Lindbjerg Academy's Young Stars Advanced presents



April 28th - 30th, 2023



TERRY FOX THEATRE Lindbjerg Academy's Young Stars Advanced Production of



April 21st - 23rd, 2023

Music by ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN and GLENN SLATER

> Book by DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

Music Adapted and Arranged by David Weinstein

Teachers: Jesse Alvarez, Joel Ballard, & Jordan Latimer Teachers' Assistants: Lulu Hughes & Anique Thiele-Crocker

ASMs / Backstage Crew: Jan Ballard & Dan Wiebe Co-Owner / Artistic Director: Chad Matchette

Co-Owner / Studio Administrator: Erin Matchette

Costume Liaison: Claire Turner

Costume Team: Dara Coulter, Emily Matchette, & Kelsey Tierney

Head Painter: Jordan Stasuk

Painters: Heidi Barber, Hristina Hristozova, Petra Jachova, Deanna

Kayne, Andrea Newington, & Rob Newington

Program Design: Emily Matchette

Props Managers: Elisabeth Pollock & Sophia Pollock

Set Design: Dan Wiebe

Set Construction: Dan Wiebe & John Bradbury

Volunteer Coordinator: Joanie Bowes Wigs and Makeup: Ian & Jan Ballard

The Little Mermaid JR.
Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
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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

best experience possible shines through in all the huge smiles we see on stage! It's an exciting time at the studio. Our competition students are right in the middle of competition season and are performing great! We have three amazing

classes lined up for our summer camp, and our senior students are traveling to New York this summer once again to attend workshops with Broadway professionals and see some amazing shows... not to mention we're only 7 months away from Simply Christmas! Thanks again for being an amazing community, we couldn't do it without you!

On with the show!

About the 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.

Gizmos

Ariel Amelia Aculov

Prince Eric Matthew Haley

Sebastian Laura Sarte

Flounder Charlotte Keller

Scuttle Adelle Cupit

King Triton James Barr

Ursula Raya Streat

Flotsam Jiyun Kim

Jetsam Zoe Hayes-Price

Grimsby Narae Abueg

Andrina Katey Murray

Arista / Chef Louis Emily Muttersbach

Aquata / Carlotta Vivian McKechnie-Lapenski Adelle Cupit

Atina Siggi Kaldestad

Adella Allison Wu

Allana Georgia Orchard

Seahorse Jacob Davidson

Sea Creature Adalie Casey-Holroyd

Gadgets

Georgia Orchard

Matthew Haley

Siggi Kaldestad

Adalie Casey-Holroyd

Vivian McKechnie-Lapenski

James Barr

Allison Wu

Jiyun Kim

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Narae Abueg

Katey Murray

Emily Muttersbach

Amelia Aculov

Raya Streat

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Jacob Davidson

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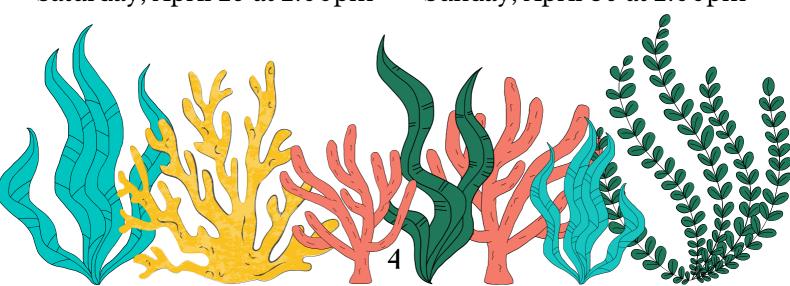
Dance Captain Siggi Kaldestad

Gizmos Shows

Friday, April 28 at 7:00pm Saturday, April 29 at 2:00pm

Gadgets Shows

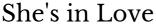
Saturday, April 29 at 7:00pm Sunday, April 30 at 2:00pm



MUSICAL NUMBERS



Fathoms Below
Daughters of Triton
Human Stuff
Part of Your World
Under the Sea
Part of Your World (Reprise 1)



Poor Unfortunate Souls

Les Poissons

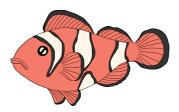
One Step Closer

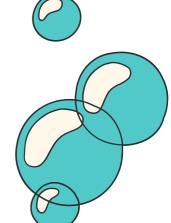
Kiss the Girl

The Contest

Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)

Part of Your World (Finale)







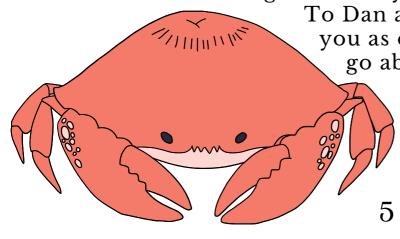
SPECIAL THANKS

There are so many people that helped make this production come together and we could not be more grateful for the endless time and energy spent behind the scenes. We would like to thank our awesome TA's;

Lulu and Anique for their dedication and for being great role models. Thank you to Dan, John and the parent volunteers who helped bring our sets to life. To Claire and the costume department for designing our costumes. To Jan and Ian, we appreciate the time spent styling and applying wigs. To Emily for the creating this program.

To Dan and Jan we are so lucky to have you as our stage managers that always go above and beyond. To the entire

Lindbjerg team, volunteers, parents and families. Finally, to Mr. Chad for making these kids dream of being on stage a reality.





NARAE ABUEG

Narae Abueg is in 5th grade at Pinetree Way Elementary. She has previously performed in junior drama for Evergreen Cultural Centre; this is her first year at Lindbjerg Academy. Aside from musical theatre, she enjoys many hobbies like martial arts, basketball, and paiting. She is on her school's leadership team and an active volunteer. Narae would like to thank all her theatre teachers for their guidance, and her family and friends for their support.

AMELIA ACULOV

Amelia Aculov is a 12-year-old girl who has a passion for singing and dancing. This is her first year at Lindbjerg Academy, and also the first musical she's ever done! She is also a student of acro dance at the same Academy. Besides musical theatre, Amelia does cheerleading, loves to bake and skate. She is grateful to her amazing teachers for building her confidence in singing and acting, as well as her family for supporting her in pursuing her dreams. She invites you to enjoy the show and hopes you'll love it as much as she does.





JAMES BARR

James is an eleven-year-old actor with a love for musical theatre and the performing arts. This is his second full year at Lindbjerg Academy where he also takes voice, jazz, and tap lessons. James plays the violin and has an artistic writing and drawing style. He is thrilled to be part of the musical theatre community. He loves meeting new people and is grateful for the help he has received. James would like to thank his parents for encouraging him. He has enjoyed working on *The Little Mermaid Jr* and hopes you enjoy it!

ADALIE CASEY-HOLROYD

Adalie is 10 years old and in grade 5 French Immersion. This is her first year at Lindbjerg Academy and she is excited to be playing the role of Flounder. She also takes jazz, piano, and vocal lessons. She has done a variety of dance classes in the past. In addition, she enjoys competitive swimming, computer coding, and art. Adalie would like to thank her family and all her teachers at Lindbjerg for believing in her and giving her this opportunity.





ADELLE CUPIT

Adelle Cupit is very excited to be in this year's production of *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Aside from Musical Theatre, Adelle does jazz and tap dance here at Lindbjerg and was the Student of the Month for January. This is her fourth show with Lindbjerg, and her previous roles include Edwina (*Dear Edwina Jr*), Arvide Abernathy/Harry (*Guys and Dolls Jr*), ensemble (*Frozen Jr*) and now her favourite role of Scuttle. She is very excited for this show as it is her favourite classic Disney movie. She would like to thank Ms. Jordan, Mr. Joel, and Mr. Jesse for such a great show.

JACOB DAVIDSON

This is Jacob's first season at Lindbjerg Academy, though he has performed with Stage Coach and in the Evergreen Cultural Centre Christmas Pageant. Jacob is from Pasadena, California, and moved to Port Coquitlam 6 years ago. He attends Grade 5 at Children of Integrity Montessori Academy. Besides musical theatre, Jacob has his brown/black belt in martial arts and is preparing for his black belt test. Jacob would like to thank his awesome teachers for their hard work and support. He would also like to thank his parents and grandparents for their support. Jacob hopes you enjoy the show!





MATTHEW HALEY

Matthew is enjoying his 4th year at Lindberg Academy. He participates in many activities including musical theatre, piano, tap and hip-hop dance. Matthew enjoyed playing the roles of Smee in *Peter Pan Jr*, Billy in *Dear Edwina Jr* and Nicely Nicely Johnson in last years' *Guys and Dolls Jr*. He's looking forward to his role this year as "Prince Eric" in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. He would like to thank his family and teachers for their support and hopes you enjoy the show.

ZOË HAYES-PRICE

Zoë has been at Lindbjerg for 5 years. She has appeared as Mrs. Bucket in *Willy Wonka Kids*, Gus-Gus in *Cinderella Kids*, and Mary Sue Betty Bob and Katie in *Dear Edwina Jr*, but her favourite show is The Little Mermaid! Zoë takes singing lessons, hip hop, and plays the alto sax at school. Zoë loves reading and collecting Squishmallows. She would like to thank her awesome teachers and her parents for help rehearsing at home. Enjoy the show





SIGGI KALDESTAD

Siggi is wrapping up grade 5 at Glenayre elementary, and her third year at Lindbjerg. Roles at Lindbjerg have included Mr. Greenway (*Elf the Musical Jr*), Jojo (*Seussical Jr*) and Ancestor #1 (*Moana Jr*). Siggi was thrilled to play Marta in the Arts Club Theatre Company's production of *The Sound of Music* in 2022, and is beyond excited to be playing Matilda this summer with Theatre Under the Stars Vancouver. Siggi plays piano and also studies jazz, tap, ballet and acro at Lindbjerg. She would like to thank all her teachers and her family for their love and support.

CHARLOTTE KELLER

Charlotte is thrilled to be performing as Flounder in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. She currently takes hip hop and musical theatre at Lindbjerg and has so much fun doing both! When Charlotte is not at Lindbjerg, you can find her on the soccer field or hanging out with her friends. Charlotte is thankful to all the amazing teachers and director at Lindbjerg and is excited for all that's still to come! What a great year it has been at Lindbjerg!



JIYUN KIM



Since joining Lindbjerg five years ago, Jiyun has enjoyed playing various roles in theatre productions like *Seussical Jr*, *Cinderella Kids*, *Dear Edwina Jr* and *101 Dalmatians Jr*. Jiyun loves swimming, riding her bicycle, snowboarding, climbing trees and jumping on the trampoline. Jiyun thanks her awesome teachers for their guidance and support.

VIVIAN MCKECHNIE-LAPENSKI

Vivian McKechnie-Lapenskie is a French Immersion student about to graduate from grade 5 at Irvine Elementary. This is her third year at Lindbjerg, having performed last year in the Young Stars production of Seussical Jr as Mayzie and the year before in Dear Edwina Jr as Suzie. She loves singing and dancing and all the friends she has made at Lindbjerg! Vivian would like to thank her parents, siblings, pets, her teachers Miss Jordan, Mr. Joel, Mr. Jesse, Miss Jianna, TAs Mr. Trey and Miss Lulu, Miss Anique, and, of course, Mr. Chad! She is very excited to be playing Aquata, Carlotta, and, most especially, Scuttle, in the Young Stars Advanced production of The Little Mermaid Jr!



KATEY MURRAY



This is Katey's first year at Lindbjerg. She takes singing lessons and has been taking dance classes since the age of 2. Katey also loves soccer and plays in the development league for Port Moody and swims for the Coquitlam Sharks. In her spare time you will find Katey gaming with her friends or reading graphic novels. Katey thanks her parents and teachers for their support.

EMILY MUTTERSBACH

Emily has been performing in Lindbjerg musical theatre for 5 years. This is the second time she has been a chef in a musical. Currently she is looking forward to her first classes in home economics at middle school, with her family hoping she will move from stage chef to a home chef. When not at Lindbjerg classes, Emily creates Minecraft worlds, swims, and hangs out with big brother. She dedicates her performance to her Grandpa, a fan of musicals since the 1950s and hopes one day they can watch it together online.





GEORGIA ORCHARD

Georgia is very happy to portray Ariel in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. She loves being at Lindbjerg and has performed in *Peter Pan Jr*, *Dear Edwina Jr*, *Guys and Dolls Jr* and *Frozen Jr*. Georgia is working on an acting career and has been in Hallmark's "My Christmas Family Tree", and hopes for more roles in the future. Georgia thanks her parents and her little brother for all their support and the secret language that if she throws her script at them it means to run lines. She is very excited to share the show with you, so sit back, relax and enjoy the show!

LAURA SARTE

Laura has enjoyed her acting, singing and dancing experiences as a student at Lindbjerg Academy since 2017. Laura has played the roles of Kelly (*Dear Edwina Jr*) and the Mayor (*Seussical Jr*). This year she is excited to be Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid Jr* In addition to ballet, lyrical, jazz, acro, and musical theatre, Laura enjoys learning to play ukulele. She would like to thank her wonderful teachers for their support and her parents for getting her to class on time. Laura hopes you have fun watching the performance.



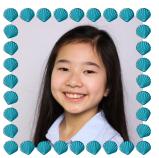


RAYA STREAT

Raya is thrilled to be "part of your world" performing as Ursula and Adella (mer-sister) in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. This is Raya's second stage performance, building upon her experience as Sarah Brown in *Guys and Dolls Jr* in 2022. She'd like to thank Rassna and Addyson for their constant encouragement to practice, and her parents for supporting her love of acting and singing through Lindbjerg.

ALLISON WU

Allison has been a student at Lindbjerg Academy for 4 years. She is excited about her role as Ursula in *The Little Mermaid Jr*. Allison also takes tap and jazz classes, and vocal lessons with Lindbjerg. In addition to acting and dancing, Allison also enjoys playing tennis, skiing, bicycling, reading, and writing her own stories. Allison would like to thank her wonderful teachers and TAs for their hard work and support. She hopes you enjoy the show!





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).

JOEL BALLARD Teacher

Joel is a sometimes choreographer, sometimes actor, and full time fan of watching this class grow and have fun. Previous choreography credits include *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Anne of Green Gables* (Trinity Western University), *In the Heights* (The Lindbjerg Academy), *Peter Pan* (Extreme Theatre), and the pilot episode of *Gumboot Kids* (CBC). As an actor, he has been seen on stages across Canada and has appeared in both film and television.





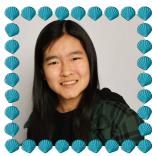
JORDAN LATIMER Teacher

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, was represented by Lucas Talent, studied the violin for years, 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 teacher with the Coquitlam School District. Jordan is so happy to share her love for the arts and encourage the development of all the students she works with.

LULU HUGHES Teachers' Assistant

This is Lulu's second year as a TA, last year TAing YSA's *Guys And Dolls Jr*. Lulu has been a student at the academy for the past 12 years focusing on musical theatre, tap and jazz. After being a performer for so long, she has been happy to get to experience the other side of theatre, getting to help with a little bit of everything and watch the kids work hard and grow as performers to bring the show to life over the



past months. She would like to thank the YSA teachers for all the support and tasks they have entrusted her with to help bring this show to life!



ANIQUE THIELE-CROCKER Teachers' Assistant

This is Anique's 7th year at Lindbjerg. She is a grade 11 student at Heritage Woods Secondary and has been dancing for 14 years. At Lindbjerg, she's been in shows such as *The Lion King Jr*, *Honk! Jr*, *Mary Poppins Jr*, *Rock of Ages YE*, and this year she's so proud to help these kids put on *The Little Mermaid Jr*! This is Anique's first year as a TA and she has been amazed at the talent these kids have all brought to show. She hopes you enjoy watching it as much as she's enjoyed working with these kids!



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.





IAN BALLARD Wigs and Makeup

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.

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.

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!





EMILY MATCHETTE Costume Team / Program Design Calling the Lindbjerg Academy home since 2009 when they began there as a student, 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, he is teaching a total of seven production classes between both studios and is especially excited to have joined the costume team. Upcoming shows include: Honk Jr (Lindbjerg), Shrek Jr (Showstoppers), Frog and Toad Kids (Lindbjerg), and Madagascar Jr (Lindbjerg).



ELISABETH POLLOCK & 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!

KELSEY TIERNEY Costume Team

Miss Kelsey has spent her childhood surrounded by music. As an original student of Showstoppers, 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, Miss Kelsey has performed many different roles including making props and costuming shows, working backstage, reception,



and assisting with some of the musical theatre classes. She is very proud of all the students and the hard work they have put into their shows.



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 ASM / Set Design / Set 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 the Musical*, and A



Christmas Story as ASM, Legally Blonde, Shrek the Musical 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!

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MINI STARS

ALL STARS





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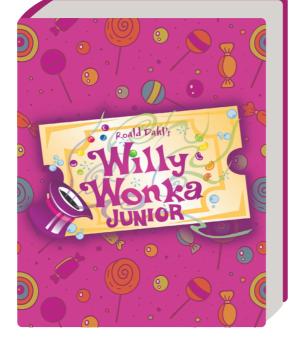








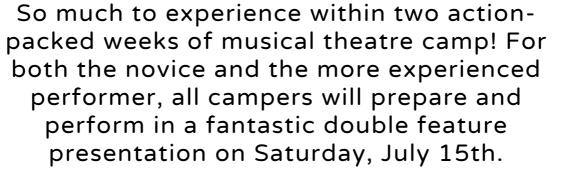




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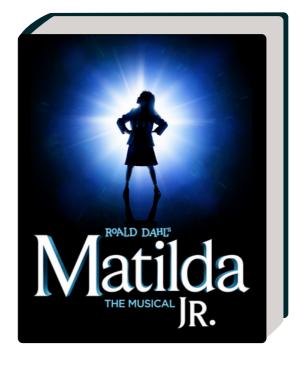
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Seniors

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