

Lindbjerg Academy's
All Stars
presents



May 19th - 21st, 2023

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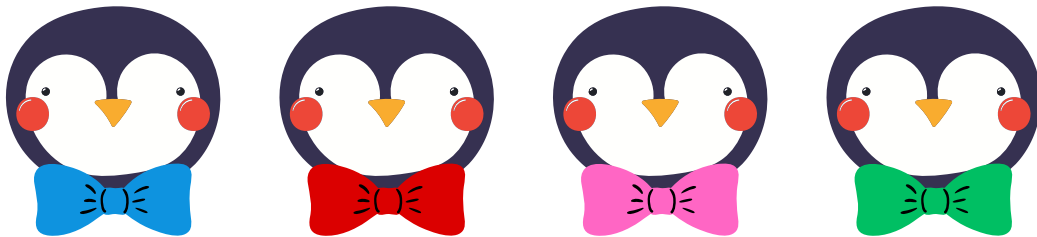

MADAGASCAR
**A MUSICAL
ADVENTURE JR.**

April 19th - 21st, 2023

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture

Book By
KEVIN DEL AGUILA

Original Music and Lyrics by
GEORGE NORIEGA & JOEL SOMEILLAN



Teachers: Jesse Alvarez, Emily Matchette, & Kelsey Tierney
Teachers' Assistants: Megan Lockwood & Valentina Picariello
Guest Teachers: Kim Bunka & Sheryl McMillan
ASMs / Backstage Crew: Jan Ballard & Dan Wiebe
Co-Owner / Artistic Director: Chad Matchette
Co-Owner / Studio Administrator: Erin Matchette
Costume Liaison: Emily Matchette

Costume Team: Dara Coulter, Kelsey Tierney, & Claire Turner
Head Painter: Jordan Stasuk

Painters: Heidi Barber, Hristina Hristozova, Petra Jachova, Jodi Kaldestad,
Deanna Kayne, Andrea Newington, Rob Newington, & Anna Zagorowicz

Program Design: Emily Matchette

Props Managers: Elisabeth Pollock & Sophia Pollock

Set Design: Dan Wiebe

Set Construction: Dan Wiebe, John Bradbury, & Rob Newington

Volunteer Coordinator: Joanie Bowes

Wigs and Makeup: Ian & Jan Ballard

Madagascar – A Musical Adventure JR.

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A Note from the Artistic Director



Thank You!

Thank you to all our amazing students! You have all worked so hard on your shows and I know how excited you are to share them with your families and friends!

Thank you to all our wonderful families! Your continued support of the studio is appreciated more than you know. Thank you to all our spectacular teachers, staff, crew, and volunteers! Your tireless work to ensure our students have the best experience possible shines through in all the huge smiles we see on stage!

We are so excited for not only our upcoming shows but some new programs at Showstoppers. This July, our Masters and Seniors classes will be taking their first ever trip to New York to take part in workshops with Broadway professionals and of course see some amazing theatre! Next Spring Break, our Show

Choir class will be traveling to Disneyland to perform and take part in workshops with Disney professionals.

I know there have been some challenges with once again changing locations half way through the year, but we are thrilled to be set at the Seniors centre for the foreseeable future and, of course, will continue to look for a new permanent home.

Thanks again for being an amazing community, we couldn't do it without you!

On with the show!

Chad



ABOUT LINDBJERG ACADEMY

Since 1997, the Lindbjerg Academy of Performing Arts is Metro Vancouver's premier destination for musical theatre training. As a performing arts studio, we are proud to offer students the best in both training and performance opportunities.

Training opportunities include: Broadway style production classes, ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, hip hop, acro, show choir, triple threat, plus private lessons for both dance and voice. We are certain that all students from preschool to senior ages will have a chance to nurture and grow their inner star!

Performance opportunities include: Broadway style production classes culminate in an actual show in local theatre space, all performance-based classes perform at the year end recital celebrating everything accomplished throughout the year.

Travel opportunities include: both Glee and Show Choir travel to California to perform at Disneyland and train with Disney professionals, senior students can travel to New York to participate in the Broadway Student Summit (includes show tickets and training with Broadway professionals).

Lindbjerg Academy is located on the traditional and unceded territories of the Kwikwetlem, Stó:lō, Semiahmoo, Qayqayt, Tsleil-Waututh, Tsawwassen, Musqueam, and Stz'uminus Nations, as well as those of the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group. We are honoured to have the opportunity to perform at Riverside Community Church on the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwikwetlem, Tsawwassen, and Stó:lō Nations. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work, play, and learn on these lands, and we respectfully acknowledge the history, spirituality, and culture of the peoples who have lived here since time immemorial.



The use of any recording device, either audio or video, and the taking of photographs, either with or without flash, is strictly prohibited.

Please turn off your cellphone.

CAST

Nadia Ribeiro	Alex
Rassna Johal	Marty
Madelyn Roma	Gloria
Rhys Paredes	Melman
Sylvia MacKenzie	Skipper
Charlotte Tucker	Kowalski
Lucy Eaton	Private
Emilia Sorbara	Rico
Colin Simmons	Mason / Passerby / Lew
Casey Hanson	Phil / Passerby / Lars
Havana Tsukahara	Zookeeper / Old Lady / Lynn
Amy Lee	Lioness #1 / Candy Hammernose / Ship Captain / Lee
Sophie Wang	Lioness / Police / King Julien
Gemma Ji	Lioness / Police / Maurice
Mackenzie Hansen	Lioness / Mort



MUSICAL NUMBERS

It's Showtime
Wild and Free
Best Friends
Relax, Be Cool, Chill Out
Grand Central
Penguins' Sea Shanty
Welcome to Me
I Like to Move It
Steak
Living in Paradise
Foosa Hungry
Best Friends (Reprise)
The King of Madagascar
Together Forever
I Like to Move It (Reprise)

SPECIAL THANKS

Creating a show is no small feat and we couldn't have done it without the work, time, energy, and dedication of many wonderful individuals behind the scenes. To Dan Weibe and John Bradbury, the work you've done preparing sets for eleven shows at four theatres is astounding - thank you. Jan and Ian, your wigs are so incredible, we can not thank you enough for your creativity and beautiful work on this and every show. To our spectacular TAs, Ms Megan and Ms Val, thank you for your dedication and work for this class and show - your work choreographing "Steak" is excellent! To all the volunteers, who help load in and load out the theatre, set up the lobby, sell tickets, and more, and to Joanie for organizing all of those volunteers! To Ms Kim and Ms Sheryl, for coming in, being the best substitute/guest teachers ever, and going above and beyond the norm.

A huge thank you to Chad and Erin for your constant support and guidance and giving the students a place to do what they love. To all the parents for supporting their children's love of theatre. Lastly, to the students who have poured their hearts into this show, we are so so proud of you.

To all of you and to anyone we may have missed, THANK YOU!

-Mr Jesse, Ms Emily, and Ms Kelsey

CAST



LUCY EATON

Lucy is a first-year student at the Lindbjerg Academy. Lucy lives in Port Moody and is in Grade 5 at Moody Elementary school. Lucy loves music – she excels at piano and recently started singing lessons. Besides musical theatre, Lucy loves to read and write. Her creativity covers everything from animated comics to short stories, and she was recently a finalist in the SD43 District speech competition. Lucy would like to thank her Lindbjerg teachers and her family who have supported her musical theatre journey. *Madagascar* is Lucy's favourite movie, and she can't wait to share this performance with you!

MACKENZIE HANSEN

Mackenzie is currently enrolled in the French Emersion program at Mary Hill Elementary. Mackenzie has been a student at the Lindbjerg Academy for Summer Camp 2022 and this season's All Stars. She enjoyed her first experience with Lindbjerg as Fisher II in *Moana Jr*, and is excited to be cast as Mort in *Madagascar Jr*. Besides musical theatre, Mackenzie also enjoys swimming, Lego, and various art projects. Mackenzie would like to thank her teachers for helping her grow her interest in musical theater and her parents for being a taxi. She hopes you enjoy the show!



CASEY HANSON

Casey Hanson is 12 years old and attends middle school in Port Moody. Casey lives with her mom, dad, brother Tucker and her beagle Morty. This is Casey's first production with Lindbjerg Academy. Casey loves singing, dancing, and all things pink.

GEMMA JE

Gemma is in All Stars and it's her first year at Lindbjerg. She goes to Armstrong Elementary. Her family is from South Korea and moved to Canada when she started grade 1. Gemma is playing Maurice, Steak, Police Officer, Lioness, and Animal Control Officer. Gemma's school did a play about the 1800's and she was the main character. Besides musical theatre, Gemma also enjoys babysitting, singing, dancing, cheerleading, and going to school. Gemma would like to thank her awesome teachers for their hard work and support and her parents for driving her to and from rehearsals. Enjoy the show!



RASSNA JOHAL

Rassna is enjoying her first year at Lindbjerg. Some of Rassna's favourite theatre performances include *Descendants* when she played Maleficent at three years old, and the *Nutcracker* in *The Nutcracker*. Rassna played Ms. Scarlet in the play *Clue*, and this year she will be Marty in the Lindbjerg production *Madagascar Jr*. Rassna got her start in theatre with the *Happiness Play* through Theatrix. She sings and enjoys dancing including contemporary, jazz, and hip hop. Rassna loves basketball, arts, writing, and volunteering. She would like to thank her family for always watching her perform and her teachers for their patience.

CAST

AMY LEE

Amy Lee is an enthusiastic performer and has been since a young age. Her earliest memories are of dancing and singing along to animated movies such as 'Moana' and 'Song of the Sea'. She attends Ecole Westridge, is in grade 5 French Immersion and last year loved being a part of the school play *Matilda*. She enjoys playing minecraft, hiking with her Dad and drumming! Amy would like to thank her parents, her dance teachers, and her Westridge school teachers who have encouraged her to continue. She would especially like to thank the Pallister family and Mr Kane for believing in her. She hopes you enjoy the show!



SYLVIA MACKENZIE

Sylvia MacKenzie is in her second year at Lindbjerg Academy and loves being part of the All Stars team. Last year, Sylvia played Chenille in the 2022 production of *Junie B. Jones Jr.* Outside of musical theatre, Sylvia has been involved in Irish Dance since she was five. Sylvia was born, lives, and goes to school in the City of Vancouver. Sylvia loves going to Lindbjerg Academy because she has such great teachers and theatre friends there!



RHYS PAREDES

Rhys was born and raised in New Westminster with his older sister and beagle dog. He has been playing piano since he was 5 and has always loved to perform. This is Rhys' second production with Lindbjerg Academy. Rhys wants to thank his family, especially his mom for convincing his dad to let him join musical theatre.



NADIA RIBEIRO

This is Nadia's 5th year attending Lindbjerg Academy and she is completing grade 7 at Taylor Park Elementary. Previous roles include playing Junie B in *Junie B Jones Jr.*, Stromboli in *Pinocchio Jr.*, Glee class, lyrical, jazz, hip hop and singing with the BC Girls Choir for 2 years. Nadia enjoys spending time with her friends, volleyball, swimming, and singing. She would like to thank her amazing instructor's for pushing and supporting her through this journey. She would also like to thank her family and friends for encouraging her every step of the way. She hopes you all enjoy the show!



MADelyn ROMA

Madelyn AKA Maddy is 12 years old. She was born in North Vancouver and attends school locally. This year is her second year attending the Academy. A few previous roles she has been in, includes playing Lucille in last year's production of *Junie B. Jones Jr.*, as well as being involved in at-school productions. Aside from acting she is active in dance and basketball. She would like to thank her teachers for putting the show together, and her family for supporting her.



CAST



COLIN SIMMONS

Colin is an 11-year-old singer, dancer and actor. They were born and attend school in Burnaby. They enjoy reading, writing, and of course, acting. Colin's favorite supernatural beings are vampires, pixies, and demons. This is Colin's musical theater debut, and they enjoy the works of Lin-Manuel Miranda. Colin is very thankful to the amazing teachers at Lindbjerg and their parents. Colin is very excited to be a part of the Lindbjerg team and happy to be able to act in *Madagascar Jr.*

EMILIA SORBARA

Emilia has been a student at Lindbjerg Academy for two years. She has acted in *Junie B. Jones Jr* and is now acting in *Madagascar Jr.* In addition to theater, Emilia also enjoys swim club, piano and creative writing. Emilia would like to thank her parents for driving her to class rehearsals and performances. She hopes you enjoy the show!



HAVANA TSUKAHARA

This is Havana's first year at Lindbjerg. Havana was born in BC, but she lived in Japan her whole life. There she attended The British School In Tokyo, where she excelled in music. In 2022 she moved to Canada, and now she goes to Millard Middle school. In February, she starred as Ted in *The Lorax Jr* with KidsCan theatre group. She plays ukulele, guitar and piano. She also sings and writes songs. You can find her songs on Spotify at Retro Ensemble Project. She would like to thank her parents and her teachers for their encouragement.

CHARLOTTE TUCKER

This is Charlotte's first full year with Lindbjerg. She was introduced to the school last summer, when she performed in a summer camp production of *Frozen Jr.* Charlotte is a member of her school choir, and is actively involved in swimming and volleyball. Charlotte would like to thank her parents, sister and teachers for all of their hard work and support this year. Enjoy the show!



SOPHIE WANG

Sophie has been a student at Lindbjerg Academy for 2 years. She has acted in the role of May in *Junie B. Jones Jr* before. Sophie also goes to jazz, choir, and plays the cello. Besides musical theatre, Sophie also enjoys bicycling, singing, reading and drawing. This year Sophie's main role is King Julien in *Madagascar Jr.* Sophie would like to thank her teachers for teaching her the show and her parents for driving her to the academy every week. She hopes you enjoy the show!

PRODUCTION



JESSE ALVAREZ **Teacher**

Although he has been away for a couple of months this year, Mr. Jesse is thrilled to be back teaching at both Lindbjerg and Showstoppers this year. He is a multi-faceted artist who has performed across North America and Europe. Mr. Jesse is honoured to be teaching these amazing students and inspiring their passion and creativity as the next generation of artists. Select teacher credits: *Seussical Jr*, *Junie B. Jones Jr*, *Jungle Book Jr*, *Moana Jr* (Lindbjerg), *Peter Pan Jr* (CTORA), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (STMC). Select performer credits: *Starwalker* (Urban Ink), *Seussical* (SaskExpress), *City of Angels* (PIT Collective), *Tom Pinkerton* (VACT), *Not a Day Goes By* (CityOpera Vancouver), *Barber of Seville* (Vancouver Opera), *Spring Awakening* (Phantom Moon), *Rock of Ages* (Renegade Arts), *Joseph...* (Align), *A Chorus Line*, *Facing East* (Fighting Chance), *Godspell*, *Miss Saigon*, *42nd Street*, *The Wiz* (Interlakes Summer Theatre), *LIFT*, and *Carry On* (Awkward Stage).

EMILY MATCHETTE **Teacher / Costume Team**

Calling Lindbjerg home since 2009, Emily has been so thrilled since joining the Showstoppers family last year. She is a graduate of the Musical Theatre program at Capilano University, and the Bachelor of Performing Arts Program at Douglas College. Emily is passionate about youth theatre and creating a safe rehearsal space for exploration and play. This year, they are teaching a total of seven production classes between both studios and are especially



excited to have joined the costume team. Select performing credits: Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical* (Align Ent), Ensemble in *Mamma Mia* (Arts Club), Millie Dillmount in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Exit 22), and Lou Ann in *Hairspray* (TUTS). Select choreographer/director credits: *Frozen Jr* (Lindbjerg/Showstoppers), *Peter Pan Jr* (CTORA), and *American Idiot* (URP - Ovation Nomination for Best Choreography). Upcoming: *Matilda the Musical Jr* (Lindbjerg/Showstoppers Summer Camp!)



KELSEY TIERNEY **Teacher / Costume Team**

Kelsey has spent her childhood surrounded by music. As an original student of Showstoppers Academy in Maple Ridge, she has grown up performing onstage. Favourite past roles at Showstoppers have included Jafar in *Aladdin Jr*, and Anna in *Frozen Jr*. Working at Showstoppers since 2017, Kelsey has performed many different roles including making props and costuming shows, working backstage, reception, and assisting with some of the musical theatre classes. Outside of musical theatre, she recently completed a degree in Archaeology at SFU. She is very proud of all the students and the hard work they have put into their shows.

PRODUCTION

MEGAN LOCKWOOD

Teachers' Assistant / Foosa

Megan has been a student at Lindbjerg for four years. Some of Megan's most memorable performances include Grandma from *The Addams Family YE*, and last year performing as a waitress in *Rock of Ages YE*. Outside of musical theatre Megan also does jazz, musical theatre comp, and show choir. She is so grateful to be working with such a talented group of people and such amazing teachers. She could not be more proud of the All Stars for all the hard work they've put in. She hopes you enjoy the show!



VALENTINA PICARIELLO

Teachers' Assistant / Foosa

Valentina has been a student at Lindbjerg for 7 years. This is her first year being a teachers assistant for a musical theatre class. Some of her favourite previous productions she has done include, *Seussical* (Align Entertainment), *Anything Goes* (Notre Dame), and *13!* (Lindbjerg). Valentina is also very involved with her schools fine arts program, from acting productions to competitive show choirs. She competed with her show choirs at World Strides in New York, this past April. Valentina Competed in 5 different groups they all received gold and high placements. Valentina is so thankful for the opportunity to work with this amazing team to produce this production. From working with the kids, to learning new responsibilities, she enjoys every minute. Enjoy the show!



JAN BALLARD

ASM / Wigs

Jan has worked with the Lindbjerg Academy for many years. She, and her husband Ian, supply, style and work at the shows putting wigs and makeup on for the many different varieties of performances. Jan is very proud to be working along side such a great group of people. She is also a stage manager during showtime - helping with picking up, setting up, and taking down sets. During shows you can always find Dan or Jan on one side of the back stage or the other. It has been another challenging year for all the children but YEAH now the fun begins. Enjoy the shows cause.....Here we GO!



IAN BALLARD

Wigs

Ian Ballard is a professional hair stylist who has worked on stage, film and tv productions as a Head of Dept for over 30 years. He is a master of wigs and period hairstyles and we are fortunate to have him working and sharing his art with us. Ian has been nominated for Emmys on various productions throughout his career and now is happy to mainly work on the wigs and creative styles to help make the stage come alive. Hope you enjoy the show!



PRODUCTION

JOHN BRADBURY **Set Construction**

Learning to build with his grandfather as a child resulted in over 20 years of set design and carpentry for John. In addition to Lindbjerg Academy, he has enjoyed working with Align Entertainment and Boone Dog Productions as well as other Vancouver theatre companies.. Select list of building projects include *The Little Mermaid*, *Lion King*, *Tarzan* and *Peter Pan*. John has loved being a part of the Lindbjerg Family for the past 10 years.



JOANIE BOWES **Volunteer Coordinator**

Joanie Bowes has been a musical theatre fan since she watched her older siblings perform in their high school productions. Her first and last performance was as an ensemble member in *Grease* during her first year of high school. She now prefers to support her daughters and their theatre and dance mates at Lindbjerg Academy. As the volunteer coordinator, she encourages others to come be a part of the show! She promises to not make singing or dancing part of the volunteer responsibilities.



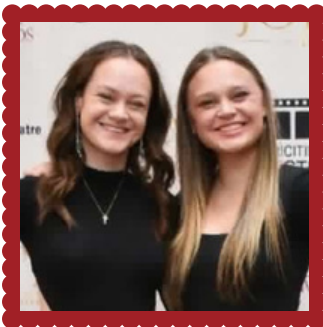
DARA COULTER **Costume Team**

Dara has been a student of Showstoppers Academy since 2012, started assisting with classes in 2017, and joined the staff as an instructor in 2018. She joined the costume team with Lindbjerg in the summer and has loved creating costumes and helping the visions come to life. She has a passion for textiles is grateful for all she has learned from the team. She hopes you enjoy the show!



ELISABETH & SOPHIA POLLOCK **Props Managers**

Elisabeth and Sophia attended Lindbjerg for a combined 10 years. During their time at Lindbjerg they always enjoyed being TAs. Since graduating, they are so grateful to have had the opportunity to come back as the Heads of the Props Department. Although this is new for them, they have previously worked on props for shows as one of the many responsibilities as TAs in the past. This year, they have enjoyed getting to collaborate with all of the amazing TAs in the creative process of props making and sourcing. Enjoy the show!



PRODUCTION

CLAIRE TURNER Head of Costumes



Claire joined the Lindbjerg team in August 2022 and has enjoyed creating the costumes for you to enjoy with the rest of the costume department. She graduated from CapU's Costuming program in 2019. Notable credits include, Assistant Designer and Head Dresser for *9 to 5* (Exit 22 Productions), Head Dresser for *Rock of Ages* (Renegade Arts Society) Costume Designer for *Amphitruo*, A Public Reading of an Unproduced Screenplay about the Death of Walt Disney, *Thy Neighbour's Wife* (United Players of Vancouver), *Happy Birthday*, *Stag & Doe*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* (Metro Theatre).



DAN WIEBE Set Design / Construction

Dan has been involved in musical theatre for the past 15 years. It all started with Lindbjerg Academy where his children joined, and fell in love with singing, dancing and acting. Over the years, and through the help of talented individuals, he has learn the trade of set building and design, and Assistant Stage Management. Past shows include, Align's *The Little Mermaid*, *Joseph*, *Legally Blonde*, *Shrek*, and *A Christmas Story* as ASM, *Legally Blonde*, *Shrek* and *A Christmas Story* as set construction, numerous Lindbjerg Academy productions as Set Design and ASM, Naked Goddess Productions' *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *Bring on Tomorrows' Fame* and *13 the Musical*, and Snapshot Collective's *Sweeney Todd*. Bring on the show!



COMING SOON...

YEAR END RECITALS

June 3rd - 4th, 2023 at Riverside Community Church
SELECT THE IMAGE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!



Lindbjerg Academy
Vocal Show
Saturday, June 3rd at 11am



Showstoppers Academy
Year End Recital
Saturday, June 3rd at 2pm



Lindbjerg Academy
Year End Recital
Saturday, June 3rd at 6pm
Sunday, June 4th at 2pm

SUMMER CAMP 2023

July 4th to 15th, 2023

So much to experience within two action-packed weeks of musical theatre camp! For both the novice and the more experienced performer, all campers will prepare and perform in a fantastic double feature presentation on Saturday, July 15th.

Minis & Juniors

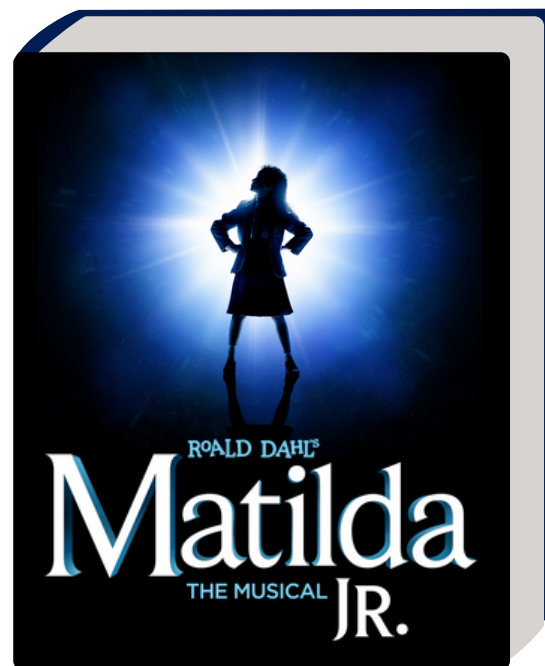
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Seniors

Gr 8-12



COST: \$620 (plus GST = \$651)

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