

KIDS FUN & DRAMA PRESENTS

Disney
**THE
LION KING** ©Disney



Music and lyrics by | **ELTON JOHN & TIM RICE**

Additional music and 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**

*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*

Assistant Director
LUCY PARLAPIANO

Director/Choreographer
SAM HOPPE

Choral Director
PATTI KORLESKI

LOCATION

Central Christian Church
2460 Milwaukee Rd
Beloit, WI

NOV

18 & 19 • 7 PM
20 • 2 PM

TICKET PRICES

\$10 for adults
\$8 for students & seniors
Free admission for ages 5 & under

Tickets available at the door or online at: kfad608.com/show-tickets

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WELCOME TO LION KING JR.

Welcome to the 2022 fall season of Kids Fun and Drama! We are delighted you can join us for the this production of Lion King Jr.

- Please remember to silence your phone.
- As a courtesy to actors & patrons please refrain from taking photographs or video recording the performance.
- There will be one 20 minute intermission.
- Packaged baked goods & bottled water are available. Proceeds help support KFAD programming.

KFAD Mission

Kids Fun and Drama has established a mission & purpose of promoting the performing arts of theater, dance & music to children through teaching, training & performance. KFAD is a not for profit 501(c)3 youth theater group governed by a volunteer board of directors.

About our founder



Marge Austin founded Kids Fun and Drama in the Fall of 1989 and remained actively involved until the spring of 2020. Sadly, we lost our beloved leader April 8, 2021. For more than 31 years she generously gave of her time and talent to bring music education, acting, and dance to thousands of children in Beloit and the surrounding area. Although initially created for her four granddaughters, KFAD became a spiritual mission for Marge. She worked tirelessly to gather the necessary resources so that when

she was "pushing up daisies" KFAD would continue to be a music education resource for the Beloit area. Marge believed in community service and giving back to one's community. We are honored to carry on Marge's legacy of providing theater education for children regardless of financial circumstance. I am hoping that Marge is smiling down on us as we strive to carry out her mission and vision into the future.

KFAD Board of Directors

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Director's Note



Thank you so much for joining us for Disney's The Lion King Jr. this weekend. To say that this show has been a labor of love would be an extreme understatement. This group of young actors has worked incredibly hard to put together this production in just under 80 hours of rehearsal time over the course of 2 ½ months. The creative team and I are so proud of what they have produced and we are so excited for you to witness their work.

The story of The Lion King is one that is known and loved. Loosely based on Shakespeare's Hamlet, with many catchy musical numbers, alternate plot points, and lion cubs thrown in, The Lion King tells the story of family, friends, and finding your way home. This story is one that has personally resonated with me over the last few months, if not years. So often, during the production of a show, you find yourself relying so heavily on the people around you, whether that be to paint sets, bring you food, or do the dishes at home because you don't seem to have the time. As the director, sometimes the stress of putting on a show can begin to seem overwhelming, but it's always on nights like these, that I remember why theater is so important to me. It is my home, and I'm happy to find my way back to it each and every day.

The performance you are watching today would not have been possible without the remarkable creative team and the numerous volunteers we had to help throughout the process. Thank you to each of you for lending your talents, time, and love. Additionally, I would be remiss if I did not extend my true thanks to all of the family and friends of each of the cast members on stage today. Stepping onto the stage and sharing your art is an act of bravery and vulnerability, and it is thanks to you that these young actors feel supported and encouraged to make that step.

And finally, a huge thank you to my friends and family who have supported me these last few months. I hope you know just how much I love you all and appreciate your patience over not just this production season, but all of the time.

Ms. Sam, Director



We would like to thank Central Christian Church for their kindness in opening up their facility for our use. Because of this great space and their generosity in working with us, we are able to put on a wonderful show and provide an amazing theatre experience for our youth.

— FALL 2022 PROGRAM —

•••• KFAD Singers Presents ••••

A Selection of Broadway Children's Theatre Favorites

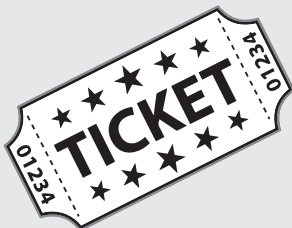
1. Do-Re-Mi The Sound of Music
LYRICS: O. Hammerstein II • MUSIC: R. Rodgers
2. "I Won't Grow Up" Peter Pan
LYRICS: C. Leigh • MUSIC: M. Charlap
3. "Castle On A Cloud" Les Miserables
LYRICS: A. Boublil, J. M. Natel, H. Kretzmer • MUSIC: C. M. Schonberg
4. "Sunrise, Sunset" Fiddler on the Roof
LYRICS: S. Harnick • MUSIC: J. Bock
5. "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" Mary Poppins
LYRICS & MUSIC: R. M. Sherman, R. B. Sherman

•••• 15 minute intermission ••••

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

2022 KFAD RAFFLE

Our 50/50 Raffle will be held at each performance.
The drawing will be at the end of intermission.



Raffle tickets are:

- 1 ticket for \$2.00
- 3 tickets for \$5.00
- 7 tickets for \$10.00
- A "wingspan" for \$20.00



SCENE 1: Pride Rock

The Circle of Life Rafiki, Full Company

SCENE 2: Scar's Cave Scar, Zazu, Mufasa

SCENE 3: The Pridelands

Grasslands Chant Mufasa, Young Simba, Full Company

SCENE 4: Scar's Cave Young Simba, Scar

SCENE 5: The Pridelands

Lioness Hunt Sarabi, Sarafina, Lionesses

I Just Can't Wait to be King Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, Full Company

SCENE 6: The Elephant Graveyard Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu,

Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Mufasa

Be Prepared Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed and Hyenas

SCENE 7: The Pridelands Mufasa, Zazu, Young Simba, Young Nala

They Live In You Mufasa, Young Simba, Featured Dancers

SCENE 8: The Gorge Young Simba, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed, Zazu, Mufasa

The Stampede Wildebeests, Full Company

The Mourning Sarabi, Young Nala, Rafiki, Lionesses, Hyenas

SCENE 9: The Desert & The Jungle Buzzards, Young Simba, Timon, Pumbaa, Simba

Hakuna Matata - Pt. 1 & Pt. 2 Young Simba, Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Full Company

SCENE 10: Scar's Cave Scar, Zazu, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Nala

SCENE 11: The Pridelands

Shadowland Nala, Lionesses

SCENE 12: The Jungle

Can You Feel the Love Tonight Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala, Rafiki

He Lives in You Rafiki, Full Company

SCENE 13: Pride Rock

Luuau Hawaiian Treat Timon & Pumbaa, Hyenas

The Finale Scar, Sarabi, Nala, Simba, Rafiki, Zazu, Full Company



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Cast List

Rafiki	Emma Caver
Mufasa	Conner Norris
Scar	Xane Terrell
Zazu	Annika Hartwig
Young Simba	Preston Bean
Adult Simba	Sam Smith
Young Nala	Addyson Scully
Adult Nala	Natalee Lounsbury
Timon	Julia Urish
Pumbaa	Catherine Hilborn
Shenzi	Lylah Beeler
Banzai	Izzy Yeager
Ed	Lily Hinkle
Sarabi	Taylor Moreau
Sarafina	Camilla Castaneda
Lionesses	Lemon Wilson, Ja'Naya Lofton & Valeria Barajas
Hyenas	Alan Rodriguez, Brock Kloften, Eliasen Burger, Elsie Yeager, Ella Smith, Erin Randall, Kash Russotto, Kendall Spearman, Madisyn Terrell, & Myles Chamberlain
Grass	Annabelle Czyn, Gabriela Wieman, Holly Anderson, Lorelei Pierson, Mea Russotto, Nesi Shaw, Molly Caver, & Sophia Norris
Antelope	Vivienne Graves & Josephine Graves
Zebra	Allison Bean, Vanessa Bean & Brody Warden
Giraffe	Bella Glidden, Elise Hrdlicka
Rhino	Natalie Larkins, Amelia Larkins & Melanie Larkins
Cheetah	Tatum Dobson
Elephant	Ava Landis, Audrey Veale, Lilianna Wyels & Zoey Bumber
Birds	Avah Davie, Logan Bishop, Erin Daugherty & Grace Clemens
Lion Cubs	Daxton King, Siana Lomax, Ember Davis & Madilyn Moran
Wildebeest	Allison Bean, Annabelle Czyn, Audrey Veale, Ava Landis, Bella Glidden, Brock Kloften, Elise Hrdlicka, Ella Smith, Erin Daugherty, Gabriela Wieman, Grace Clemens, Holly Anderson, Kash Russotto, Kendall Spearman, Lilianna Wyels, Lorelai Pierson, Mea Russotto, Molly Caver, Myles Chamberlain, Nesi Shaw, Sophia Norris, Zoey Bumber, & Vanessa Bean

Cast Bios

ADDYSON SCULLY — Addyson is 9 years old and in 4th grade at Van Buren Elementary School. This is her 3rd play with KFAD. She enjoys singing and drawing, and lives on a farm with her mom, dad, Henry, her dog and her 5 cows. She wishes to thank her family for their help. Her favorite food is ramen!

ALAN RODRIGUEZ — Alan is 13 and in the 8th grade at OLA School. He enjoys volleyball and track. He would like to thank his mom, Karen Quillen and his dad, Jose Rodriguez for supporting him. This is Alan's 5th show.

ALLISON BEAN — Allison is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Willowbrook Middle School. She enjoys basketball, softball, drawing and hanging out with her friends. Her family includes her mom, dad, a brother and a sister. Her pets are dogs and chickens. She would especially like to thank her family, friends and pets. She is also very thankful that she was able to join this musical.

AMELIA LARKINS — Amelia enjoys softball, football, painting and baseball. She is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade at Clinton Elementary School. Her family includes her mom, dad, 2 sisters and 1 brother. She has 2 dogs and 2 guinea pigs. She would like to give special thanks to her parents.

ANNABELLE CZYK — "Belle" is 10 years old and enjoys dance. She has 2 pet dogs named Cinder and Ella.

ANNIKA HARTWIG — Annika is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at Clinton Junior/Senior High School. She enjoys drawing and DECA. Her family includes her mom, dad and a brother, and she also has a dog for a pet.

AUDREY VEALE — Audrey is 12 years old and in the 6th Grade at Turner Middle School. She enjoys karate and playing the piano. She lives with her mom, dad and little brother, and she has a dog, guinea pig, 2 frogs and fish for pets. She would like to thank her mom, dad and little brother for always being there for her. She says thanks for coming to the show - we will see her again!

AVA LANDIS — Ava is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Parkview Junior/Senior High School. She enjoys basketball, softball and track. She has a hamster named Cheedo, and dogs named Finn, Meg, Dottie and Sunni, and also has fish. She would like to extend a special thanks to her mom and dad. She is an elephant leg.

AVAH DAVIE — Avah is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at The Lincoln Academy. She enjoys Drama Club and Babysitting Club. Her family includes her parents, and a little brother and sister. She has 2 cats for pets. She said that KFAD is one of the best things to ever happen to her!

BELLA GLIDDEN — Bella is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Rockford Lutheran School. She enjoys playing volleyball and drawing. Her family includes parents, 3 brothers and 1 sister. She has 3 dogs, 2 cats and 14 chickens as pets. She would especially like to thank her parents and friends in the play.



**ADDYSON
SCULLY**



**ALAN
RODRIGUEZ**



**ALLISON
BEAN**



**AMELIA
LARKINS**



**ANNABELLE
CZYK**



**ANNIKA
HARTWIG**



**AUDREY
VEALE**



**AVA
LANDIS**



**AVAH
DAVIE**



**BELLA
GLIDDEN**

BROCK KLOFTEN – Brock is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at Parkview School. He enjoys playing basketball and football. His family includes his mom, dad and a brother. He has 2 dogs for pets. He would especially like to thank his mom and dad.

BRODY WARDEN – Brody is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at Garden Prairie School, and he enjoys playing football. His family includes his mom, dad, and 2 brother, and he has a dog for a pet. He would like to say a special thanks to his family.

CAMILLA CASTANEDA – Camilla is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Our Lady of the Assumption School. She enjoys playing volleyball and swimming. She has a dog that is a chihuahua-weiner dog mix. She would like to shout out a special thanks to her Mom and Sophia, Josie and Itzie.

CATHERINE HILBORN – Catherine is 14 years old and in 8th grade at Aldrich Intermediate School. She enjoys soccer, swimming, piano, drawing, singing and musicals. She is the only child with a large, extended family. She has 2 cats named Lilly and Sprinkles. She would like to say a special thanks to her mother for always supporting her in her interests. She would like to add this message saying: No matter if you get a “Big” or “Small” role, you are just as important as everyone else.

CONNER NORRIS – Conner is 17 years old and is being homeschooled in the 12th grade. He enjoys X Box video games and bike riding.

DAXTON KING – Daxton is 7 years old and is in the 2nd grade at R.G.S. He enjoys theater. This is his first KFAD play.

ELIASEN BURGER – Eliassen is 8 years old and in the 2nd grade at Garden Prairie School. He enjoys playing video games. He has a dog and a bunny for pets.

ELISE HRDLICKA – Elise is 8 years old and in 2nd grade at Prairie Hill School. She enjoys reading, writing books and acting. She would like to give special thanks to Ms. Sam for directing this show.

ELLA SMITH – Ella is 11 years old and in the 4th grade and is being homeschooled. Her family includes mom Sara, dad Nick, sister Lucy and brother Sam. She likes playing with her pets - Winston the cat and Arlo the dog.

ELSIE YEAGER – Elsie is 8 years old and is in the 3rd grade at Stone Creek Elementary School. She enjoys doing gymnastics. Her pets names are Fry, Soffie, Mabel, Jack, Frank, Lola, Mrs. Kitty and Nugget. She would like to extend special thanks to her family.



**BROCK
KLOFTEN**



**BRODY
WARDEN**



**CAMILLA
CASTANEDA**



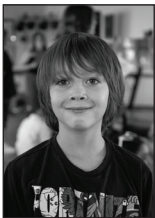
**CATHERINE
HILBORN**



**CONNER
NORRIS**



**DAXTON
KING**



**ELIASEN
BURGER**



**ELISE
HRDLICKA**



**ELLA
SMITH**



**ELSIE
YEAGER**

EMBER DAVIS – Ember is 7 years old and in the 2nd grade at RCCS. She enjoys swimming and has 2 pets named Banjo and Medow. She would especially like to thank her Mom and wanted to tell us that she came from England.

EMMA CAVER – Emma is 14 years old and in the 9th grade at Hononegah High School. She enjoys playing rugby and being in the Scholastic Bowl. She lives with her mom, dad, brother Tim, sister Molly and brother Matthew. She would like to give special thanks to the fabulous directing team and everyone who worked hard to produce this show.

ERIN DAUGHERTY – Erin is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at Garden Prairie School. She enjoys volleyball, gymnastics, reading and drawing, and has 2 dogs named Finley and Wally. She would especially like to thank her parents, Frank and her friends.

ERIN RANDALL – Erin is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at The Lincoln Academy. She enjoys drawing, and lives with her mom, dad and brother Kaden.

GABRIELA WIEMAN – Gabi is 9 years old and in the 3rd grade at Whitman Post Elementary School. She enjoys ballet and has a dog for a pet. She would like to extend special thanks to her mom and dad.

GRACE CLEMENS – Grace is 9 years old and in the 4th grade at Kinnikinnick School. She enjoys art and playing Minecraft. She lives with her dad, Matt and her mom, Kelli and would also like to give them special thanks.

HOLLY ANDERSON – Holly is 7 years old and in 2nd grade at Converse Elementary School, and she enjoys art and reading. She lives with her mom, dad and sister, and she has a pet chinchilla. She would like to say a special thanks to Sam for teaching them. She says I hope you like the show!

IZZY YEAGER – Izzy is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Spectrum Progressive School, and enjoys art and writing. Her family includes her mom and dad, Ava, Ben, Hayden and Elsie. She has a bearded dragon named Curly Fry; a tortoise named Nugget; cats named Sophie, Missy Kitty, Jack and Frank; and dogs named Lola and Mabel. Izzy would like to say a special thanks to her family.

JA'NAYA LOFTON – Ja'Naya is 12 years old and in 7th grade at The Lincoln Academy. She enjoys volleyball, cheer, dance, art and fashion design. Her family includes her mom, Jasmine and her dad Loren, and a brother Jaxsen. She would like to say a special thanks to Javon.

JOSEPHINE GRAVES – Josephine is 7 years old and in 1st grade at Marshall Elementary School. She likes to draw and play. Her family includes her mom, dad and sisters and also has 2 dogs and 2 cats for pets.



**EMBER
DAVIS**



**EMMA
CAVER**



**ERIN
DAUGHERTY**



**ERIN
RANDALL**



**GABRIELA
WIEMAN**



**GRACE
CLEMENS**



**HOLLY
ANDERSON**



**IZZY
YEAGER**



**JA'NAYA
LOFTON**



**JOSEPHINE
GRAVES**

JULIA URISH – Julia is 11 years old and is in 6th grade at Rock County Christian School, and she enjoys playing soccer and volleyball. Her family includes her mom, dad, 3 brothers and one sister. She also has a dog named Jessie. Julia has been in several KFAD productions.

KASH RUSSOTTO – Kash is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at Garden Prairie School, and also enjoys playing football. His family includes his mom, dad, Teddy and Mea. His pets names are Odden and Riggly. Kash would like to say a special thanks to his mom and dad and sister Mea.

KENDALL SPEARMAN – Kendall is 12 years old and in the 6th grade at Roscoe Middle School. He enjoys singing, acting and playing soccer. His family includes his mom, dad, 2 older brothers and 1 younger brother. He would especially like to thank his mom. This is his 2nd musical with KFAD.

LEMON WILSON – Lemon is 17 years old and in the 12th grade at Beloit Memorial High School. Lemon enjoys orchestra, art and hiking and has a sister. Lemon has 2 small dogs and a turtle as pets.

LILIANNA WYELS – Lilianna is 12 years old and is homeschooled in the 7th grade, and she also enjoys taekwondo. Her pets include a German Shepherd and fish. She would like to extend a special thanks to her mother for getting her into the program, and she would also like to add that she is an elephant leg.

LILY HINKLE – Lily is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Garden Prairie School, and she enjoys acting, basketball and softball. She has 2 dogs and 3 cats. Also, she would like to say a special thank you to her mom and dad.

LOGAN BISHOP – Logan is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Beloit Learning Academy. He likes to draw. He lives with his mom and sister and they have 10 cats. He would like to thank the directing staff and Ms. Elaine.

LORELEI PIERSON – Lorelei is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Whitman Post Elementary School. She enjoys playing golf, swimming and riding horses. She would like to say special thanks to Jeslyn, Myles, her mom and dad and her brother. She says "I am so excited for the next show!"

LUCY SMITH – Lucy is 16 and in the 11th grade taking online classes. Her pets include Winston the cat and Arlo the dog.

LYLAH BEELER – Lylah is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Turner Middle School. She enjoys art, theatre and softball. Her family includes her mom, dad, a sister and brother. She has a gecko, 2 fish, 8 tarantulas, cockroaches and a cat for pets. Lylah would like to give a special thank you to her mom.



**JULIA
URISH**



**KASH
RUSSOTTO**



**KENDALL
SPEARMAN**



**LEMON
WILSON**



**LILIANNA
WYELS**



**LILY
HINKLE**



**LOGAN
BISHOP**



**LORELEI
PIERSON**



**LUCY
SMITH**



**LYLAH
BEELER**

MADILYN MORAN – Madilyn is 7 years old and in 2nd grade at Garden Prairie School. She enjoys running and riding her bike. Her family includes her mom Jenn, dad Juan, brother Cooper and sister Julianna. She has 2 dogs, a lizard and a fish as pets. She would like to say a special thanks to Ms. Sam for making learning Lion King fun!

MADISYN TERRELL – Madi is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Cunningham Elementary School. She enjoys art and drawing and has 2 pets. She would like to thank her mom for bringing her.

MEA RUSSOTTO – Mea is 9 years old and in 4th grade at Garden Prairie School. She enjoys playing basketball. Her family includes her mom, dad, Teddy and Kash. Her pet's names are Odden, Riggly, Gabbana and Spik. Mea would like to say special thanks to her mom and dad.

MELANIE LARKINS – Melanie is 7 years old and in 2nd grade at Clinton Elementary School. She enjoys playing soccer and art. Her family includes her mom and dad, 1 brother and 2 sisters, and she has 2 dogs and 2 guinea pigs for pets. She wants to say a special thanks to her family.

MOLLY CAVER – Molly is 9 years old and in 4th grade at Whitman Post Elementary School. She enjoys cheerleading. Her family includes her mom, dad, sister and 2 brothers.

MYLES CHAMBERLAIN – Myles is 11 years old and in 5th grade at Kinnikinnick School. He enjoys swimming and playing games. His family includes his mom, dad, 3 sisters, 1 brother and lots of cousins. He has 4 cats, 5 dogs and 50 fish as pets. He says special thanks to his mom. This is his first KFAD show.

NATALEE LOUNDSBURY – Natalee is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Our Lady of the Assumption School. She enjoys volleyball, theatre, basketball, drawing and cheer. Her family includes her mom, dad and brother Nathan, and her pets include 3 dogs, a cat and a frog. She would like to thank her best friends and her parents for their support. This is her 5th year with KFAD and she plays the part of Nala.

NATALIE LARKINS – Natalie is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Clinton School, and she enjoys art. Her family includes her mom, dad, 2 sisters and a brother, and she has 2 dogs and 2 guinea pigs for pets. She says a special thanks to her mom and the producers.

PRESTON BEAN – Preston is 10 years old and in 4th grade at Prairie Hill Elementary School. He enjoys history, photography and soccer. His family includes his mom Karen, his dad Justin and sisters Allison and Vanessa. His pets include 2 dogs and 8 chickens. He would like to say special thanks to his mom, dad and sisters.



**MADILYN
MORAN**



**MADISYN
TERRELL**



**MEA
RUSSOTTO**



**MELANIE
LARKINS**



**MOLLY
CAVER**



**MYLES
CHAMBERLAIN**



**NATALEE
LOUNSBURY**



**NATALIE
LARKINS**



**NESI
SHAW**



**PRESTON
BEAN**

SAM SMITH – Sam is 13 years old and is homeschooled in the 7th grade. He has 2 pets - Winston the cat and Arlo the dog.

SIANA LOMAX – Siana is 7 years old and in 2nd grade at Hackett Elementary School. She enjoys making clothes for her dolls and playing with them. Her family includes her mom and dad and herself. She would like to say special thanks to her mom, dad, Jaliyah and Aubree.

SOPHIA NORRIS – Sophia is 13 and in 7th grade. She enjoys drawing and painting. This is her 2nd show with KFAD.

TATUM DOBSON – Tatum is 14 years old and in 8th grade in the Brodhead School District. She enjoys being in competitive cheer. Her family includes her mom, dad and 1 brother, and she also has 3 dogs for pets.

TAYLOR MOREAU – Taylor is 13 and in 8th grade at Stephen Mack Middle School. She enjoys playing piano and her voice lessons. Her family includes Amy, Jeremy and Katie Moreau. Her pets include 2 cats named Tres and Blanca. She would like to give special thanks to her mom for getting her into KFAD, and also to Jim Carrey for inspiring her love for acting.

VALERIA BARAJAS – Valeria is 13 and in 8th grade at OLA School. She enjoys volleyball, basketball, cheer, theatre and reading. Her family includes her mom and dad, and an older sister. Her pet dog's name is Bono. She would like to say special thanks to her parents and sister and friends here at KFAD for their support. Valeria has preformed in many shows with KFAD, and she's glad to be doing another.

VANESSA BEAN – Vanessa is 11 and almost 12 years old, and she is in 6th grade at Willowbrook Middle School. Her interests include softball, singing and dancing. Her family includes her mom Karen, her dad Justin, her brother Preston and her sister Allison. Her pets include 2 dogs named Max and Lexi. She would like to say a special thanks to her family and friends.

VIVIENNE GRAVES – Vivienne is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Marshall Middle Academy. Her family includes her mom, dad, a twin and a younger sister. Her pets are 2 cats, 2 dogs and 1 fish. She would like to say special thanks to her mom and dad.

XANE TERRELL – Xane is 17 and in 12th grade at Beloit Learning Academy. He enjoys drawing, painting, gaming and crocheting. He has a pet bearded dragon named Cactus, and he is glad he joined this show.

ZOEY BUMBER – Zoey is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Blackhawk Middle School. She likes swimming and drama. Her pets include 5 dogs, 4 cats, fish, a snake and a bearded dragon. This is her 2nd show with KFAD.



**SAM
SMITH**



**SIANA
LOMAX**



**SOPHIA
NORRIS**



**TATUM
DOBSON**



**TAYLOR
MOREAU**



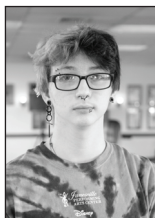
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BARAJAS**



**VANESSA
BEAN**



**VIVIENNE
GRAVES**



**XANE
TERRELL**



**ZOEY
BUMBER**

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Production Staff

SAM HOPPE – Director & Choreographer

Sam Hoppe is a teacher at Beloit Memorial High School specializing in Psychology, Sociology, and World History. She received her degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Sam is also a trained dancer, having spent almost 20 years studying tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical/contemporary, hip-hop, African, modern, and pointe. She has performed in musicals around the state, in roles such as Sour Kangaroo in “Seussical: The Musical,” Rusty in “Footloose,” and many ensemble roles. In addition to performing, Sam has choreographed and directed several musicals for KFAD and high schools around the state. This is the 2nd show that Sam Hoppe has directed for KFAD; Most recently, Sam directed/ choreographed KFAD’s performance of “Seussical: The Musical”.

LUCY PARLAPIANO – Assistant Director

Lucy is delighted to assistant direct The Lion King Jr. She has previously directed at various locations in Rockford, IL. She is immensely grateful for this opportunity and looks forward to many more events with KFAD.

PATTI KORLESKI – Choral Music Director

Patti Korleski, MA is a versatile, classically trained performer and an experienced educator. Patti is originally from Poland and has led and taken part in numerous musical projects in Europe, Canada, and the USA, in a variety of contexts. Alongside her practical experience she is well qualified academically, with degrees in Music, Theology, & Cultural Anthropology. Since moving to the USA, she has been actively involved in the local community through music education and performance, together with her husband, Jestin. Patti has 2 daughters and enjoys spending time with her family and homeschooling her older daughter.

ELAINE HILMER – Costume Designer

Elaine has been sewing costumes for KFAD since the spring of 2000. She enjoys the challenges and costume research involved with each play. She also enjoys working with the kids and watching their performing skills develop over their years in KFAD. Her hobbies (besides sewing), include camping, kayaking, gardening, hiking, and traveling, along with lots of different types of crafting.

HAYDEN URISH – Audio & Lighting Director

Hayden is glad to be on staff with KFAD for the first time to run the sound and help set the lighting for Lion King, Jr. He began working at his high school as the sound director for the spring theatre productions and continued to further his education in Audio Production at MATC in Milwaukee. He has worked extensively running sound at Central Christian Church and setting up sound and light for various companies, including Ice Castles in Lake Geneva and Avos Agency for the National Cheerleading Competition at Disney World.

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