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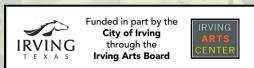
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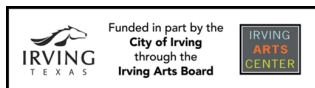
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Act One

It's Showtime	Company
Wild and Free	Marty, Zookeepers, Animals
Best Friends	Alex & Marty
Relax, Be Cool, Chill Out	Marty, Alex, Gloria, Melman & Animals
Grand Central	Zoo Animals
Penguins' Sea Shanty	Penguins
Welcome to Me	King Julien & Lemurs
I Like to Move It	King Julien, Lemurs & Animals

Act Two

Steak	Alex, Servers, Steaks
Living in Paradise	Company
Penguins Sea Shanty (Reprise)	Penguins
Foosa Hungry	Foosa
Best Friends (Reprise)	Marty
The King of Madagascar	Alex, Foosa, Company
Together Forever	Marty, Alex, Gloria, Melman & Company
I Like to Move It (Reprise)	Company

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CAST

Cast Members

Alex	Reese Reagan
Marty	Zoe Handem
Gloria	Sophia Lynch
Melman	Ziyaan Hirani
Skipper	Melah Green
Kowalski	Ily Collazo
Rico	Lia Barrios
Private	Anu Vijay
Zookeeper Zelda	Evelyn Lu
Zookeeper Zeke	Augie Lu
Zookeeper Zoe	Annissa Tennell
Mason	Ridaan Hirani
King Julien	Purviraj Kanukuntla
Maurice	Miah Ali
Mort	Layla Martinez
Lyn	Snigdah Aramandla
Lew/Candy Hammernose	Sophia Jiwani
Lee	Bellamy Popa
Lars/Cameraman	Kaylee Vilanova
Old Lady	Emilia Aragon
Police Officer	Dana Arlene Thappeta
Ship's Captain	Jeshurun Thappeta
Ensemble	Tatum Wood
Foosa	Augie Lu, Evelyn Lu, Jeshurun Thappeta, Annissa Tennell
Zoo Guests/New Yorkers	Tatum Wood, Miah Ali, Snigdah Aramandla, Bellamy Popa, Layla Martinez, Purviraj Kanukuntla
Penguin Chorus	Tatum Wood, Emilia Aragon, Dana Thappeta



CAST

Production / Creative

Director Michael Hill

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Choreographer A'nya Gipson



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Crew Members

Sound Design	Oscar Morales
Assistant Sound Design	Makayla Morales
Sound Tech	Stephanie Howe
Tech Crew	Chaitra Dontineni
Tech Crew	Vrinda Dontineni
Tech Crew	Lilly Polanco
Show Parent	Blaire Reagan
Costume Manager	Megan Lynch
Set Coordinator	Angela Howe
Production Team	All of the cast and crew of Madagascar Jr and their families.
Production Parents	Afroz Ali, Evelia Aragon, Anusha Aramandla, Joy Cunningham, Shama Dhanani, Iorna Handem, Farida Hirani, Angela Howe, Danvier Johnson-Green, Sravani Kanukuntla, Mark & Kristin Lu, Megan Lynch, Julio & Katy Polanco, Blaire & Russell Reagan, Claudia Romano, Mihaela Stoica, Stephanie Sugg, Charanya Vijay Anand, Alba Vilanova, Carmen Villagomez, Tressa Wood.

About the Madagascar Jr. Summer on the Stage Production Camp

Irving Youth Theatre's *Madagascar Jr. Summer on the Stage Production Camp* provided students in grades 3–9 with a unique opportunity to experience every aspect of bringing a musical to life. In addition to acting, singing, and dancing, campers explored technical theatre, stage management, sound, lighting, costumes, props, marketing, and front-of-house operations. During their time at the Irving Arts Center, students worked alongside theatre professionals and educators while preparing for today's fully staged performance. This innovative program helped young artists build confidence, creativity, leadership, and teamwork skills while gaining a behind-the-scenes understanding of how live theatre comes together. The production you are enjoying represents not only their performance talents, but also their contributions to the many creative and technical elements that helped bring *Madagascar Jr.* from concept to curtain call. Special thanks to the Irving Department of Arts and Culture for their support through the Innovation Grant award.



WHO'S WHO



Reese Reagan

as Alex

Reese recently completed 5th grade at Hughston Elementary and is excited to perform in his 11th Irving Youth Theatre production. He enjoys acting, making audiences laugh, and being part of the IYT family. Reese would like to thank his parents, brother, grandparents, the IYT cast, and the Hills for believing in him.



Zoe Handem

as Marty

Zoe recently completed 6th grade at Uplift North Hills and is excited to be part of another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is her seventh IYT show. She enjoys performing, learning new skills, and spending time with friends. Zoe would like to thank her parents for all their support and Mr. and Dr. Hill for helping her throughout her theatre journey.



Sophia Lynch

as Gloria

Sophia recently completed 9th grade at Midlothian High School and is excited to return for another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is her tenth IYT show. She enjoys performing, growing as an actress, and helping bring stories to life. Sophia would like to thank her mom for driving her to rehearsals, her grandma for unwavering support, and Mr. and Dr. Hill for always believing in her talent.



Ziyaan Hirani

as Melman

Ziyaan is honored to be returning to Irving Youth Theatre for his thirteenth production. He recently completed 8th grade at Uplift North Hills Preparatory and enjoys helping bring productions to life both onstage and behind the scenes. Ziyaan would like to thank his family, friends, and Mr. and Dr. Hill for their support and for helping make this show possible.



Melah Green

as Skipper

Melah recently completed 6th grade at North Hills and is excited to return for another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is her sixth IYT show. She enjoys performing, making new friends, and being creative on stage. Melah would like to thank her family, her friends, and Mr. and Dr. Hill.



WHO'S WHO



Ily Collazo

as Kowalski

Ily is excited to be returning to the Irving Youth Theatre stage in her fourth production. She just completed 7th grade at Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy and would like to thank her family, directors, camp counselors, and castmates for helping her learn, grow, and shine on stage.



Lia Barrios

as Rico

Lia recently completed 8th grade at Lady Bird Johnson Middle School and is excited to participate in her first Irving Youth Theatre camp. After previously performing with IYT, she couldn't wait to return to the stage. Lia enjoys acting, making memories with castmates, and bringing characters to life. She hopes you enjoy the performance!



Anu Vijay

as Private

Anu recently completed 7th grade at North Hills and is excited to perform in another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is her third IYT show. She enjoys acting, performing with friends, and being part of the theatre community. Anu would like to thank everyone, including the directors, cast, and crew.



Evelyn Lu

as Zookeeper Zelda

Evelyn recently completed 6th grade at Uplift North Hills and is excited to perform in her fourth Irving Youth Theatre production. She enjoys acting, singing, and spending time with friends during rehearsals. Evelyn would like to thank her family for supporting her.



Augie Lu

as Zookeeper Zeke

Augie recently completed 3rd grade at Uplift North Hills and is excited to be part of another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is his third IYT show. He enjoys performing, having fun with friends, and learning new things on stage. Augie would like to thank his family for helping him.



WHO'S WHO



Annissa Tennell

as Zookeeper Zoe

Annissa is so excited to be returning to the Irving Youth Theatre stage in her sixth production. She just completed 5th grade at Uplift North Hills, and she would like to thank her parents, the Hills, and everyone who has supported her over the years.



Ridaan Hirani

as Mason

Ridaan recently completed 3rd grade at Uplift North Hills and is excited to return for another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is his 9th IYT show. He enjoys performing, working with friends, and bringing characters to life on stage. Ridaan would like to thank Dr. Hill and Mr. Hill for their guidance, encouragement, and support throughout his theatre journey.



Purviraj Kanukuntla

as King Julien

Purviraj recently completed 4th grade at Vasquez Elementary and is excited to perform in another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is her fourth IYT show. She enjoys acting, performing with friends, and bringing energy to the stage. Purviraj would like to thank Mr. Hill and Dr. Hill.



Miah Ali

as Maurice

Miah recently completed 5th grade at Uplift North Hills Prep and is excited to perform in another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is her sixth IYT show. She enjoys acting, making friends, and being part of the theatre community. Miah would like to thank her parents, Mr. Hill and Dr. Hill for believing in her and giving her this opportunity.



Layla Martinez

as Mort

Layla recently completed 4th grade at Townley Elementary and is excited to return to the stage with Irving Youth Theatre. This is her 8th IYT production. She enjoys performing, making friends, and being part of the theatre community. Layla would like to thank Mom, Dad, Julie, Chelsea, Grandma, Grandpa, Uncle Tony, and Abuelo.



WHO'S WHO



Snigdah Aramandla

as Lynn

Snigdah is so excited to be returning to the Irving Youth Theatre stage in her second production this summer. She just completed 4th grade at Great Hearts Irving, and she would like to thank the directors, teachers, and volunteers for their guidance, encouragement, and support.



Sophia Jiwani

as Lew/Candy Hammernose

Sophia is delighted to be returning to the Irving Youth Theatre stage in her eighth production. She just completed 5th grade at Uplift North Hills and would like to thank Mr. and Dr. Hill, along with her family, for their support and encouragement.



Bellamy Popa

as Lee

Bellamy recently completed 2nd grade at Uplift North Hills Prep and is excited to be part of another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is her third IYT show. She enjoys performing, having fun with friends, and learning new things on stage. Bellamy would like to thank all her friends in camp and her family.



Kaylee Vilanova

as Lars/Cameraman

Kaylee is so excited to be returning to the Irving Youth Theatre stage in her sixth production. She just completed 6th grade at De Zavala Middle School, and she would like to thank her family, teachers, and Mr. and Dr. Hill for their support and encouragement.



Emilia Aragon

as Old Lady

Emilia is excited to be returning to the Irving Youth Theatre stage in her sixth production. She just completed 6th grade at Dealy Montessori and would like to thank her mom, Dr. Hill, and Mr. Hill for helping with this show.

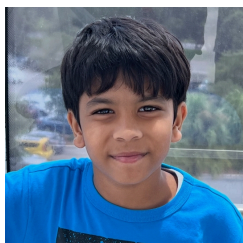


WHO'S WHO



Dana Arlene Thappeta *as Police Officer*

Dana recently completed 7th grade at Uplift North Hills Prep and is excited to be part of another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is her 9th IYT show. Dana enjoys performing, learning new skills, and making memories with friends on stage. She would like to thank GOD for the talent given, Mr. and Dr. Hill for all the opportunities and guidance, and her brother for his support.



Jeshurun Thappeta *as Ship's Captain*

Jeshurun recently completed 4th grade at Uplift North Hills Prep and is excited to perform in another Irving Youth Theatre production. This is his 7th IYT show. He enjoys acting, performing with friends, and bringing characters to life on stage. Jeshurun would like to thank Mr. and Dr. Hill for all their help and his parents for their encouragement.



Tatum Wood *as Ensemble*

Tatum recently completed 8th grade and is excited to be part of her second Irving Youth Theatre production. She enjoys performing, learning new skills, and making memories with her castmates. Tatum would like to thank her parents for their support and Mr. and Dr. Hill for helping her shine.



WHO'S WHO



Michael Hill

Director

Mr. Hill is a lifelong advocate for arts education who recently retired as K–5 Music Specialist at Uplift North Hills Preparatory. A former Irving ISD School Board member and longtime Entertainment Series of Irving board member, he co-founded Irving Youth Theatre to create meaningful opportunities for young performers to grow through the arts.



Lisa Hill, EdD

Producer

Dr. Hill is a retired educator and lifelong arts advocate whose career includes service as a teacher, principal, Head of School for NTPA Academy, and Director of Human Resources for Irving ISD. She co-founded Irving Youth Theatre to provide meaningful performing arts opportunities that help young people grow in confidence, creativity, and empathy.



A'nya Gipson

Choreographer

A'nya is excited to serve as choreographer for *Madagascar* while also supporting the production camp. She is passionate about helping young performers build confidence, express themselves creatively, and experience the joy of theatre through movement, teamwork, and storytelling. She looks forward to the next IYT show!



CREW WHO'S WHO



Oscar Morales

Sound Design

Oscar is a graduate of Irving ISD Singley Academy and serves as the Director of Technology Architecture for SRS Real Estate Partners. As Irving Youth Theatre's Sound Designer, he combines his passion for technology and the performing arts to help bring each production to life. Oscar is proud to support the talented cast and crew and hopes you enjoy the show!



Makayla Morales

Assistant Sound Design

Mikayla is happy to be back volunteering as Assistant Sound Designer for Irving Youth Theater. She enjoys helping make the magic happen behind the scenes and supporting the talented young performers who bring each production to life. Break a leg, everyone!



Stephanie Howe

Sound Tech

Stephanie is excited to be returning to Irving Youth Theatre in her third production, this time as the sound tech. She just completed 8th grade at Reagan Middle School and would like to thank her family and the Hills for helping bring this show to life.



Chaitra Dontineni

Tech Crew

Chaitra is delighted to be returning to the Irving Youth Theatre stage in her sixth production. She just completed 8th grade at Uplift North Hills Preparatory and would like to thank her mother, Mr. Hill, and Dr. Hill for their support and this amazing opportunity.



Vrinda Dontineni

Tech Crew

Vrinda is excited to serve as tech crew for *Madagascar Jr.* She recently completed 10th grade at Uplift North Hills Preparatory and has worked backstage for multiple Irving Youth Theatre productions. She would like to thank her mother for her constant support and encouragement.



CREW WHO'S WHO



Lilly Polanco

Tech Crew

Lilly is excited to be returning to the Irving Youth Theatre stage in her third production. She recently completed 8th grade at Themer Middle School and will attend Forney High School in the fall. Lilly enjoys performing, making memories with friends, and growing as a performer. She would like to thank Mom, Dad, Mipa, Lila, Abbie, George, and Fergus for their love, support, and encouragement.





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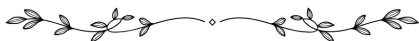
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A HUGE thank you to our **Camp Staff and volunteers** - Summer Camp is a BIG undertaking in a very short time - thank you for helping the kids shine on and off the stage!

And YOU—**our audience**—for buying tickets, laughing and crying with us, and cheering on our young performers. Your support makes live theatre possible, and we appreciate you more than you know!



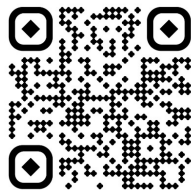
Irving Youth Theatre is in the process of securing nonprofit status, and we are deeply grateful for the members of our newly formed **Board of Directors**. Please scan the QR code to learn more about these amazing volunteers.

Michael Hill - Founding Director & President

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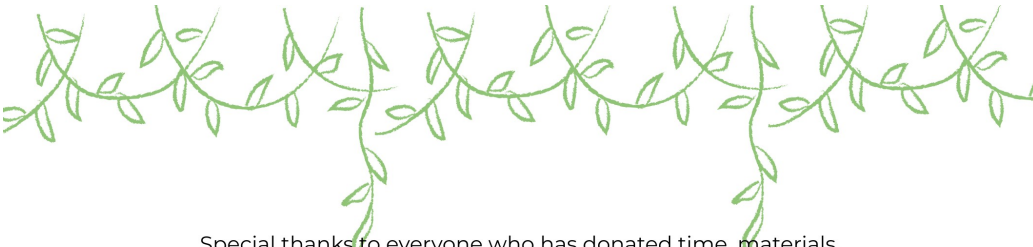
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Keep Shining!

♥ Mom, Dad & Nithya



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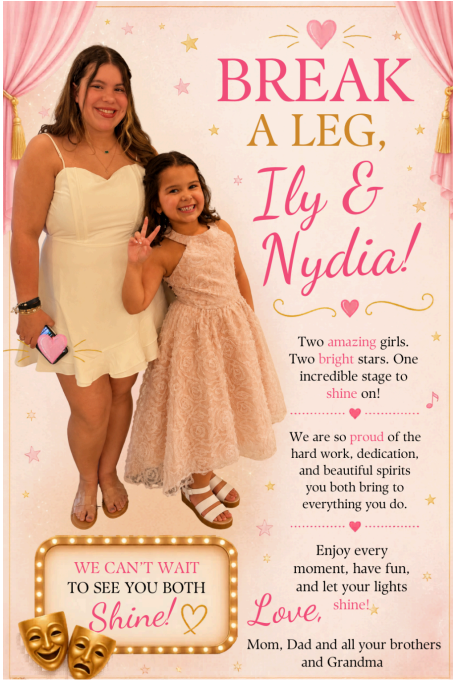
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and beautiful spirits
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Love,
Mom, Dad and all your brothers
and Grandma

WE CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOU BOTH
Shine!



Lia,

Can't wait t see you move it move it! Break a leg!

Love,
Mom & Liam

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Break a leg, my sweet
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Layla Martinez

Layla,
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that you keep
that spark, till
now and
forever.
-Love Mom,
Dad,
and Sisters

REESE

**WE ARE SO
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YOU!! MAY YOU
FOREVER
SHINE!
-GG & TB**



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COURAGE IS NOT
THE ABSENCE OF
FEAR, BUT THE
TRIUMPH OVER IT.
THE BRAVE MAN IS
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FEAR."
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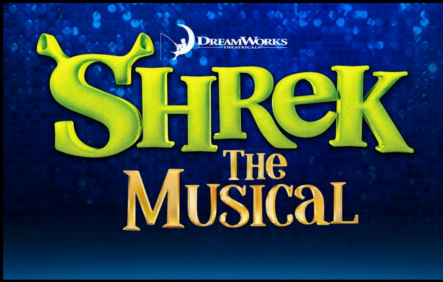


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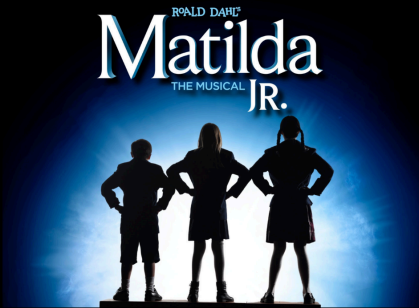
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