



HERSHEY AREA PLAYHOUSE THEATRE ACADEMY'S
PRODUCTION OF

Disney
THE LION KING



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BOOK BY
ROGER ALLERS & IRENE MECCHI

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"LI'AU 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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All masks must completely cover the nose and mouth and comply with the CDC guidelines for acceptable face coverings.





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PRODUCER	<i>Melissa Moad</i>
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SOUND DIRECTOR	<i>Johnathan Shuey</i>
SET CONSTRUCTION	<i>Carlton Hoke</i>
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SPECIAL THANKS

*LCT, Ryan Boyles, and the Polluck Center of Camp Hill for the Costume Loan
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Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and "Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by Will Van Dyke

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

The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.



PRODUCTION NOTES

They had 5 weeks.

The kids you see on this stage, had five weeks- 22 rehearsals in which to learn the show. They all knew the movie/movies; many knew the musical. Yet they still had to learn the actual words to Circle of Life and not just what people think it is when they belt. I would dare to say that half the lyrics they memorized were in another language. These actors had to learn the dances. They also had to adapt to moving like animals. Add in some stage fighting, theatre magic, above average costumes, and puppets!

If that doesn't sound daunting, they had to do all of this while still going to school and participating in activities.

We all wore masks at rehearsals; we committed to wearing shields because we so desperately wanted to make sure this show could happen.

And they are ready! They are jumping and leaping in the wings to rush onto the stage for you. They hope you will laugh; they know you might sing along; they plan on bringing you joy.

As only live theater can.

And that's something to roar about!

**JENNIFER FELDSER,
DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR**

THEATRE TIPS FOR KIDS

FROM THE BROADWAY LEAGUE'S KIDS' NIGHT ON BROADWAY

- Shhh! No noises from the audience- leave all the talking and sound effects to the actors on stage.
 - Please stay in your seat during the show, and keep your feet near the floor in front of you and not on the chair in front of you.
 - Remember to turn off all noisy gadgets and do not text, take photos, or record during the show.
 - Clap! When the show ends, it's fun to applaud to thank the actors for a great performance. If you'd like, stand up while you clap- that's called a standing ovation.
 - Have fun!
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SHOUT OUTS

Hakuna Matata, Livvie & Cast! -Love You!

Way to go, Ella! Love, Mom, Dad, and Laina

So proud of you! Love, Aunt Deb

Keep on shining, Maryna! Love, the Blecklers

Hakuna Matata, Maryna! You got this! Love M&D

Let your lioness pride shine, Maryna! -Gramm

Tay, since 1st Grade you have blessed my life! Al bc the circle of life!
Love, Britt

Tay, have fun and "Hakuna Matata!" Love, the Linburg Crew!

Tay, I would say, "break a leg", but that's expensive! Have fun!
I'm proud of ya! - Jeb

Tay, you will always be in our hearts! We are so proud of you!
Love, the Mohl Fam

Tay, you will always be our Pumba & pal! We will always stick together
! TT & Malik

CAST

RAFIKI	<i>Charlotte Caples</i>
MUFASA	<i>Ryan Hosenfeld</i>
SARABI	<i>Julia Aluquin</i>
ZAZU	<i>Adele Hosenfeld</i>
SCAR	<i>Livvy Jones</i>
YOUNG SIMBA/SIMBA	<i>Benjamin Silvis</i>
YOUNG NALA/NALA	<i>Libby Jones</i>
SARAFINA	<i>Ivanna Amill-Fabregas</i>
LIONESSES/ENSEMBLE	<i>Willa Mae Paul</i> <i>Ellilah Paul</i> <i>Maryna Rodes</i>
BANZAI	<i>Xavia Paul</i>
SHENZI	<i>Kylie Heim</i>
ED	<i>Ella Marotta</i>
HYENA PACK/ENSEMBLE	<i>Selina Brown</i> <i>Mallore Marshall</i> <i>Jane Wren</i>
TIMON	<i>Emma Claire Sweigert</i>
PUMBA	<i>MarVeont'e Terrell</i>

CREW

Marley Amshultz

SOUND

Johnathan Shuey

CAST



Charlotte
Caples



Ryan
Hosenfeld



Julia
Aluquin



Adele
Hosenfeld



Livvy
Jones



Benjamin
Silvis



Libby
Jones



Ivanna
Amill-Fabregas



Willa Mae
Paul



Ellilah
Paul



Maryna
Rodes



Xavia
Paul



Kylie
Heim



Ella
Marotta



Selina
Brown



Malloree
Marshall



Jane
Wren



Emma Claire
Sweigert



MarVeont'e
Terrell

CREATIVE TEAM



Jennifer
Feldser



Jacqueline
Engel



Laurie
Miller
Petersen



Melissa
Moad

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

1. "CIRCLE OF LIFE".....*Rafiki, Mufasa, Sarabi, & Ensemble*
2. "GRASSLANDS CHANT".....*Ensemble, Mufasa & Young Simba*
3. "THE LIONESS HUNT".....*Lionesses, Young Nala, Sarabi, & Sarafina*
4. "I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO BE KING".....*Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, & Ensemble*
5. "THEY LIVE IN YOU"*Mufasa, Young Simba, & Ensemble*
6. "BE PREPARED".....*Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, & Hyenas*
7. "THE STAMPEDE".....*Ensemble, Young Simba, Mufasa, Zazu, & Scar*
8. "THE MOURNING"*Young Nala, Sarabi, Sarafina, & Lionesses*

INTERMISSION

ACT II

9. "HAKUNA MATATA"*Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Simba, & Ensemble*
10. "SHADOWLANDS"*Nala, Sarabi, Sarafina, & Lionesses*
11. "CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT" *Simba, Nala, Timon, Pumbaa, & Ensemble*
12. "HE LIVES IN YOU" *Rafiki, Simba, Mufasa, & Ensemble*
13. "LUAU HAWAIIAN TREAT"*Timon, Pumbaa, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed, & Hyenas*
14. "FINALE/BOWS"*Company*

ABOUT THE CAST

JULIA ALUQUIN (SARABI) is super excited to be back performing at the Hershey Area Playhouse! Previously she was seen as ensemble in *The Little Mermaid* (2019). She is currently in eighth grade at St. Joan of Arc and dances at One Broadway Dance Academy. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad, and Tita for encouraging her throughout this wonderful experience and her siblings Anton and Lindsay for cheering her on and being her greatest fans.

IVANNA AMILL-FABREGAS (SARAFINA) is delighted to be making her debut with the Hershey Area Playhouse. Recent/Favorite credits include *Bye Bye Birdie* with Mount Nittany Middle School Drama Club, *Could You Hug A Cactus* with Hershey Middle School, and now *The Lion King Jr.* She is an 8th grade student at Hershey Middle school and plays the Cello, does Soccer and likes to read and sing.

SELINA BROWN (HYENA PACK/ENSEMBLE) is excited to be a part of Hershey Area Playhouse's production of *The Lion King Jr.* Her recent appearances have been in *The Enchanted Bookshop* as Mom and *A Night of Fun Songs and Fractured Fairy Tales* as Terry Tooter at the St. James Players. Selina is a 7th grade homeschooler and enjoys reading in her free time.

CHARLOTTE CAPLES (RAFIKI) is thrilled to be performing in her 6th show at the Hershey Area Playhouse. Some of her favorite roles have been the DA's daughter in *Miracle on 34th St.*, Violet in *Charlie Brown Christmas* and Oozy Loompa in *We Are Monsters*. She loved performing as little Anastasia in the Hershey High School production of *Anastasia*. And her most recent production was at The Allenberry Theater in the musical *13*. If she is not at a rehearsal, she is attending 8th grade, at dance class or playing her guitar.

KYLIE HEIM (SHENZI) has been performing in the arts since the age of three-years-old. She began with dancing, which lead her to singing and musicals. Kylie performed in the *Dear Edwina* and *We are Monsters*. She also took singing lessons with Sarah Zahn. Kylie is currently attending Lower Dauphin Middle School.

ADELE HOSENFELD (ZAZU) is thrilled to be returning to the Hershey Area Playhouse. Her favorite credits include Athena in *Dear Edwina, Jr.*, Pattie Cake in *The Homecoming* (both at the Hershey Area Playhouse), Annie in *Pirates Past Noon* and Fletcher in *Freaky Friday* (both at the Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center). She is currently a 7th grader at Hershey Middle School, where she participates in both band and choir. She's a fan of musical theater and her favorite Broadway show is *Mean Girls*.

RYAN HOSENFELD (MUFASA) is excited for the challenge of playing the Elder Lion King in this production. His favorite roles include Mark in *The Homecoming* (Hershey Area Playhouse), Detective Bobby in *Murder at Crimson House* (Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center) and Calaban in *The Tempest* (Gamut Theater Workshop). He is currently a sophomore at Hershey High School. He is active in Scouts BSA and recently completed a service project installing a Free Little Library in Gelder Park - check it out and bring or take a book!

LIBBY JONES (YOUNG NALA/NALA) is happy to be in her first Hershey Area Playhouse production. Her favorite roles include Margie in *Enchanted Bookshop* at Saint James Players and Nelly at Lebanon Community Theater's *Charlotte's Web*. She has most recently played Aysha in *Children of Eden Jr.* at SJP. Libby is in ninth grade; she enjoys playing violin and going kayaking in her free time.

LIVVIE JONES (SCAR) is delighted to be making her debut with the Hershey Area Playhouse. Recent favorite credits include *How To Hug A Cactus* and *School House Rock Jr.* with The Hershey Middle School. She is a freshman at Hershey High School. Livvie studies acting at The Gamut Theater in Harrisburg and vocal performance at The Popovsky Performing Arts Studio in Lancaster. When she's not honing her Musical Theater skills, you might find her at Pronio's Market in Hershey where she works as a cashier.

ELLA MAROTTA (ED) is thrilled to be in her first junior musical with the Hershey Area Playhouse. Ella has participated in multiple productions with the Hershey Area Playhouse Academy including *Peter Pan* and *Alice's Adventure in Wonderland*. Ella is a 7th grader at Lower Dauphin Middle School who also plays ukulele, sings, and dances. She is obsessed with Broadway theater.

MALLOREE MARSHALL (HYENA/FEATURED DANCER) is pleased to make her debut at Hershey Area Playhouse. Malloreë's favorite credits are *Oliver* with Gretna Theatre, *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Dutch Apple and *Tarzan* at HCPAC. Along with Musical Theater, Malloreë enjoys her dance classes, especially Tap, Choir with MCCL, and playing the Oboe and Violin. As an 8th grader at CPFA, Malloreë likes science class. In her spare time Malloreë enjoys spending time with friends and doing Girl Scout activities. Malloreë is looking forward to being able to go see another Broadway show.

ELLILAH PAUL (LIONESSE/ENSEMBLE) is delighted to be making her debut with the Hershey Area Playhouse. This summer, she was Osric in *Hamlet* for Gamut Theatre. She learned about theatrical destruction, debating, and death. As a homeschooler, she produces, directs, and stars in her own theatrical productions. She enjoys Harry Potter, baking, and singing.

WILLA MAE PAUL (LIONESSE/ENSEMBLE) is delighted to be making her debut with the Hershey Area Playhouse. Her last performance was a grave digger in *Hamlet* at Gamut Theatre. This role made her want to audition for more plays. She is a student at State Street Academy in Harrisburg as well as PA Dance Sport here in Hershey. She works with some amazing people. She is a home schooler and a student of many but loves to write music and annoy her sisters plenty.

XAVIA PAUL (BANZAI) is delighted to be making her debut with the Hershey Area Playhouse. Her last performance was all about mastering the perfect dramatic death face as Laertes in *Hamlet* with the Gamut Theatre School. As a homeschooler she spends time growing closer to her family and taking voice and piano lessons. Her hobbies are biking, math, making people smile and making every "scene" of life dramatic.

MARYNA RODE (LIONESSE/ENSEMBLE) is delighted to be making her debut at the Hershey Area Playhouse. Most recently Maryna was in *Catch Me if You Can* with the Palmyra Area High School Theater, and *Miracle on 34th St.* with Lebanon Community Theater. She is a sophomore at Palmyra Area Highschool. She takes voice lessons and participates in choir at her church. Maryna wants to thank her family, the Playhouse and Miss Jen for giving her the opportunity to be part of the *Pride* at Hershey Area Playhouse.

BENJAMIN SILVIS (YOUNG SIMBA/SIMBA) is excited to return to HAP as Simba! Ben most recently participated in *Anastasia* at Hershey High School in the role of *Alexei* (Spring 2021). He also previously participated in HAP's production of *The Little Mermaid* in 2018 as a member of the ensemble. Ben is currently in seventh grade at Hershey Middle School where he participates in chorus, orchestra, and cross country.

EMMA CLAIRE SWEIGART (TIMON) is delighted to be making her debut with the Hershey Area Playhouse. Emma has stayed very active in the theatre world, performing in all her middle school musicals including *Annie Jr.*, *Newsies Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.* and *The Lion King Jr.* Emma is a freshman at Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School where she is presently taking theatre courses and planning to audition for her first high school musical and play. When Emma isn't performing, she's interested in reading, working on learning her keyboard and helping on her family's little farm! Emma's future plans are to participate in all available theatre opportunities out there for her and attend a University with an excellent theater program.

MARVEONT'E "TAY" TERRELL (PUMBA) is beyond blessed to be making his debut with the Hershey Area Playhouse. MarVeont'e has participated in church pageants but getting the role of Pumba in *The Lion King Jr.* has really opened his eyes to the joys that come with participating in theater performances. He is a middle school student within the Central Dauphin Area School District and enjoys computer programming, video gaming, ninja warrior training, singing, dancing, and camping. MarVeont'e also enjoys programming music to lights for The Mohl Family Miracle of Lights shows which supports the Four Diamonds fund. MarVeont'e is also very family and friend oriented and loves spending time with his siblings and friends. He thanks everyone for attending *The Lion King Jr.* performance and hopes each and every one of you enjoys the show!

JANE WRENN (HYENA / ENSEMBLE) couldn't be more excited for her debut with the Hershey Area Playhouse. This is her first theater experience, but she also plays the violin and sings. She is a 5th grade student who loves to play soccer (she's a goalie!), skateboard, goof off with her friends and hang with her family. She's got a funky style and a huge heart. She's stoked to be a part of the ensemble for this production.

ABOUT THE CREATIVE TEAM

JENNIFER FELDSER (DIRECTOR) This is Jennifer's 38th show with the Playhouse. She has been with the Theatre Academy since Cory Wilkerson's creation of it in 2009. Jen thanks her Dad and her Mom for raising her on Disney soundtracks, which continue to be part of her life. She dedicates this show to her dear friend Will, since this is his favorite.

LAURIE MILLER PETERSEN (CHOREOGRAPHER/ FIGHT DIRECTOR) a graduate of Northwestern University's theatre program, Laurie has found her passion in teaching theatre and dance for youth, whether at the Hershey Area Playhouse, Annville-Cleona High School, Palmyra Academy of Dance, or numerous other venues. She did television stunts and theatrical stage combat gigs for many years but her favorite gig of all is mom of 3 boys and wife to a very supportive husband. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Hebrews 6:19

JACQUELINE ENGEL (MUSIC DIRECTOR) moved to Schuylkill County in February of 2020 from Williamsport, PA where she was the Artistic Director of the Community Theater League for more than a decade. She has directed, music directed, and/or accompanied more than 170 productions in regional theaters, colleges, high schools, and community theatres throughout North Central PA. She has a BA in music, another BA in Arts Management, and a Master's in Arts Administration. She is currently the Executive Director of the Walk In Art Center in Schuylkill Haven and leads an acapella female ensemble called The Schuylgirls. She's a huge college basketball fan (especially for the University of Kentucky—Go CATS!) and adores her fur kids: a Cavalier King Charles spaniel named Mr. Bingley, and two pound kitties, Benedick and Beatrice.

MELISSA MOAD (PRODUCER/COSTUMER) is a proud graduate of Temple University's School of Theater and has been working in the Theater Arts for 20 years. She has spent the past 13 years directing and teaching Theater locally. Melissa is a Philadelphia-area native, but she greatly enjoys living right here in Hershey with her husband and 3 children. She is honored for this opportunity to partner with the Hershey Area Playhouse to help bring excellence in theater to all ages. (Colossians 3:17)

CARLTON HOKE (SET CONSTRUCTION) retired from teaching in 2005 after 35 years of teaching art and computer classes in the Derry Township School District. Since then he has designed, constructed, or painted stage settings at the playhouse for many of our productions. He says that working with Jeff on Playhouse projects is the perfect retirement job.

JEFFREY MILLER (SET CONSTRUCTION) Jeff is a retired Superintendent of Schools from the Methacton School District (Norrstown, PA). Previous to his service in Methacton, Jeff was Superintendent of Schools in the Lower Dauphin School District from 1991-2003. A former member of the Board of Directors of the Playhouse and current Operations Manager, Jeff has been in the Playhouse's productions of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *The Sound of Music*, *Annie*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Oliver*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Jeff is happy to have partnered with Carlton Hoke to build many of the sets for Playhouse productions. Jeff lives in Hershey with his wife, Bonnie and their two cats and has been an active supporter of the Hershey Area Playhouse.

PREVIOUS PRODUCTIONS

2021

December Songs (*digital*)
Some Enchanted Evening
(*digital*)
Rock of Ages

2020

Love, Lost And What I Wore
Digital Short Plays (*digital*)
A Holiday Card from the
Hershey Area Playhouse (*digital*)

2019

Dearly Departed
The Glass Menagerie
The Little Mermaid
The Mystery Of Edwin Drood
The Homecoming

2018

The Secret Garden
Boeing Boeing
Once Upon A Mattress
Inherit The Wind
A Christmas Carol

2017

Company
Rabbit Hole
Children Of Eden
The Curious Savage
A Christmas Carol
A Charlie Brown Christmas

2016

Godspell
Charley's Aunt
My Name Is Asher Lev
South Pacific
A Weekend Of One Acts
Frankenstein
Miracle On 34th Street

2015

The Fantastics
Lend Me A Tenor
Oliver!
The 39 Steps
It's A Wonderful Life
A Charlie Brown Christmas

2014

25th Annual Putnum County
Spelling Bee
Leading Ladies
Gypsy
And Then There Were None
A Christmas Carol

2013

A Flea In Her Ear
Proof
The Music Man
The Ghost Train
A Christmas Carol

2012

Romeo & Juliet
The Championship Season
Fiddler On The Roof
Greater Tuna
The Littlest Angel

2011

The Importance Of
Being Earnest
The Dining Room
Seussical: The Musical
Anna In The Tropics
The Best Christmas
Pageant Ever

2010

I Love You, You're Perfect,
Now Change
Wit
Hello, Dolly!
Harvey
The Best Christmas
Pageant Ever

2009

Love Letters
The Boys Next Door
The King And I
Wait Until Dark
The Best Christmas
Pageant Ever

2008

The Other Woman
You're A Good Man, Charlie
Brown
Little Shop Of Horrors
The Other Woman
The Mousetrap
The Best Christmas
Pageant Ever

2006-2007

A Christmas Story
The Outlets At Hershey
Our Town
Into The Woods Jr.
The Star-Spangled Girl
The Homecoming

2003-2004

The Fantasticks
Little Women
The Wizard Of Oz

2002-2003

The Crucible
The Guys
The Odd Couple,
Female Version
Annie

2000-2001

Forty Carats
Arsenic And Old Lace
Bye, Bye Birdie

2005-2006

Nuncrackers
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Cinderella

2001-2002

The Man Who Came
To Dinner
On Golden Pond
The Sound Of Music

1999-2000

Barefoot In The Park
Steel Magnolias
A Funny Thing Happened On
The Way To The Forum



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