Count Basie Center Academy of the Arts

PRODUCTION OF



Music and Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music and Lyrics by Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin,

and Hans Zimmer

Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by **Julie Taymour**

Music Adapted and 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

DISNEYS THE LION KING JR.

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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Who's Who in the CAST

المحالة	Ognoling Doblicola
Rafiki	
Mufasa	Lia Saiz-Stagich
Sarabi	
Zazu	
Scar	
Young Simba	
Young Nala	Dylan Manley
Sarafina	
Banzai	
Shenzi	
Ed	
Timon	
Pumba	
Simba	
Nala	•

LIONESSES

Maya Barrett, Daisy Ifantis, Julia Machado, Julia McGrory, Ava McTaggart, Julia Monteleone, Nina Celeste Monteleone, Katelyn Roche, Ella Topham + Kelcie Zink

HYENAS

Christina Caruso, Natalie DeFina, PJ DiFranco, Julian Galano, Ellora Jain, Giselle Lopez, Gabby Maher + Emily Steel

PRIDELAND PALS

BIRDS: Annie Carras, Noelle Davis + Giulietta Pontoriero CHEETAHS: Christina Caruso, Natalie DeFina, Ellora Jain, Charli Kreizer + Gabby Maher ELEPHANTS: Olivia Kurre, Marie McBurnie, Emily Steel + Isabella Wellner GAZELLES: Falyn Ciambrone, Avery Connolly, Adelynn Durko + Olivia Richardson MONKIES: PJ DiFranco, Julian Galano, Patrick Kenney, Tyson Manley + Harry Ngo ZEBRAS: Lily Capadona, Emily Ferrao, Giselle Lopez, Dylan Manley, Juliana McMeans + Kayla Schleicher

Production Staff

Producers

Jessica O'Brien + Anthony Greco
Director/Choreographer
Ariana Centamore + Edward Itte
Associate Teaching Artist

Costume Design

Bonnie Way Costumes
Lighting Design

Emily Lovell
Set Design

Ashley Gusack
Playbill Design

Jessica Skolnick
Graphic Design

Andrew Musser

Production Interns

Immanuel Archilla, Jenna Barry, Carolena Blasucci, Christie DeNicola, Gianna Giglio, Zoe Kenney, Ainsley Lang, Nick Lutz, Benjamin Neller, Daphne Vazquez-Pastrana, Shea Preston, Tiffany Ragusa + Carl Smith

Special Thanks

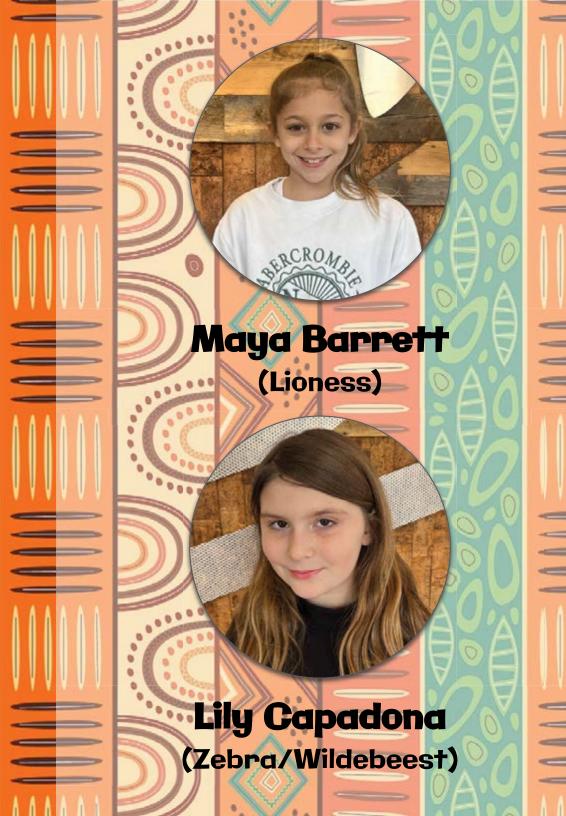
Andrew Musser, Mike Jacoby, Charlie Christensen, the Count Basie technical crew, Chris Lomazzo, Sophia Gonzalez, Samantha Giustiniani, the Education Department, the Marketing Department, Joanne Penrose, Ashley Cusack, Phoenix Productions, James Grausam, Bryan Torrech-Diaz, Maeve Boger-O'Bryan, our fabulous production interns, and, of course, the parents for their continued support!



Circle of Life
The Lioness Hunt
Lionesses
I Just Can't Wait to Be King
Young Nala + Prideland Pals
Be Prepared
Scar + Hyenas
They Live in You
Mufasa + Lionesses
The Stampede
Wildebeests
The Mourning
Lionesses, Scar + Hyenas

ACT TWO

Hakuna Matata
Timon, Pumba,
Young Simba + Simba
Shadowland
Nala + Lionesses
Can You Feel the Love Tonight
Simba, Nala + Prideland Pals
He Lives in You
Rafiki, Simba + Prideland Pals
Luau Hawaiian Treat
Timon, Pumba,
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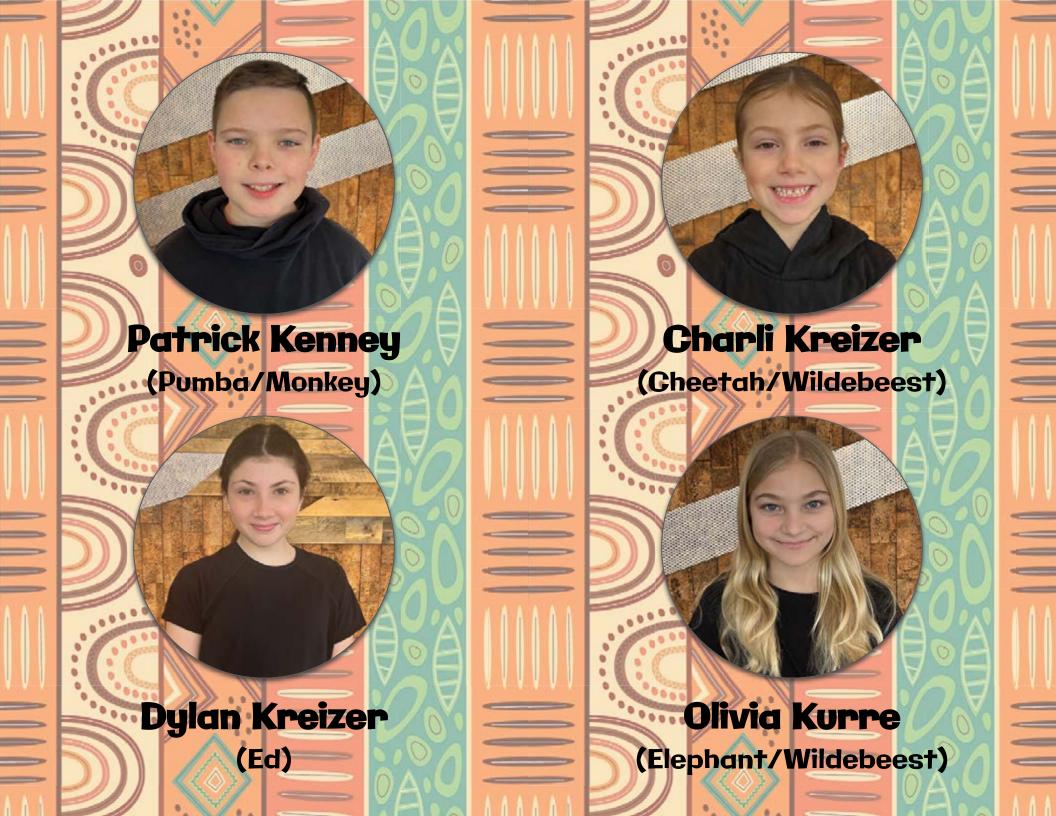












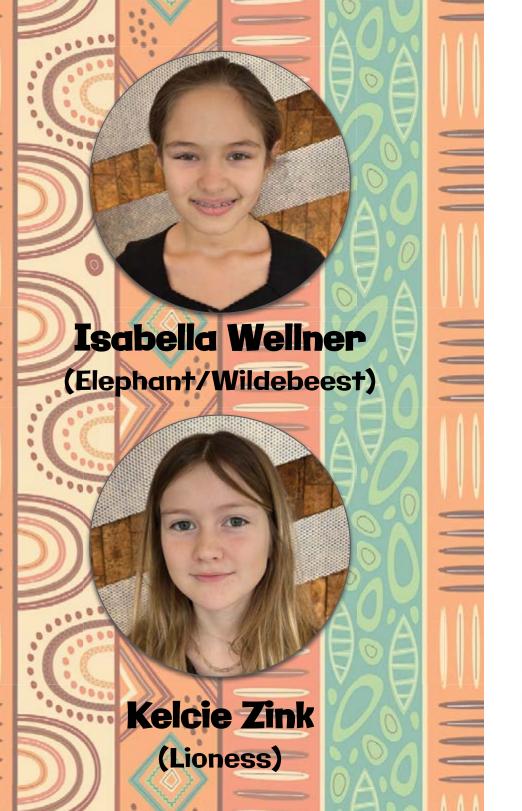


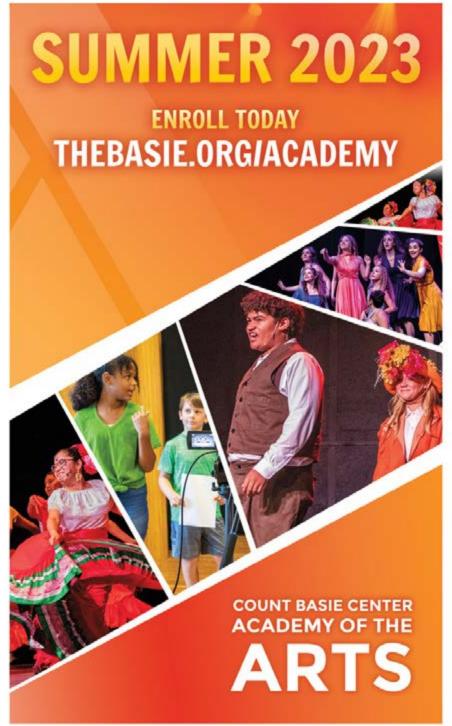














So proud of our bright stars,

Julia Neve and Nina Celeste!

We love you and are amazed by your kindness, courage, and talents each day.

Break a leg to *The Lion King, Jr.* cast and crew. Keep shining your beautiful light-Hakuna Matata!

The Monteleone Family





Ella,

You are the best
Sarafina in all the pride
lands. We are so proud
of you, your commitment,
and love for acting and
singing. Keep reaching
for the stars. You are
amazing!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Ethan, MeMom
and GPa





Isabella,
Congratulations
on your
performance! We
are so proud
of you!!
We love you!

Love, Mommy, Jocelyn, and Nevaeh



Congratulations to the cast and crew of *The Lion King, Jr.* from the McTaggart family!

Break a leg!

Ava, you are a shining star! We are so proud of you. Congratulations
Isabella!

Love, Dad, Krissy, Katie, Jackie & Emma

Great Work GABBY!



We are so proud of you and the entire cast of The Lion King!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Derek Congratulations to the entire cast and crew of *The Lion King, Jr*!

Break a leg Emily Rose!

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see you shine on stage!!

You are such a blessing and bring joy and laughter to us all

Enjoy the adventure ...

Beijinhos e abracos - Mom, Dad, Nick, El and Sparkie xoxo





We are so proud of you and know you will be amazing as Simba!
Keep reaching for the stars
"Hakuna Matata!!"

We love you very much!

Love, Nanny, VoVo and VoVo



We can't wait to see the show 🤗! Have fun & break a leg!

Love, The Ferraos

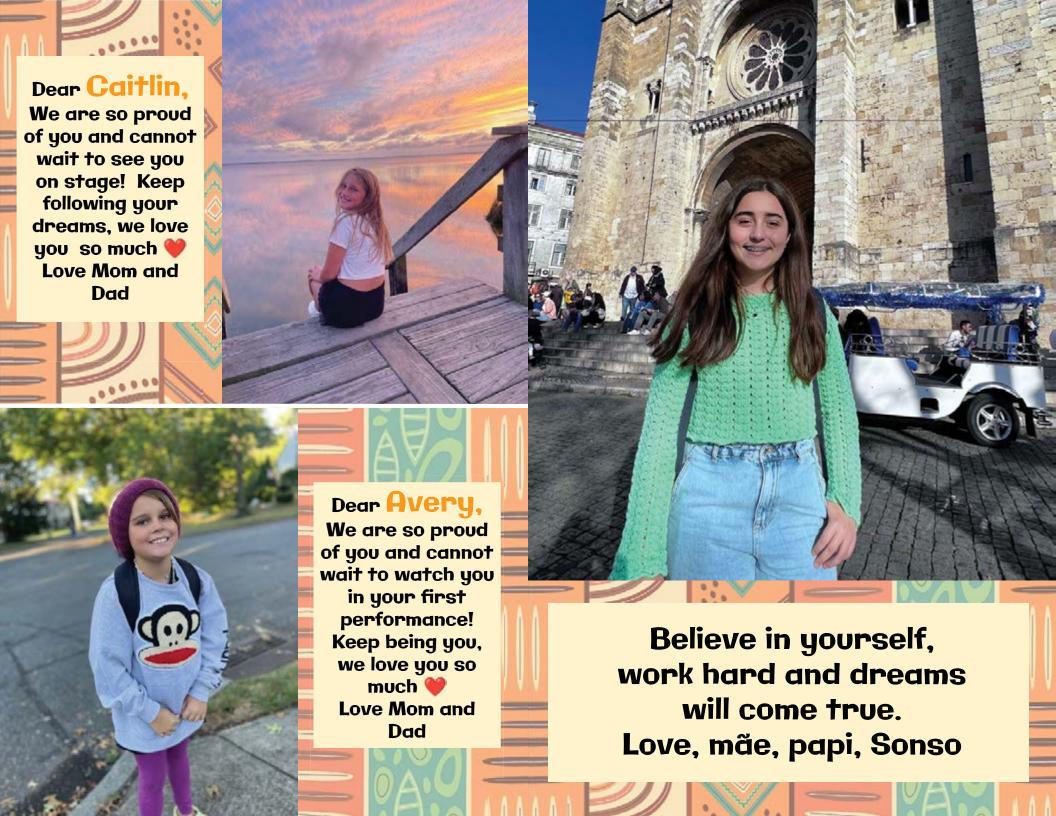




Falyn,

From softball, to basketball, to theatre, you never stop amazing us! We're very proud of you and can't wait to see what you do next! Keep reaching for the stars!

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Nicholas and Roey







Look at how the stars in the sky shine for you! We know you are going to bring magic to The Lion King Jr. production just like you bring so much magic to our lives each and every day! Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Hakuna matata baby!
Love you so much!
xoxoxo
Love Mommy and Daddy



Dear Sister...

"Always Remember ...

- You are beautiful
- You are worthy
- You are important
- You are special
- You are unique
- You are talented and
- You are irreplaceable!"
 I Love You Sis.

Charli & Dylan

we are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Austin Always an animal lover from THEN





Congratulations to all the cast and crew of *The Lion King, Jr*!

Love Mom, Dad and Daphne



MAYA

We are so proud of you! Congrats on your first show with the Count Basie Center!

Love, Your Family

I'm not "lion," we are incredibly proud of you PJ!

Keep reaching for the stars & pursuing your dreams!

Love, Mom, Dad, & Madi



Our shining star! We are so proud of you and hope you can feel all the love tonight.

DAD, MOM, BRYNN, & LUKE

CONGRATULATIONS



WE LOVE YOU AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE, MOM, DAD, GEORGE, NANNY, POPPY & STEPHIE



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