjoys singing, dancing, and spending time with friends. Jovanni has been in ***Seussical KIDS***, ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, and ***A Year With Frog and Toad KIDS***. Jovanni would like to thank his mom and dad for supporting him in his love for theatre.

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MACIE MCCLENTY (Timon) is 12 years old and in 6th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. Macie is the child of Teja McClenty and Spencer McClenty Sr. Macie is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Macie enjoys singing, dancing, and playing the piano. Macie has been in **Annie, Jr.** Macie would like to thank God, my family, and Amiable Theatre for always believing in me.

NYKENDRA MCINNIS (Sarabi) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Clinton High School. She is the child of Christopher and LaShunna. Nykendra is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Nykendra enjoys singing, dancing, playing the piano, listening to music, and watching anime videos. Nykendra has been in **Sister Act, Jr.** and **James and the Giant Peach, Jr.** Nykendra would like to thank her parents, extended family, and church family for their support and encouragement.

ETHAN MOORE (Hyena) is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Northwest Rankin Middle School. Ethan is the child of Tim and Allison Moore. Ethan is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Ethan enjoys singing and drawing. Ethan has been in **The Lion King KIDS**. Ethan would like to thank his family and friends, especially Gran.

CHARLIE PERNA (Zazu) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Erie High School. He is the child of Mandy and Nicholas Perna. Charlie is incredibly grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Charlie enjoys reading, playing piano, and listening to music. Charlie has been in **Into the Woods**, **Our Town**, and **Sister Act, Jr.** Charlie would like to thank his mother for being willing to bring him and his sister to Mississippi, his Colorado friends for supporting his return to Mississippi, and his New Stage friends for one last chance to perform all together.

OLIVIA PERNA (Lioness) is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Erie Middle School. She is the child of Mandy and Nicholas Perna. Olivia is so ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Olivia enjoys dancing, hanging out with friends, and watching TV. Olivia has been in **Once Upon a Mattress**, **Sister Act, Jr.**, and **Secret Garden**. Olivia would like to thank her family and friends, her dog, all New Stage members and her dance teacher.

AMANI PALMER (Young Nala) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at Rosa Scott High School. She is the child of Jonathan and T'Ondrea Robinson and Jermaine Kelly. Amani is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Amani enjoys show choir. Amani has been in **Secret Garden**, **Sister Act, Jr.**, and **Fences**. Amani would like to thank God and her family for always loving and supporting her.

LILA PARRISH (Pridelander) is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Dean and Jessica Parrish. Lila is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Lila enjoys hanging out with friends, swimming, and watching TV. Lila has been in **Pluto's Big Problem**, Summer Showoffs 2023-2025, and Kids Studio Spring 2023. Lila would like to thank her family, her pets, and her friends for being supportive.

CAST BIOS

ZURI PEARSON (Nala) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at Terry High School. She is the child of Chiquila Pearson. Zuri is stoked to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Zuri enjoys skating, dancing, theatre, and art. Zuri has been in ***Shrek, Jr., Mean Girls, Jr., Children of Eden, Jr.,*** and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Zuri would like to thank her mom for being her first best friend and she always will be.

AVA RABY (Pridelander) is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Madison Middle School. She is the child of Tianna and Malcolm. Ava is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Ava enjoys soccer, acting, and singing. Ava has been in ***Sister Act, Jr., Annie, Jr.,*** and ***Santa Goes On Strike.*** Ava would like to thank her family, her drama teacher, and herself.

ANDREA RAY (Ed) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Madison Central. She is the child of Ivette Ray and Marty Ray. Andrea is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Andrea enjoys Allstar Cheer, acting, and painting. Andrea has been in ***Mean Girls Jr, Sister Act Jr,*** and ***Cinderella Jr.*** Andrea would like to thank her family, her friends, and her coaches.

TOBI ROBERTSON (Hyena) is 12 years old and in 8th grade at St. Andrews. She is the child of Denzel and Audrey Robertson. Tobi is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Tobi enjoys drawing, sewing, and dancing. Tobi has been in ***Annie, Sister Act, Jr.,*** and ***Willy Wonka, Jr.*** Tobi would like to thank her family and friends.

MALIYAH ROBINSON (Hyena) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at The Canopy School. She is the child of Rebecca Horne and Carlos Robinson. Maliyah is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Maliyah enjoys spending time with her cats, hanging out with family & friends, and make up & fashion. Maliyah has been in Ballet Magnificat Jr's ***A Christmas Story*** and ***A Red Nose Christmas, Jr.*** Maliyah would like to thank her family, friends, and Aunt Carmela for their love and support.

CHRISTIAN ROSS* (Sarafina) is 18 years old and a graduate from Homeschool. She is the child of Christopher Ross and Jameitha Ross. Christian is elated to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Christian enjoys filmmaking, singing, and drawing. Christian has been in ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Christian would like to thank her family.

ADDYSON RUSSELL (Lioness) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at St. Joseph Catholic School. She is the child of Melvin and LaTasha. Addyson is really excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Addyson enjoys dancing, journalism, and hanging out with friends. Addyson has been in ***Children of Eden, Jr., Mean Girls, Jr.,*** and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Addyson would like to thank her family and friends for always supporting her.

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AUSTIN SAMPSON* (Hyena) is 18 years old and a recent graduate. He is the child of Amber Sampson. Austin is ecstatic to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Austin enjoys reading and watching live music. Austin has been in ***Sister Act, Jr.*** and ***Secret Garden***. Austin would like to thank his family and friends.

ISABELLA SAMUELS (Hyena) is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. She is the child of Angela Samuels and Christopher Samuels. Isabella is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Isabella enjoys blocking and acting. Isabella has been in ***Annie Jr***, ***Finding Nemo KIDS***, and ***Seussical***. Isabella would like to thank her family being blessed and performing.

JADE SMART (Banzai) is 16 years old and in 11th grade at Benton Academy. She is the child of Dusty Chisolm, Ashley Chisolm, and Johnathan Smart. Jade is extremely grateful to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Jade enjoys rocking out to music, performing with the show choir, and playing trivia-based games. Jade has been in ***Sister Act, Jr.***, ***Much Ado About Nothing***, and ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** Jade would like to thank her family, the wonderful staff, and her Aunt Courtney.

KIERSTEN SIMMONS (Lioness) is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Brianna Jones and Branden Simmons. Kiersten is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Kiersten enjoys writing poetry, painting, and dancing. Kiersten has been in ***Children of Eden, Jr.*** Kiersten would like to thank her family for being encouraging.

KAYLEIGH SUMMERS (Nala) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at Northwest Rankin High School. She is the child of Kristin Barnes and Demorris Summers. Kayleigh is honored and excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Kayleigh enjoys to sing, act, dance, cook, styling/designing shoes, braiding hair, and writing songs. Kayleigh has been in ***Magic Treehouse***, ***Children of Eden, Jr.***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Kayleigh would like to thank her mom (her hero), Aunt Linda, Grandma Laurie, Ms. Cox, Mr. Mingo, Mrs. Ashia, and her lovely village.

RHEN TANAKA* (Rafiki) is 18 years old and a recent graduate of St. Andrews Episcopal School. She will be attending NYU next year, and she's the child of Linda and John Schmidt and Javier Tanaka. Rhen is enchanted to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Rhen enjoys theatre, hanging out with friends, music, and the beach! Rhen has been in ***Mamma Mia***, ***Sister Act, Jr.***, and ***The Addams Family***. Rhen would like to thank every teacher, family or not, for all their support in getting her here.

DYLAN THOMAS* (Shenzi) is 18 years old and a graduate senior at Madison Central. She is the child of Ashlee and Billy Thomas. Dylan is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr. Camp! Dylan enjoys reading, writing, and painting. Dylan has been in ***Children of Eden, Jr.***, ***Mean Girls, Jr.***, and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Dylan would like to thank her family, her friends, and the wonderful New Stage teachers and instructors.

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EVERY TOTH (Pridelander) is 15 years old and in 9th grade at St Joseph Catholic School. She is the child of Michael and Shannon. Avery is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Avery enjoys playing archery, writing stories, reading, and hanging with friends. Avery has been in ***Sister Act, Jr., Mean Girls, Jr.,*** and ***Much Ado About Nothing***. Avery would like to thank her family, her friends, and God for this opportunity.

CORBAN V. WELCHLIN (Hyena) is 14 years old and in 8th grade at Bailey APAC Middle School. 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, etc. Corban has been in ***Sister Act, Jr., Newsies,*** and ***Winnie the Pooh***. Corban would like to thank his parents, Esther, and Upendo.

JACOB WEEMS (Shenzi) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at Murrah APAC High School. He is the child of Julia and Jamie Weems. Jacob is thrilled to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Jacob enjoys playing, composing, arranging, and producing music, and being with his close friends and family. Jacob has been in ***Sister Act, Jr., Much Ado About Nothing,*** and ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** Jacob would like to thank his family, his castmates and campers, and his director, Xerron.

NAOMI WILLIS (Lioness) is 17 years old and in 11th 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 painting, reading, and playing video games. Naomi has been in ***Hadestown, Matilda,*** and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** Naomi would like to thank her family, Mrs. Ashia, and Mrs. Mandy-Kate.

EMMA WILLIAMS (Sarabi) is 14 years old and in 9th grade at St. Joe. She is the child of Christaina and Ivy Williams. Emma is happy to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Emma enjoys dancing. Emma has been in ***Grease, Sister Act, Jr.,*** and ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** Emma would like to thank her family.

ELLA YOUNG (Lioness) is 13 years old and in 9th grade at Rosa Scott High School. She is the child of Ashley and Jason Young. Ella is excited to be in New Stage's Broadway Jr Camp! Ella enjoys singing, dancing, and bringing joy to people. Ella has been in ***Once on this Island, Sister Act, Jr.,*** and ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** Ella would like to thank her family and friends.



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XERRON X MINGO (Director/Education Director) is a graduate of Florida A&M University. Born in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Mingo recently resided in New York City where he worked as a health & safety manager for productions on Apple TV and HGTV. He also worked as a testing secretary and production coordinator for television shows with LIONSGATE and AppleMusic Reviews. For the past ten summers, Mingo has worked at Raquette Lake Camps teaching musical theatre to students from all across the world. Past New Stage credits include Fezziwig in ***A Christmas Carol***, Gabriel in ***Fences***, played roles and served as the choreographer for ***Elf***, ***The Musical*** and ***Come From Away***. He choreographed ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** and directed ***Chicken & Biscuits*** and ***The Mountaintop***. He also directed past camp shows ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** and ***Sister Act, Jr.*** He has worked professionally at a plethora of regional theaters in a handful of states. Mingo continues to live in the light and could not be more blessed to do so as he continues on his journey as education director at New Stage Theatre.

BAXTER EVANS III (Stunt Coordinator) is actor and combatant from Clinton, MS where he went to Hinds Community College, and performed in shows called ***Water Engine*** and ***Bus Stop***. Evans then moved to Hattiesburg to study theatre at the University of Southern Mississippi, performing in the shows ***Once in a Lifetime***, ***She Kills Monsters***, ***The Addams Family***, and ***Macbeth***. While at USM, Evans received a KCATCF nomination, allowing him to travel to the KCATCF Region IV back in February 2023. He also served in Alpha Psi Omega, Harlem (a BIPOC theatre club), and Skip the Script (an improv club). Evans was recently seen in ***Elf The Musical*** and ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** at New Stage Theatre.

TATIANA GRACE (Administrative Assistant) is thrilled to be a part of the team at New Stage Theatre! Originating from Georgia, she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre performance at Columbus State University in Columbus, GA. Her favorite past productions include ***Little Women***, ***The Broadway Musical*** (Ensemble), ***A Year With Frog and Toad*** (Toad), ***Three Little Birds*** (Cedella), ***Into the Woods*** (Jack's Mother), and ***Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill*** (Billie Holiday). Tatiana just completed her season as one of New Stage Theatre's Associate Artists. She would like to thank her friends, family, and professors who have helped and supported her along the way.

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 BS in mass communications. Levy last appeared in ***Gaslight*** at New Stage. Additional New Stage credits include ***Chicken & Biscuits***, ***Lend Me a Soprano***, ***Clue***, ***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time***, and several Unframed Productions.

MATTEA PIERCE (Co-Production Stage Manager) is a graduate of Belhaven University with degrees in both theatre and graphic design. Past New Stage credits for Stage Management include: ***Come From Away***, ***Noises Off***, ***Million Dollar Quartet Christmas***, ***Lend Me a Soprano***, ***What the Constitution Means to Me***, ***Elf The Musical***, ***The Secret Garden***, ***Chicken & Biscuits***, ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical***, and ***Ring of Fire*** (ASM).

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ASHIA BENFORD (Acting Teacher/Assistant Director) 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.*** Her directing credits include: ***Once on this Island, Jr, Aladdin, Jr, Matilda the Musical, and Pipeline, and Sunset Baby.*** Currently, she is an acting instructor/director with local theatre companies and privately trains children and adults preparing for educational and professional auditions. Benford also has an 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***, Ms. Shears in ***Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime***, Angie in ***Is God Is***, and Brianna in ***Chicken & Biscuits.***

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 was in productions of ***Aladdin, Jr, Frozen, Jr, and Children of Eden, Jr!*** She was the summer intern during last year's production of ***Mean Girls, Jr.*** She is currently studying 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 Theatre whenever she can!

CHIQUILA PEARSON (Co-Choreographer/Dance Teacher) 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 the past 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.

DELVIN KELLY (Co-Choreographer/Assistant Dance Teacher) is from Brandon, Miss. He is an alum of Montage Theatre of Dance and a graduate of Hinds Community College where he pursued his associate's degree in instrumental music education with tuba as his primary instrument. He was most recently seen in ***Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*** at New Stage Theatre. He is also a member of the First Baptist of Jackson Worship Orchestra. This fall, Delvin plans to further his music education studies at The University of Southern Miss in hopes of finishing his bachelor's, then pursuing a master's in musicology.

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LEAH OSWALT (Music Director/Music Teacher) is thrilled to be making her New Stage debut working with both this incredible team and such talented students. She is a voice and piano teacher at 601 Studios in Jackson and choir director at First Presbyterian Church of Canton. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Voice and her Master of Music in Vocal Pedagogy and Performance from Mississippi College.

KATHLYN ARCEMONT (Assistant Music Teacher/Vocal Coach) is delighted to be back at New Stage Theatre! She is a music education graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi. Recently, she traveled to Germany for a month as a part of the International Performing Arts Institute's 2024 Musical Theatre Company. Arcemont has been involved with New Stage Theatre for over a decade now. Some of her past roles include Martha Cratchit in ***A Christmas Carol***, Madame de la Grande Bouche in ***Beauty and the Beast***, Sister Mary Patrick in ***Sister Act***, and Margo Crawford in ***Bright Star***. Arcemont is also the director of Brandon Middle School choirs and Brandon High School pop a cappella ensembles.

MALAIKA QUARTERMAN (Acting Coach/Vocal Coach) was last seen at New Stage in the productions of ***Gaslight***, ***Sweat***, ***A Christmas Carol***, ***Sister Act***, ***Our Town***, ***The Great Gatsby***, and ***Annie***. Her New Stage credits also include directing ***Little Women***, ***The Broadway Musical*** and also choreographing New Stage's Cabaret ***Rising Toward a New Day*** and ***Little Shop of Horrors***. She resides in Jackson with her wonderful family. When she is not at New Stage, Quarterman can be found acting, directing, and serving on the board of sister organization Fondren Theatre Workshop and as the Chapter Director for Mississippi Thespians. Quarterman has received Theatre and directorial training from New World School of the Arts, Belhaven University, and Regent University.

PRODUCTION STAFF

ESTHER MARGARET (Costume Designer) is an artist, teacher, and collaborator based in Jackson, Mississippi. She's excited to return to New Stage as a costume designer and is thoroughly enjoying working with the team and the campers. She received her BFA in Theatrical Design and Technology with a specialization in Costume Design and Construction from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2011. Previous New Stage costume design credits include ***A Christmas Carol*** and ***All the Way***. Her two children, Cabe and Jesse, as well as her students, friends and family inspire her to continue growing and learning.

NOELLE RILEY (Costume Apprentice) is from Kosciusko MS and she graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi where she obtained a Bachelors of Arts in Theatre. Her credits at Southern Miss included assistant stage managing ***The Lieutenant of Inishmore*** and designing hair and makeup for ***Big Fish***. She's so thrilled to be working at New Stage as a costume apprentice!

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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.

ANNA DUNBAR (Lighting Designer) is a performer, sketch comedian, writer, and film/theatre technician originally from Madison, MS. She's grateful for every opportunity she has gotten over the years to work with New Stage and Unframed! She has studied, performed, and worked at theatres and studios including The Second City, Blue Man Group, The Annoyance Theatre, Acting Studio Chicago, iO Chicago, Broadway in Chicago, and the Neo-Futurists. She's also 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 5 film festivals). You are enough. You are loved. Just keep swimming! :)

CALLIE JACKSON (Sound Engineer) is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a B.A. in Political Science and is from Madison, MS. She began working with New Stage Theatre in 2024 as a sound board operator and is now working as a full time production staff member. Her regional credits include: ***Noises Off***, ***Million Dollar Quartet Christmas***, ***Come From Away*** and ***The Mountaintop***. She worked with Center Players Community Theatre as the Sound Designer/Engineer for 6 years. Some of those shows include; ***Oklahoma***, ***Bye Bye Birdie***, ***Newsies***, ***Into the Woods***, ***Clue***, and ***Grease***. She is excited to be continuing her passion of theatre with New Stage Theatre and is grateful for the opportunity. She will be taking over as the resident Sound Designer and Engineer in the 60th season.

MICHAEL MONTGOMERY (Properties Designer/Charge Artist) is originally an artist and actor from Mobile, AL. He moved to Jackson to receive a BA from Millsaps College where he studied Studio Art, Music and Creative Writing. There, he performed in multiple shows, his favorite production being David Ives's ***All in the Timing: Sure Thing*** and ***The Universal Language*** which was directed by Sam Sparks. His more recent performances come from the New Stage's Unframed Series, most recently the role of Mack from ***Fairview***. His most recent role on the New Stage mainstage would be his reading as Zeus in ***Sons of Levi***. He has primarily served as a set painter for New Stage since 2023 which has included the following shows: ***Johnny Cash***, ***Lend Me a Soprano***, ***What The Constitution Means to Me***, ***Elf The Musical***, ***Secret Garden: Spring Version***, ***Chicken & Biscuits***, ***Junie B. Jones the Musical***, ***Noises Off***, ***Gaslight***, ***Million Dollar Quartet Christmas***, ***The Mountaintop***, and Unframed's ***Is God Is***, ***The Grown Ups***, and ***The Moors***. He is currently creating his personal art exhibition that will be displayed in the Art Center of Mississippi this December.

PRODUCTION STAFF

ANTONIO JUAREZ (Production Associate) is a graduate of Hinds Community College where he studied simulation and animation. He was raised in the Brandon area and first became involved with theatre at Northwest Rankin High School. There he created costumes and set design for *The Zombie Prom*. He found working in the theatre environment fulfilling and was offered an opportunity to work with New Stage Theatre in November 2021 making phantom cloaks and as the sound board operator for *A Christmas Carol*. Juarez designed the set for the New Stage touring production of *Junie B. Jones, The Musical* and the Unframed Series at New Stage Theatre's productions of *Blues for an Alabama Sky* and *Sunset Baby*.

RACHEL BOUDREAUX (Co- Production Stage Manager) is from Baton Rouge, LA, and is a recent graduate from The University of Southern Mississippi with a BA in Theatre. They have worked on many shows at USM as a stage manager. They made their New Stage debut serving as assistant stage manager for *Come From Away* and is excited to be working with New Stage again!

CASEY NELMS (Production Manager) is a proud Mississippian from Pearl, MS. She received her Bachelor of social work from Belhaven University followed by her master's of social work from the University of Southern California. While living in Los Angeles, she transitioned from a 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. She lives on the Ross Barnett Reservoir with her husband and their two droopy-faced beagles, Olive and Mabel.

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Wait Until Dark *By Frederick Knott, adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher*

October 21 – November 2, 2025

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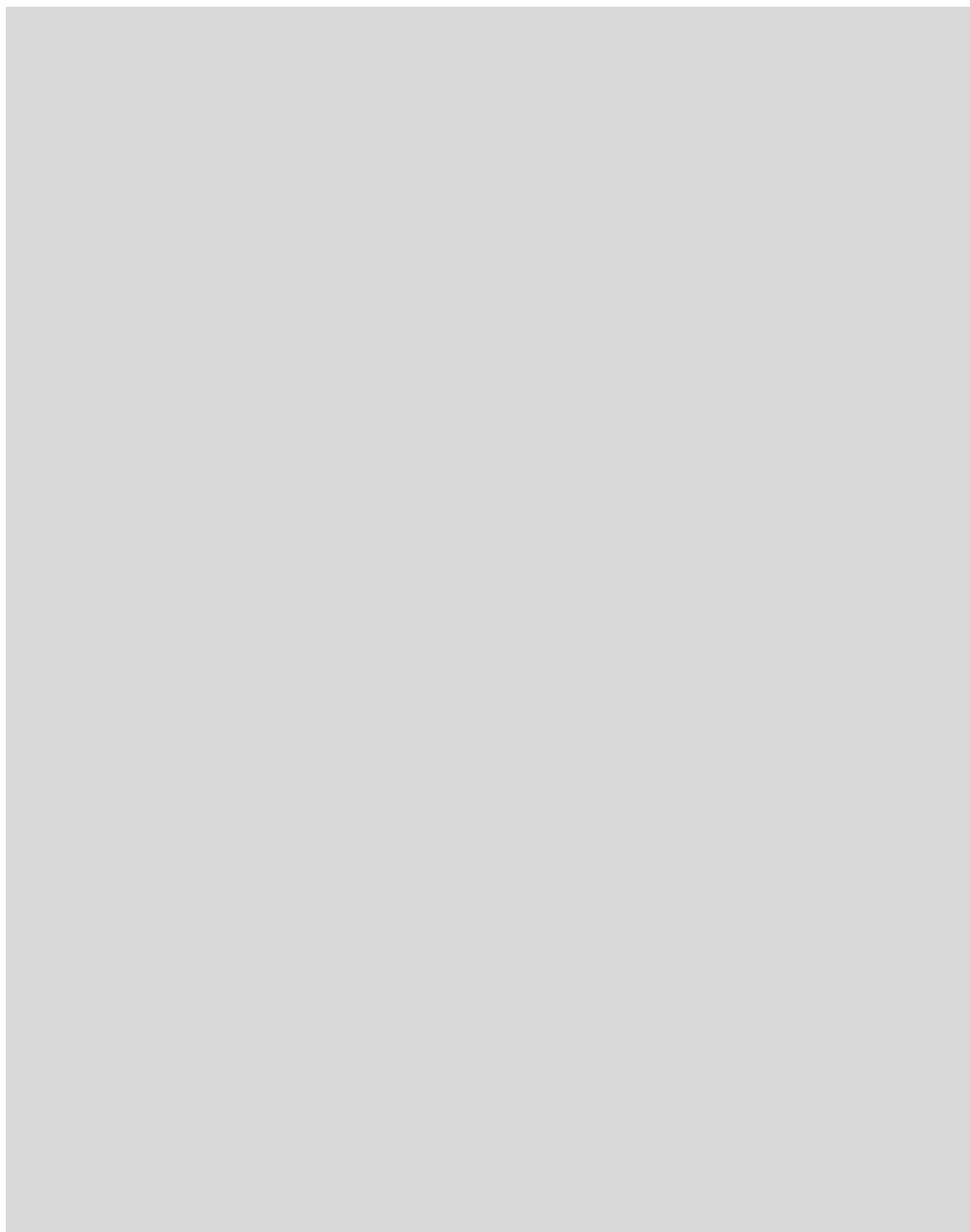
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