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Carpenter Hall - Irving Arts Center

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THE  
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Irving  
Youth  
Theatre

Summer Camp Performance

June 17 @ 7 PM

Carpenter Hall @ Irving Arts Center



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

Music Adapted & Arranged and  
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by  
Will Van Dyke



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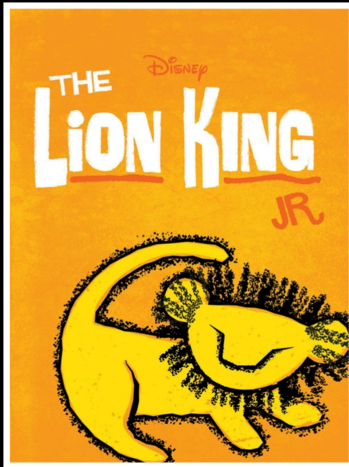
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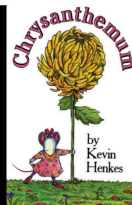
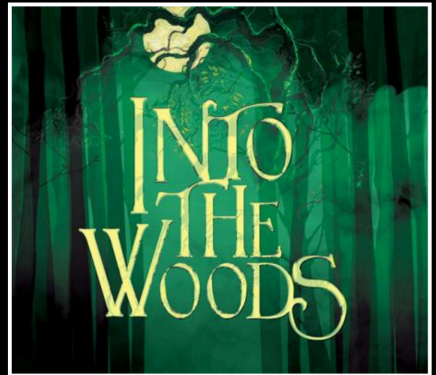


## 2025-2026 Season



***Lion King, Jr***  
Summer Camp Production  
June 17, 2025  
Carpenter Hall

***Into the Woods***  
IYT's First Full-Length Musical  
September 26-27, 2025  
Dupree Theatre



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PRESENTS



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Directed and Choreographed by  
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Art Direction by  
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Physical Enrichment by  
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# SONGS

## Act I

"Circle of Life with Nants' Ingonyama"	Rafiki, Ensemble
"Grasslands Chant"	Ensemble
"The Lioness Hunt"	Lionesses, Ensemble
"I Just Can't Wait to Be King"	Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, Ensemble
"They Live in You"	Mufasa, Ensemble
"Be Prepared"	Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Hyenas
"The Stampede"	Ensemble
"The Mourning"	Rafiki, Young Nala, Sarabi, Lionesses

**There will be a 15-Minute Intermission**

## Act II

"Hakuna Matata"	Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Simba, Ensemble
"Shadowland"	Nala, Rafiki, Lionesses, Ensemble
"Can You Feel the Love Tonight"	Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Simba, Nala, Ensemble
"He Lives in You"	Rafiki, Simba, Ensemble
"Luau Hawaiian Treat"	Timon, Pumbaa, Ensemble
"Finale"	Company



# CAST

## Cast Members

Rafiki .....	Vanessa Stewart
Mufasa .....	Srihith Gorla
Sarabi .....	Kaylee Villanova
Zazu .....	Reese Reagan
Scar .....	Ziyaan Hirani
Young Simba .....	Ridaan Hirani
Simba .....	Soham Nattuva
Young Nala .....	Layla Martinez
Nala .....	Zoe Handem
Sarafina .....	Evelyn Lu
Banzai .....	Sophia Jiwani
Shenzi .....	Annissa Tennell
Ed .....	Aarush Puttagunta
Timon .....	Melah Green
Pumbaa .....	Percy Alexander
Lionesses .....	Eliana Sanseverino (Vocal Captain), Isabella Martinez (Dance Captain), Ziya Jiwani, Aubrey Antunez, Miah Ali, Emilia Aragon, Madelyn Horvat, Aleeza Motiwala, Anu Vijay Anand, Melanie Johnson
Ensemble .....	Elliana Aragon, Ava Antunez, Anjali Damuluri, Hasini Damuluri, Logique Ivory, Adalyn Lin, Augie Lu, Baylor Reagan, Jehan Jiwani, Zahir Jiwani, Sophie Chang, Zachary Chang, Evin Sullivan, Leo Smith, Sanvi Patra, Tanvi Patra, Kalleway Beck
Camp Counselors/Tech Crew .....	Sophia Lynch (Acting Captain), Chaitra Dontineni, Vrinda Dontineni, Sanvi Sri Gorla, Shogi Iskandar, Erin Sullivan

## Production / Creative

Director/Choreographer .....	Michael Hill
Producer .....	Lisa Hill, EdD
Music Director .....	Jennifer Allred
Art Director .....	Toni Beck
Physical Enrichment .....	Tanisha Stewart

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# CREW

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## Crew Members

Stage Manager ..... Isabella Martinez

Lighting Design ..... Matthew Wofford

Sound Design ..... Oscar Morales

Sound Tech ..... Sanvi Sri Gorla

Show Parents ..... Megan Lynch, Blaire Reagan

Production Assistants ..... Carolyn Gordon, Michelle West

Stage Parents ..... All of our WONDERFUL IYT Parents & Families!!





# WHO'S WHO



## Vanessa Stewart

*as Rafiki*

Vanessa is thrilled to be acting in her 2nd production with the Irving Youth Theatre. Her acting debut was Sebastian in The Little Mermaid Jr. Vanessa just completed 7th grade at Uplift North Hills Preparatory and has thrived as a competitive gymnast and Middle School Cheer athlete. When she is not on stage, Vanessa enjoys volleyball and indulging in arts and creative things. Vanessa would like to thank Mr. Hill and Dr. Hill for seeing her potential and for their tireless dedication and efforts which have shaped this production, and her family and friends for their unwavering support and encouragement.



## Srihith Gorla

*as Mufasa*

Srihith just completed 7th grade at North Hills. He is excited to be in another performance, and his favorite role so far has been Chef Louis from Little Mermaid Jr. In his free time, Srihith enjoys practicing taekwondo, basketball, guitar. He would like to thank Mr. Hill, Dr. Hill, friends, and family for supporting him. If Srihith could be any African animal, he would be puma because of the brand.



## Kaylee Villanova

*as Sarabi*

Kaylee just finished 5th grade at Gilbert Elementary. She's excited to be part of another performance. In her free time, Kaylee enjoys making art. She'd like to thank her family for always supporting her. If Kaylee could be any African animal, she'd be a snake—because they're just so cool!



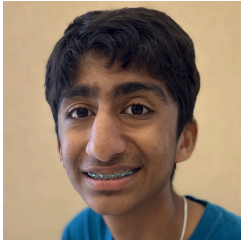
## Reese Reagan

*as Zazu*

Reese just completed 4th grade as a homeschooler. He is excited to be in another performance with IYT. His favorite role so far has been the Great Oz. In his free time, Reese enjoys watching movies and hanging out with friends. He would like to thank his castmates and his family for working hard to help the show be a success, and his castmates who are very welcoming. If Reese could be any African animal, he would be a bird because then he could fly!



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## Ziyaan Hirani

*as Scar*

Ziyaan just completed the 7th grade at North Hills. He is excited to be in another performance; his favorite role so far has been Babkak. In his free time, Ziyaan enjoys directing shows at school. He would like to thank Mr and Dr Hill for the hard work they put in. If Ziyaan could be any African animal, he would be a lion because they rule the jungle!



## Ridaan Hirani

*as Young Simba*

Ridaan just completed the 2nd grade at North Hills. He is excited to be in another performance, and his favorite role so far has been Seagull. In his free time, Ridaan enjoys reading, drawing, and writing. He would like to thank Mr Hill because he has put so much time into the show. If Ridaan could be any African animal, he would be a lion, because they're the kings!



## Soham Nattuva

*as Simba*

Soham just completed 7th grade at North Hills. He is excited to be part of another performance, and his favorite role so far has been Jay in Descendants. In his free time, Soham enjoys reading, playing basketball, making video edits, acting, and video games. He would like to thank Mr. Hill and Dr. Hill for their dedication to the arts, his parents, and friends like Srihith and Shogi for being awesome, especially Shogi, who inspires him to be his best self. If Soham could be any African animal, he'd be a puma because of the brand!



## Layla Martinez

*as Young Nala*

Layla just completed the 3rd grade at Townley Elementary. She is excited to be in another performance with a leading role. Her favorite roles have been a jellyfish and seagull in The Little Mermaid. During her free time, Layla enjoys singing, dancing, and playing with her dogs. Layla would like to thank her grandmother for her support. Layla's grandmother, Juana, makes all of her costumes. If Layla could be any African animal, she would be a lion, king of the jungle!



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## Zoe Handem

*as Nala*

Zoe just completed the 5th grade at Uplift North Hills. She is excited to be in another performance. Her favorite role so far has been Dina. In her free time, Zoe enjoys volleyball. She would like to thank her mom and dad for support and showing them theater. If Zoe could be any African animal, she would be a lioness to be responsible and strong!



## Evelyn Lu

*as Sarafina*

Evelyn just completed 5th grade at North Hills. She is excited to be in her third show, and her favorite role so far has been being a sailor and sea creature in Little Mermaid Jr. In her free time, Evelyn enjoys swimming and playing pickleball and volleyball. She would like to thank her family for supporting her. If Evelyn could be any African animal, she would be giraffe because that is what her last name means in Chinese!



## Sophia Jiwani

*as Banzai*

Sophia just completed 4th grade at North Hills. She is excited to be in her fourth IYT performance, and her favorite role so far has been Ancestor in Moana Jr because she learned how to sing in the Samoan language. In her free time, Sophia enjoys draw, sing, read and swim. She would like to thank Mr. Hill, Dr. Hill, her family and friends for all the encouragements and support--without their enthusiasm, theatre would not be the same. If Sophia could be any African animal, she would be elephant cause she would be one of the largest animals and drink water from her nose!



## Annissa Tennell

*as Shenzi*

Annissa just completed the 4th grade at Uplift North Hills. She is excited to be in another performance, and her favorite role so far has been Little Mermaid, jellyfish. In her free time, Annissa enjoys playing outside with friends and swimming. She would like to thank Dr.Hill and Mr.Hill and her mom! Dr.Hill and Mr.Hill for making the show possible. And her mom for helping her practice her lines! If Annissa could be any African animal, she would be monkey, because she wants to be able to swing to places quickly!





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## Aarush Puttagunta

*as Ed*

Aarush Puttagunta (Ed) just completed the 3rd grade at North Hills. He is excited to be in his first show! In his free time, Aarush enjoys playing soccer and badminton. He would like to thank his parents for enrolling him into the camp and Mr. Hill for giving him this opportunity. If Aarush could be any African animal, he would be a hippo because they are dangerous and strong!



## Melah Green

*as Timon*

Melah just completed 5th grade at Uplift North Hills Prep. She is excited to be in another performance with IYT. Her favorite roles so far have been in The Little Mermaid Jr. (Merfolk, Princess, and Gull). In her free time, Melah enjoys drawing and playing volleyball. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her no matter if the role is support or lead. If Melah could be any African animal, she would be a lioness because they're the strongest and at the top of their food chain!



## Percy Alexander

*as Pumbaa*

Percy just completed the 8th grade at Mount St. Michael. He is excited to be in his first show. In his free time, Percy enjoys reading, playing guitar, and playing basketball. He would like to thank Isabella, Mr and Dr Hill. Isabella Martinez for introducing him to IYT and Mr and Dr Hill for making camp fun. If Percy could be any African animal, he would be cheetah to quickly get out of a bad situation!



## Eliana Sanseverino (Vocal Captain)

*as  
Lionesses*

Eliana (Camp Counselor) just completed 8th grade at Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy. She is thrilled to be part of her 4th show with IYT. Her favorite past roles include Ariel in The Little Mermaid Jr. and Gramma Tala in Moana. Outside of theatre, Eliana enjoys dancing and serving at her church. If she was a safari animal she would love to be an elephant so she could be protected and surrounded by family. Eliana wants to thank her mom and dad for driving her and being so supportive, and Mr. and Dr. Hill for the unique opportunity to be the vocal coach.





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## Isabella Martinez (Dance Captain)

Isabella (Lioness, Gazelle) just completed the 8th grade at Mount Saint Michael Catholic School. She is excited to be in another performance, and her favorite role so far has been Dory- Finding Nemo Jr.. In her free time, Isabella enjoys gymnastics, Roblox, and playing with cats. She would like to thank Mr. Hill for letting her be a part of the show. If Isabella could be any African animal, she would be a leopard!



## Ziya Jiwani

Ziya (Lioness) just completed the 7th grade at North Hills. She is excited to be in another performance. In her free time, Ziya enjoys volleyball, pickleball, and spending time with her friends. She would like to thank Ms. Allred for working so hard to teach them music. If Ziya could be any African animal, she would be a giraffe because they are tall.



## Aubrey Antunez

Aubrey (Lioness, Gazelle) just completed 5th grade as a homeschooler. In her free time, Aubrey enjoys baking, playing basketball, reading and gymnastics. She would like to thank her parents for all the support and Mr. and Dr. Hill for this opportunity. If Aubrey could be any African animal, she would be a lioness, they like rule.



## Miah Ali

Miah (Lioness, Gazelle, Hyena) just completed 4th grade at North Hills. She is excited to be in another performance, and her favorite role so far has been villager in Moana. In her free time, Miah enjoys singing and dancing. She would like to thank her parents and Mr. Hill for guiding her to do the shows and performances. If Miah could be any African animal, she would be tiger because they are fast and stripes are cool!





## Emilia Aragon

Emilia (Lioness, Grass) just finished 5th grade at Prestonwood Montessori. She's excited to be in another performance, and her favorite role so far has been Paulenne in The Greatest Showman. Emilia enjoys playing soccer, volleyball, swimming, and listening to music. She'd like to thank her mom for introducing her to the show—and for always driving her! If Emilia could be any African animal, she'd be a lion, because they're known as the king of the jungle!



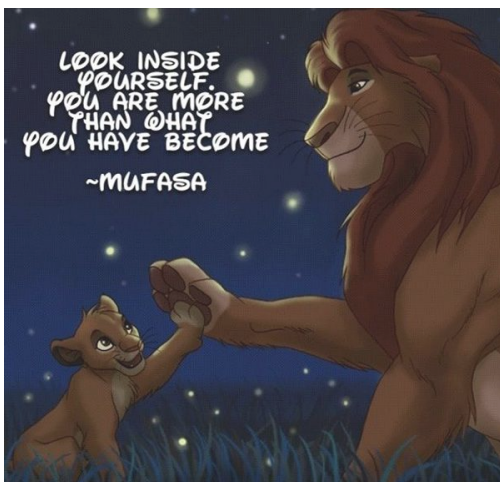
## Anu Vijay Anand

Anu (Lioness, Bird, Grass) just completed the 6th grade at North Hills. She is excited to be in another performance, and her favorite role so far has been Vacationer in Finding Nemo Jr. In her free time, Anu enjoys hanging out with her budgie Snowy and to draw. She also likes to work on her new LPS (Littlest Pet Shop) series where she creates her own episodes and lines. She would like to thank Mr.Hill and Dr.Hill for this amazing opportunity and family for driving her to rehearsals. If Anu could be any African animal, she would be an African grey parrot, because they are a really smart bird!



## Madelyn Horvat

Madelyn (Panther, Lioness) just completed the 4th grade at Coppell Classical Academy. She is excited to be in another performance, and her favorite role so far has been Water in Moana Jr. In her free time, Madelyn enjoys playing with her brother. She would like to thank Mom because she drives her everywhere. If Madelyn could be any African animal, she would be a tortoise so she can just hangout all the time!



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## Aleeza Motiwala

Aleeza (Lioness, Panther, and Hyena) just completed the 4th grade at North Hills. She is very excited to be in her first show! In her free time, Aleeza enjoys crochet and also plays cricket. She would like to thank the counselors for all their dedication to help her do... anything really! And Ms. Allred for helping her perfect the songs. If Aleeza could be any African animal, she would be a meerkat, because they are very cute!



## Melanie Johnson

Melanie (Lioness/Ensemble) just completed the 9th grade at Tucson High. She is excited to be in another performance. In her free time, Melanie enjoys Choir. She would like to thank her Dad for introducing her to IYT. If Melanie could be any African animal, she would be a giraffe, because they're cool!



## Elliana Aragon

*as Ensemble*

Elliana (Gazelle) just finished 3rd grade at Prestonwood Montessori. This is her first IYT performance, and she's loved getting to act on stage! In her free time, Elliana enjoys reading, sewing, drawing, swimming, and playing soccer. She thanks Mr. Hill and the camp counselors for making camp fun and safe. She hopes to be in another IYT show soon! If she could be any African animal, she'd be a cheetah—so she could run super fast!



## Ava Antunez

Ava (Hyena, Gazelle) just completed 3rd grade as a homeschooler. In her free time, Ava enjoys dancing, playing basketball, reading and gymnastics. She would like to thank everyone in theatre camp for this opportunity. If Ava could be any African animal, it would be an elephant, because they are very smart.





## Anjali Damuluri

Anjali (Hyena and a zebra) just completed 4th grade at North Hills. She is excited to be in her first show. In her free time, Anjali enjoys painting and watching movies. She would like to thank her mom for supporting and helping her. If Anjali could be any African animal, she would be elephant because they enjoy nature!



## Hasini Damuluri

Hasini Damuluri (Bird, Hyena) just completed Kindergarten at North Hills. She is excited to be in her first show. In her free time, Hasini enjoys playing soccer. She would like to thank her Mom for driving her to practice. If Hasini could be any African animal, she would be a tiger because it has stripes!



## Adalyn Lin

Adalyn (Bird and Hyena) just completed 1st grade at North Hills. She is excited to be in her first show! In her free time, Adalyn enjoys collecting rocks. She would like to thank her mom and her big sister for helping her read her lines. If Adalyn could be any African animal, she would be a lion, because she likes to hunt!



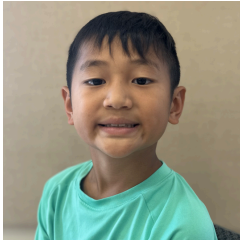
## Logique Ivory

Logique(Hyena, Wildebeest, and Bird) has just wrapped up an incredible 3rd grade journey at the University of Dreams at IBOC! He's bursting with excitement to take the stage in his very first production with the Irving Youth Theatre, adding a thrilling new chapter to his acting adventures. Previously, he showcased his talent in a captivating promotional commercial for a book called "Origins." With a passion for acting and gaming, Logique dreams of becoming a YouTuber, where he can share his creativity with the world. He's incredibly grateful to his amazing Mom and Dad for cheering him on as he chases his dreams. If given the chance to be any African animal, Logique would choose to be a cheetah because their incredible speed resonates with his dynamic spirit!





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## Augie Lu

Augie (Zebra and Hyena) just completed 2nd grade at North Hills Primary. He is excited to be in another performance after Moana. His favorite role was being a part of Tomatoa's Shiny ensemble. In his free time, Augie enjoys playing basketball and pickleball. He would like to thank his family for driving him to rehearsals and helping him practice. If Augie could be any African animal, he would be a monkey because they travel very fast and are very smart!



## Baylor Reagan

Baylor (Bird, Hyena and Wildebeest) just completed first grade as a homeschooler. He is excited to be in his fourth show. His favorite role so far has been the part of Tiger Shark in Go Fish! In his free time, Baylor enjoys being with his brother and playing video games. He would like to thank his brother, Reese, and parents. If Baylor could be any African animal, he would be a lion so he could be king of the Savannah!



## Jehan Jiwani

Jehan (Rhino, Wildebeest) just completed the 5th grade at Uplift North Hills. He is excited to be in another performance, and his favorite role so far has been Pilot in Little Mermaid. In his free time, Jehan enjoys drawing & reading. He would like to thank Mr and Dr. Hill and his parents and camp counselors. Mr and Dr. Hill for putting their energy into the show, his parents for driving him, and camp counselors for putting up with chaos. If Jehan could be any African animal, he would be a giraffe to be very colorful!

**As you go through life, you will see that there is so much that we don't understand. And the only thing we know is that things don't always go the way we plan.**

*- The Lion King*



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## Zahir Jiwani

Zahir (Wildebeest, Rhino) just completed the 5 grade at North Hills. He is excited to be in another performance, and his favorite role so far has been Grimsby (Little Mermaid). In his free time, Zahir enjoys playing volleyball, swimming & sketching. He would like to thank Shogi, Mr & Dr. Hill, his parents for their dedication & effort. If Zahir could be any African animal, he would be a panther because of their colors!



## Sophie Chang

Sophie (Hyena) just completed kindergarten at North Hills. She is so excited to be in her first show! In her free time, Sophie enjoys making artwork, doodling, making crafts and singing along to her favorite K-pop songs. If she could be any wild animal it would be a Zebra because of their beautiful stripes.



## Zachary Chang

Zachary (Hyena, Zebra) just completed the 2nd grade at North Hills. He is excited to be in his first ever show. In his free time, Zachary enjoys basketball and spending time with family. He would like to thank his family, Mr and Dr Hill for their guidance and support! If Zachary could be any African animal, he would be a Tiger because they are fierce and fearless!



## Sanvi Patra

Sanvi (Hyena, Bird, and Wildebeest) just completed the 2nd grade at Universal Academy. She is excited to be in her first show! In her free time, Sanvi enjoys reading, talking and theater practice. She would like to thank Mama and Dada for the support, and Mr. Hill for the guidance. If Sanvi could be any African animal, she would be African penguin!

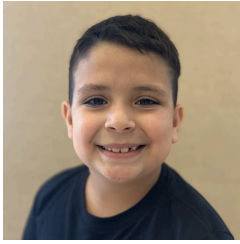


## Tanvi Patra

Tanvi (Hyena, Bird, Wildebeest) just completed 2nd grade at Universal Academy. She is excited to be in her first show! In her free time, Tanvi enjoys drawing, singing, sewing, and riding bike. She would like to thank Dada because he drives her here every day. If Tanvi could be any African animal, she would be giraffe because they are cute and she saw one at the zoo!



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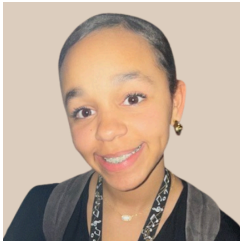
## Evin Sullivan

Evin (Bird, Hyena) just completed the 2nd grade at Mount St Michael Catholic School. He is excited to be in his first show with Irving Youth Theater. In his free time, Evin enjoys hanging out with friends, playing baseball, video games and helping others. He would like to thank God for He loves everybody, his parents and Dr. and Mr. Hill for this opportunity. If Evin could be any African animal, he would be cheetah because they are really fast!



## Leo Smith

Leo (Hyena, Wildebeest, Bird) just completed Kindergarten at Cedar Hall Classical Academy. He is excited to be in his first show and Wildebeest is his favorite role. In his free time, Leo enjoys playing baseball. He would like to thank his friends and family for playing with him and to thank his family for getting his costumes. Leo also would like to thank the Irving Youth Theatre community for all their support during his first theatre camp and show. If Leo could be any African animal, he would be an elephant because they are strong.



## Kalleway Beck

Kalleway (Pit Singer) just finished 7th grade at Travis Middle School where she is a cheerleader and in Varsity Choir. Her passion is singing and has been in Region 10 choir two years and played Marta in MacArthur High School's production of The Sound of Music. If Kalleway could be any safari animal, she would be a cheetah because she loves the way they look and they are fast.



## Chaitra Dontineni

*as Camp Counselors/Tech Crew*

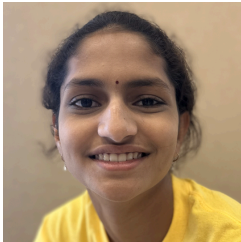
Chaitra (Tech Crew) just completed 7th grade at Uplift North Hills Preparatory. She performed in Finding Nemo Jr, Beauty and the Beast Jr, and Moana Jr summer camp with IYT. In her free time, she likes to watch and play basketball and soccer, she also likes hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her mom for driving her to rehearsals. She would also like to thank Mr. Hill and Dr. Hill for their undivided dedication to the shows and for making this camp so fun. If Chaitra could be any African animal it would be a giraffe because they are very tall and cool creatures.





### **Sophia Lynch (Acting Captain)**

Sophia Lynch (Counselor) has just finished her 8th grade year and is going to be attending Midlothian High School this fall. This is Sophia's 3rd show with IYT and she has been in more than 20 shows in her lifetime! Some of her favorite roles include Ursula, from the Little Mermaid JR and Mrs. Savage, from the Curious Savage. In her free time, Sophia likes to crochet and hang out with some of her best friends. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her, Mr Hill and Dr. Hill for giving her this great opportunity, and the amazing cast she has gotten to work with over the course of the camp. If Sophia could be any animal in Africa, she would like to be a lion as they are regal, loyal, and brave, all traits she would like to possess throughout her life!



### **Vrinda Dontineni**

Vrinda (Tech Crew) just completed 9th grade at Uplift North Hills Preparatory. She also worked backstage for a couple other shows with IYT, including Finding Nemo. In her free time, Vrinda enjoys playing soccer and basketball, and hanging out with friends and family. She would like to thank her mom for driving her to camp every day and Mr. Hill and Dr. Hill for this amazing opportunity. If Vrinda could be any African animal, she would be a cheetah because they are the fastest land animal.



### **Erin Sullivan**

Erin (Camp Counselor) just completed 7th grade at Mount St. Michael Catholic School in Dallas. Erin is excited to be back for her fifth show with IYT and her favorite role so far has been Aquata (The Little Mermaid). In her free time, Erin loves listening to K-pop, reading, and hanging out with her friends. Erin would like to thank her parents and family for always supporting her and Dr. and Mr. Hill for the opportunity to help guide younger cast members this summer. If Erin could be any African animal, she would be a leopard because they are smart and strong.





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## Michael Hill

*Director/Choreographer*

Mr. Hill has taught music and choir in Irving schools and served on the Irving ISD School Board while leading youth and music ministry at a local church. Michael recently retired as the K-5 Music Specialist at Uplift North Hills Preparatory School. Michael and Lisa are proponents of arts education to reach the whole student and develop strengths and talents in each child. They are delighted to establish the Irving Youth Theatre to provide opportunities for youth with a passion for the performing arts, with the first production of Aladdin, Jr. a second production of Finding Nemo, Jr. the two-week summer camp production of Moana, Jr., the lovely Beauty and the Beast, Jr, The Little Mermaid, Jr. and now Disney's Lion King, Jr. They are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment where students thrive and optimal creative learning occurs. Mike and Lisa are very excited about the continued possibilities for the Irving Youth Theatre!



## Lisa Hill, EdD

*Producer*

Partnering with Mr. Hill to bring youth theatre to life has been a lifelong dream for Dr. Hill. She is thrilled to be producing Irving Youth Theatre's sixth production. Recently retired from Irving ISD, Dr. Hill now devotes more time to IYT—supporting rehearsals, building websites, designing programs, creating props, and more. She is grateful for the IYT families and the audience's continued support in helping make these productions possible.



## Shogi Iskandar (Assistant Director)

Shogi (Camp Counselor) just completed 10th grade at North Hills. He is excited to be in another performance, and his favorite role so far has been Genie from Aladdin Jr. In his free time, Shogi enjoys acting, video games, and eating. He would like to thank Mr. and Dr. Hill as well as his parents for allowing him to be able to assist with this show and supporting him. If Shogi could be any African animal, he would be a puma because they're so chillaxed!



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## Jennifer Allred

*Music Director*

Mrs. Allred has dedicated 24 years to teaching elementary music in Irving ISD. A passionate advocate for musical excellence, Mrs. Allred has produced numerous grade-level programs and performances and oversees the annual Irving ISD 5th Grade Honor Choir program. In the 2024–2025 school year, she was honored to be named the Irving ISD Elementary District Teacher of the Year. Last summer, Mrs. Allred served as the music director for the Irving Youth Theatre production of Moana Jr. and is honored to reprise her role as music director for this production of The Lion King Jr. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, going to live theater, camping, Oklahoma Sooner Football, and mostly, spending quality time with her family!



## Tanisha Stewart

*Physical Enrichment*

Coach Stewart is thrilled to serve the Irving Youth Theatre with physical enrichment. She has developed thousands of students in her 10 years as the Physical Education Specialist at the prestigious and highly ranked Uplift North Hills Preparatory Primary and has received multiple nominations for Teacher of the Year. Coach Stewart also owns and operates an inspiring and faith-based virtual fitness boutique for ladies over 40. When she is not serving others, she enjoys quiet nights at home in her PJs with a good book or good movie and a big bowl of popcorn.



## Toni Beck

*Art Director*

Toni is an art teacher, mother, and lover of all things art. She has worked in Irving ISD for the past 16 years at Farine Elementary. She has taught all grade levels from PreK to 5th, and adores her students. She has been married to her husband, Kaymun, for 19 years and they have three amazing children together: Kerrington, Kalleway, and Kingsley. She is passionate about her faith, family, and encouraging creativity in all. This is her first theatrical production and looks forward to making art and memories with the children.



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# CREW WHO'S WHO

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## Isabella Martinez

*Stage Manager*

Isabella (Counselor) is ecstatic about working with the cast, crew and directors of Lion King. This is her third show with IYT, and she could not be happier to help bring fun into the theatres of Irving! She'd love to thank Mr. Hill, Dr. Hill, and her family for the opportunity to help tell this great story.



## Matthew Wofford

*Lighting Design*

Matthew is thrilled to return to his hometown for his IYT debut! Now based in Chicago, he brings over 15 years of experience designing lighting for theater, corporate events, dance, and opera. His work has taken him across the US, with recent international credits in Prague, Dubai, and Italy. He holds a BFA from Texas Christian University and an MFA from Indiana University. Special thanks to Mike Hill, who first opened the door to the world behind the curtain just a few blocks away from this theatre.



## Oscar Morales

*Sound Design*

Oscar is a graduate of IISD Singley Academy and recently married. He currently serves as the Director of Technology Architecture for SRS Real Estate Partners. Outside of his professional work, Oscar brings his technical expertise and creative talent to the Irving Youth Theatre as their official Sound Designer. For the past five productions, he has played a key role in helping every performer sound their best on stage, and he's always up for the challenge to continuously support and dedicate his time to the IYT.



## Sanvi Sri Gorla

*Sound Tech*

Sanvi just completed 9th grade at Uplift North Hills Preparatory. Her favorite IYT production is Little Mermaid Jr. where she was Scuttle. In her free time she likes singing, acting, drawing, and likes to hang out with friends. She would like to thank her friends and family for their endless support. If Sanvi could be any African animal it would be a bat-eared fox because they are so cute and interesting!



# CREW WHO'S WHO



## Megan Lynch & Blaire Reagan

*Show  
Parents*

These special parents have taken the lead on so many projects from costumes, props, and sets to communications, organization, and so much more!! Mrs. Lynch is mom to Sophia Lynch and Mrs. Reagan is mom to Reese and Baylor. Thank you for assisting with so many details and for helping guide all of the other parents as well!



## Carolyn Gordon, Michelle West

*Production  
Assistants*

From arriving early to staying late and helping throughout the day, Mrs. Gordon has been our check-in and check-out person extraordinaire. She is grandmother to Isabella Martinez.

Mrs. West recently retired from Irving ISD, and we are thrilled to have her join us at IYT! She brings creativity and warmth to our camps. We're so grateful she's become a part of the IYT family!



## All of our WONDERFUL IYT Parents & Families!!

*Stage  
Parents*

Amazing! Amazing! Amazing! Many of our parents have been with IYT through prior shows and they have been great about helping the new families. And those new parents have been great about jumping in with so many show projects. When your child is cast in a show, the whole family is part of the show. We could not do it without you!! Thank you! *Are you ready for the next show?*







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- All of the amazing **parents, grandparents and family members** who helped drive to rehearsals, rehearse lines, purchase costumes, help build and paint sets and props, organize tshirt, shout out, and concession sales and raffles and auctions and SO MUCH MORE!!
- The **Entertainment Series of Irving** for your support and encouragement for our youth theatre efforts!
- The **Irving Arts Center** for providing a beautiful venue and wonderful support staff and stage team!
- **Our Redeemer Lutheran Church** for allowing us space to rehearse and to store our sets, props, costumes and all of our "theatre" stuff.
- Irving High School director, **Shawn Brentham**, for allowing us to borrow set pieces!
- North Hills Middle School director, **Natasha Braun**, for allowing us to borrow equipment!
- City Council candidates, **Sergio Porres and David Pfaff**, for donating corrugated plastic sheets for our sets, props and costume pieces.
- All of our **donors and sponsors** for supporting Irving Youth Theatre productions!
- And YOU, **our audience**, for buying tickets, laughing and crying and clapping and cheering on our kids! We appreciate you so much, and YOU make live theatre possible!

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