

MINI STARS
Presents

Disney

The
**Jungle
Book** KIDS

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May 20 - 22, 2022



LINDBJERG ACADEMY
— OF PERFORMING ARTS —



Riverside
Community Church

Lindbjerg Academy's
Mini Stars Class presents



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Music and Lyrics by
RICHARD M. SHERMAN, ROBERT B. SHERMAN
and TERRY GILKYSON

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by
MARCY HEISLER

Music Adapted and Arranged by
Bryan Louiselle

Based on the Screenplay by
Larry Clemmons

Based on the Novel, "The Jungle Book" by
Rudyard Kipling.

Teachers: Jesse Alvaraz, Josh Ballard, Jordan Latimer

Teacher's Assistants: Ava Gil, Kaylen Lomas, and Callie Mozel

ASMs/Backstage Crew: Dan Wiebe & Jan Ballard

Costumes: Maureen Robertson & Ashlene Hutton

Set Design: Dan Wiebe

Set Construction: Dan Wiebe & John Bradbury

Volunteer Coordinator: Joanie Bowes

Studio Administrator: Erin Matchette

Program Design: Emily Matchette

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A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Are we really back?

That is a question I've been asking myself ever since the restrictions began slowly lifting several weeks ago. I've tried my best not to get too excited, knowing full well, as we all do, how quickly things can change but I can't help myself. For the first time in three years, we are heading into a regular show season at Lindbjerg and I can't help but feel excited. Excited that we were once again able to travel to Disneyland with our Glee and Show choir classes to perform and participate in workshops. Excited that our students will be able to experience theatre with a live audience. Excited that after all our hard work over the past couple years we're starting to get back to what we all love, live theatre!

I am so proud of our students, teachers, families, and staff. We've had over two years of challenges, setbacks, and roadblocks but through it all we came together and did what we had to do to ensure our studio survived. I'm so excited to share the coming productions with everyone and I hope everyone has a wonderful time experiencing them LIVE!!!

On with the show!!!



ABOUT THE LINDBJERG ACADEMY

Celebrating 25 years, 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).

The Lindbjerg Academy of Performing Arts humbly acknowledges the land on which we have the privilege to live and work on is the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the $x^w m \theta k^w \acute{a} y \acute{a} m$ (Musqueam), $S k w x w \acute{u} 7 m e s h$ (Squamish), and $S \acute{e} l \acute{i} l w i t u l h$ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.



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CAST

Monkeys

Mowgli Tenley McCready

Bagheera Taylor McKenzie

Baloo Bianca Gerzon

Kaa Aiyne Choi

Perla De Leon

Hope Jahour

Cassidy Liu

Shere Khan Nylah Halstead

Colonel Hathi Emma Barr

Baby Elephant Everly McCready

King Louie Timothy Rhatushnyak

Monkey Kateri Tse

Vultures Margarita Chsherbachenko

Eleanor Potyka

Coconut Tree / Shanti Sophie Meynert

Ensemble Charlotte Meynert

Tomas Orcon

Kensie Wanono

Elephants

Charlotte Meynert

Kensie Wanono

Tomas Orcon

Aiyne Choi

Perla De Leon

Hope Jahour

Cassidy Liu

Nylah Halstead

Emma Barr

Everly McCready

Timothy Rhatushnyak

Kateri Tse

Margarita Chsherbachenko

Eleanor Potyka

Sophie Maynert

Bianca Gerzon

Tenley McCready

Taylor McKenzie

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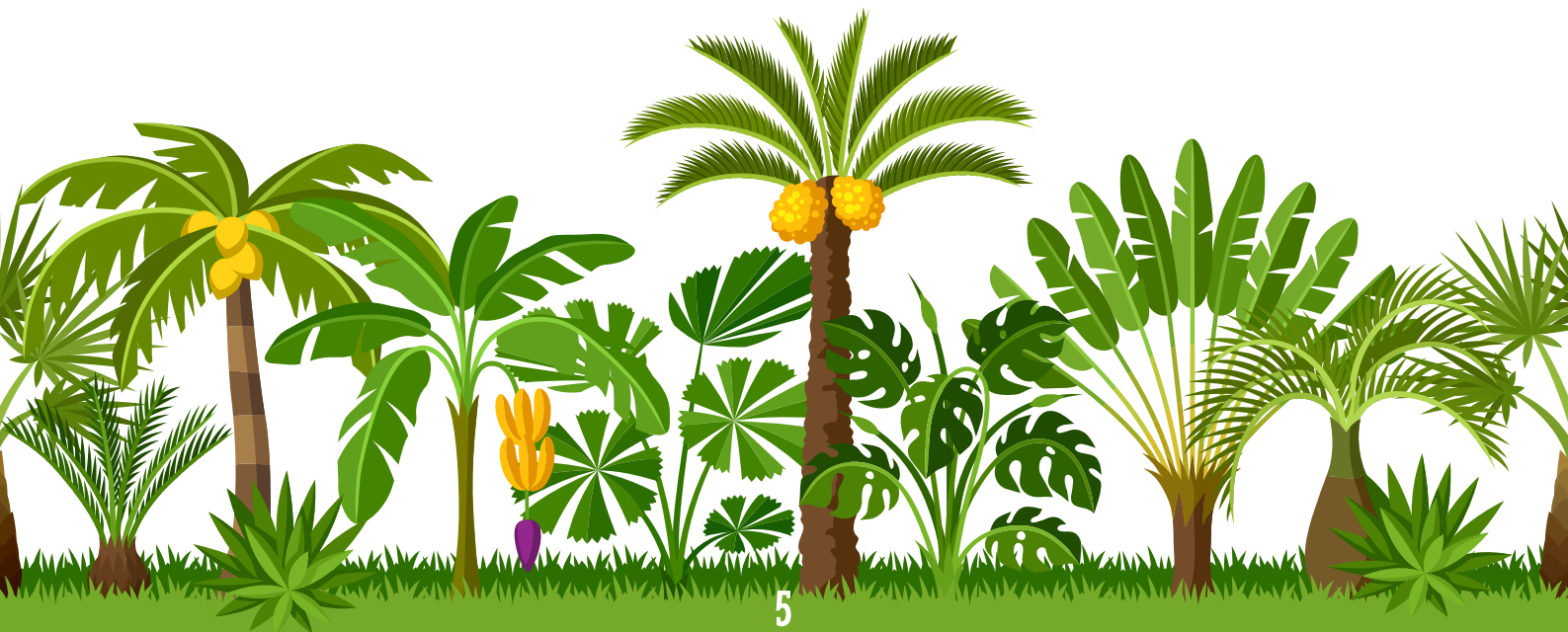


MUSICAL NUMBERS

Jungle Prologue
Trust In Me
Colonel Hathi's March
The Bare Necessities
I Wan'na Be Like You
I Wan'na Be Like You (Reprise)
Shere Khan the Tiger
Mowgil Runs
That's What Friends Are For
The Battle
The Bare Necessities (Reprise-Finale)
I Wan'na Be Like You (Reprise-Bows)

SPECIAL THANKS

There are so many people that helped make this production come together and we could not be more grateful. We would like to thank our awesome TA's; Ava, Kaylen and Callie for giving up their Saturday mornings and helping out wherever they are needed. To Maureen and Ashlene for our costumes. Jan and Ian we appreciate your time spent on wig and make up design. We also could not do the show without our incredible sets from Dan and John and their crew of volunteers. Emily and Erin thank you for all you have done at the studio, with the programs and social media! To the Dan and Jan duo who spend countless hours at the theatre doing everything and anything that is asked of them. Finally, we have to thank Chad for dedicating his life to the studio and to making these kids dream of being on stage a reality. THANK YOU it really does take a whole team and we have the best one!!



CAST



Emma Barr

This is Emma's first year at the Lindbjerg Academy. Emma was born in New Westminster in 2015. She enjoys learning and loves going to school at Children of Integrity Montessori, which she has attended since she was 2.5 years old. Emma is an avid dancer, and she enjoys creating new dances. She also plays the piano. Emma would like to thank her amazing teachers for all they've taught her this year and her parents for signing her up and getting her started at Lindbjerg.

Aiyne Choi

Aiyne has been a student at the Lindbjerg Academy for 1 year. Although this is her first play to perform and act, she's always been a singer, dancer, and performer in different settings. She enjoys practicing with her friends, teachers, and assistant teachers. Outside of drama class Aiyne is an active swimmer, artist and loves everything outdoors. She hopes to develop skills to keep performing and putting smiles to those who come to see the show!



Margarita Chsherbachenko

This is Margarita's first year at the Lindbjerg Academy and she is excited about her first role at Lindberg, the Vulture in Jungle Book. Margarita takes hip-hop, vocal and ballet with the Academy. Margarita also enjoys art, gymnastics, biking and skating. Margarita would like to thank her awesome teachers for their hard work and support and her parents for driving her to and from rehearsals. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Perla De Leon

Perla De Leon, who plays the role of Kaa is thrilled to be a part of The Jungle Book at Riverside Community Church. She is very outgoing and is great at connecting with everyone around her. Besides musical theater and ballet, Perla also enjoys dancing, biking, and exploring her artistic abilities. Perla would like to thank her mom, dad and her little brother, Filip, for their love and support. She is grateful for her amazing teachers and everyone who made this production happen.



Bianca Gerzon

Bianca Gerzon is 7 years old. She lives in Port Moody. This is her first time participating in a theatrical show and she is very excited about that. She is playing Bear Baloo in the Jungle Book musical. Bianca likes dancing, is crafty at painting, plays piano, enjoys kayaking and camping in the nature. She also enjoys going to Lindbjerg Academy rehearsals and is thankful for all the hard work of her teachers and trainers.

CAST

Nylah Halstead

Nylah has been attending Lindbjerg for one year. Her stage credentials includes her part in the play Elf. This past spring break Nylah made her acting debut on Premiere's "Go Iguanas", being the sassy and smart Lydia. Nylah is also a mixed martial artist for 2 years expanding her skills from Taekwondo, Jiu Jitsu, and Muay Thai kickboxing. She enjoys gymnastics and dance as well. Nylah wants to thank her teachers for their guidance and her parents for their ongoing love and support. Enjoy!



Hope Jahour

Hope is 7yrs old and enjoying her first year with Lindbjerg Academy. She loves art, music, dancing and entertaining others. Hope is an enthusiastic learner who is adaptable and enjoys sharing a laugh with her family and friends. Last year, she took ballet, tap and musical theatre with another studio. Hope is looking forward to enrolling in more classes with Lindbjerg Academy next year.



Cassidy Liu

Cassidy is delighted to be a part of her first musical, The Jungle Book Kids! She is thrilled to be taking the role as Kaa. She is a Grade 1 student learning at Meadowbrook Elementary School and taking her first year at Lindbjerg Academy learning jazz and musical theatre. She would like to thank Ms. Jordan, Mr. Josh, Mr. Jesse, all the TAs, and her family. Enjoy the show!



Everly McCready

This is Everly's first year dancing at Lindbjerg Academy and first casting in a musical. She has really enjoyed working along side so many friends this year. Everly loves gymnastics, running, ballet, books and her family. She would like to thank her teachers for inspiring her and her brother and sister for practicing with her. Enjoy the show!



Tenley McCready

This is Tenley's first year at Lindbjerg Academy. She is really enjoying the musical theatre program! She wants to thank her teachers and cast mates for making every week so joy-filled. In her spare time Tenley enjoys playing the piano, writing songs and reading. She hopes you enjoy the Jungle Book.



CAST



Taylor McKenzie

Taylor lives in Coquitlam and is in Grade 1. This is Taylor's first play and first year at Lindbjerg Academy. In her spare time Taylor loves to sing, dance and play soccer. She is super excited to be part of Lindbjerg Academy just like her mom was almost 30 years ago. Taylor wants to thank her teachers for making her first year so enjoyable, her brothers for practicing her lines with her and her parents for all their support. Enjoy the show!

Charlotte Meynert

Charlotte is so excited to be a part of this year's production of The Jungle Book. Her past credits include Deb in Elf the Musical, Annie in Annie, and Spot in 101 Dalmatians. This is Charlotte's 5th year as a student at the Lindbjerg Academy. Charlotte also takes Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, and Acro, along with piano and voice lessons. When Charlotte isn't dancing or singing, you can find her reading, writing and playing lacrosse. She wants to thank her parents for always driving her to all of her many activities. She hopes you enjoy the show.



Sophie Meynert

Sophie is so happy to be back in Mini Stars this year. Last year she played Sandy in her first ever musical Annie. This is Sophie's 3rd year at the Lindbjerg Academy. She also takes kinderdance. Sophie also enjoys piano and voice lessons. She is an avid drawer and a spontaneous singer! When Sophie isn't performing, you can find her playing lacrosse and climbing playground equipment. She hopes you dance along!

Tomas Orcon

It's hard to believe that Tomas' second year at Lindbjerg is almost over. He has had fun being Rooster at the Annie show last year, but he is absolutely loving his role of Baloo at the Jungle Book this year.

He is a second grade student at Brantford French immersion elementary school, does private voice and piano lessons with his favourite teacher Julia and to stay fit, he spends a lot of time on a soccer field or playing with his friends. Tomas is grateful for his family, all his teachers that put up with his never ending supply of energy and for ALL his friends that bring so much joy into his life.



Eleanor Potyka

Ellie has been a student at Lindbjerg Academy for 3 years. She started off in Kinderdance but quickly expanded into MiniStars. She was very excited to perform as Orphan Kate in her first musical theatre role in Annie Kids. Ellie continues to learn ballet at Lindbjerg and is thrilled to be performing in Jungle Book. Besides musical theatre, Ellie enjoys horseback riding, painting and playing with her brother and sister. Ellie would like to thank her wonderful teachers for their guidance and support. She'd also like to thank her family and the audience for their encouragement.

CAST

Timothy Rhatushnyak

This is Timothy's third year with Lindbjerg Academy of Performing Arts and he is absolutely thrilled to be a part of Mini Stars production of Jungle Book playing King Louie. Previously Timothy played the role of Jasper in 101 Dalmatians, and a Policeman in Annie. Aside from theatre Timothy is a hard-working 2nd grader who loves to create comics and play with many friends. Tim would like to thank his mom, friends, his teachers (Mr Josh, Ms Jordan, Mr Jesse), and the TAs! Enjoy the show!



Kateri Tse

Kateri is joining her 2nd year at Lindbjerg, joining halfway during the 2021. She previously played an orphan in Annie Jr with mini stars. She also enjoys her tap dancing lessons at Lindberg. When not at Lindberg, she enjoys drawing and visual art and riding her bike on the sea wall. Kateri would like to thank her teachers for motivating her every week.



Kensie Wanono

Kensie is a fun, loving and energetic 7 year old little lady with a heart of gold. Kensie loves her musical theatre classes; she has been a student at Lindbjerg Academy for 3 years. At Lindbjerg Kensies' roles have included Patches in 101 Dalmatians and Duffy in Annie. Kensie enjoys cheer, dancing, acro and playing Barbies. Kensie would like to thank her teachers for their mentorship and her family for all their love and support. Kensie is very excited to perform and hopes you enjoy the show.



PRODUCTION

Jesse Alveraz ~ Teacher

Jesse is a graduate of the musical theatre program at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy and has performed on stages across North America and Europe. He shared the stage with legendary Soprano Marni Nixon for Lincoln Centre's Winter's Eve Festival and was a part of the audience chorus for "No Time At All" on the 2013 Broadway cast recording of Pippin. Jesse is excited to join the Lindbjerg family and hopes to inspire and nurture the next generation of aspiring performers.

Some performance highlights include: Miss Saigon, Godspell, 42nd Street, and The Wiz(Interlakes), Barber of Seville(Vancouver Opera), LIFT(Awkward Stage), Joseph(Align Entertainment), FAME(Bring On Tomorrow), A Chorus Line(Fighting Chance), Rock of Ages(Renegade), HAIR(SOOP).

Josh Ballard ~ Teacher

Josh is so excited to be joining the team as director/choreographer for this year's Youngstars & Ministars classes. He has an extensive background in musical as well as film & television. He has worked with the Art's Club in their production of Les Miserables, the Playhouse theatre in their production of Oliver and he was also cast in Patrick Street Productions' touring musical The Full Monty. In addition to Josh's theatrical resume, he also has over 20 credits in the film industry working with various networks such as Disney & Nickelodeon. Josh is an alumnus of the Lindbjerg Academy and has been extensively trained in Hip Hop, Jazz and Tap. He has thus far directed & choreographed Beauty and the Beast, Annie, Madagascar, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory & Cinderella. He cannot wait for the year to come!

Jordan Latimer ~ Teacher

Jordan's love of acting and theatre comes from a childhood immersed in the arts. She grew up on film sets and backstage with parents in the industry. She started out as a child model, trained in acting classes in Vancouver, was represented by Lucas Talent, trained on the violin and performed on stage whenever she had the chance. Jordan first started out with the Lindbjerg Academy at 16 where she played Marilla, (Anne of Green Gables) and she never left. Her passion for teaching has contributed to her successful 15+ year career, with children of all ages. She is also a professional teacher with the Coquitlam School District with bachelors in Education and History. Jordan is so happy to share her love for the arts and encourage the development of all the students she works with.

PRODUCTION

Ava Gil ~ Teacher's Assistant

Ava is currently in Grade 10 at Burnaby North Secondary School and is in her 9th year attending Lindbjerg Academy of Performing Arts. This is her first (real) year getting to TA a theatre class, and she is so excited! Being at Lindbjerg for quite a while, Ava has realized the importance of the TA's in her own classes, and she knew when she was little it would be something she would want to do. Getting to work with these students has been a blast and getting to see their smiling faces every Saturday makes her love getting to help them out. Ava can't wait to watch these kids grow just as her TA's have watched her throughout the years. She is so grateful to have worked alongside Jordan, Josh, Jesse and of course the other TA's, Kaylen and Callie. Ava hopes you all enjoy this upbeat and energetic show and all the work put into it!!



Kaylen Lomas ~ Teacher's Assistant

Kaylen is thrilled to be a TA for mini stars this year! This is Kaylen's 5th year at Lindbjerg and 1st year being a TA. Kaylen is in grade 10 and has been studying musical theatre since grade 2. Her favourite productions have been Annie (Missy), The Sound of Music (Rev. Mother), Grease (Sonny), Honk! (Maureen), Mary Poppins (Ensemble), and Frozen (Duke of Weselton), and Beauty and the Beast (Silly Girl). She is honoured to have the privilege to work with such an amazing, energetic and talented group of kids. Kaylen is beyond proud of the Minis, and has loved watching them grow and gain confidence over the year. Enjoy the show!



Callie Mozel ~ Teacher's Assistant

This is Callie's first year as TA at Lindbjerg. She's been at the studio for seven years in total, and loves everyone there like a second family. She's loved watching these kids grow and learn in class, and most importantly have fun! Some of her previous roles include Michael Banks in Mary Poppins Jr, Uncle Fester in The Addams Family Jr, and Young Anna in Frozen Jr. The Ministars worked so hard this year to bring you Jungle Book Jr, and we hope you enjoy the show.



PRODUCTION

Jan Ballard ~ ASM/Wigs and Makeup

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!



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 theater 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 theater 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.



PRODUCTION

Ashleen Hutton ~ Costume Assistant

Ashlene has been with Lindbjerg for 4 years, 2 years as a student and then as costume assistant to Maureen. Once you get hooked on Lindbjerg you just can't leave! Ashlene is so excited to be back in the theatre and so proud of the kids! Enjoy the show!!



Maureen Roberston ~ Head of Costumes

Maureen has been with Lindbjerg Academy for 4 years, in the costume department. Working with these amazingly talented kids has been wonderful! They have worked so hard to bring you their best! Sit back and enjoy! Welcome back!



Dan Wiebe ~ ASM/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 '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', and Snapshot Collective's 'Sweeney Todd'. Bring on the show!

