

KULIA AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS



Director / Choreographer: Cynthia Oh

Producer / Theatre Director: Christianne "CJ" Jardin

Music & Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music & Lyrics by Lebo M., Mark Mancina, Ray Rifkin, & Hans Zimmer

Based on the Broadway Production Directed by Julie Taymor

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About After-School All-Stars Musical

These productions began in 2014, on a thoughtful whim, after seeing the EXTRA-ordinary singing and dancing talent from the Kulia After-School All-Stars performing arts students. The first production, Frozen the Musical, was completed in only one quarter during the school year! Every year thereafter, the productions have gained more support and funding. A majority of the stage art, props creation/design, and costume design have been facilitated and generated by the students *themselves*. The continued support from the Jarrett Administration, faculty, and parents have been a driving force in the success of these musical productions. This year marks 8 years of successful shows— from Frozen, the Lion King, Beauty & the Beast Jr., Mulan Jr., Aladdin Jr., The Little Mermaid Jr., Frozen Jr., and *now* The Lion King Jr.

The Lion King Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

Rafiki – Willow Ishihara & Jonhevi Francisco

Mufasa – Trevor Nakashima

Sarabi – Destiny Deleon Guerrero

Zazu – Evelyn “Evie” Arakaki

Scar – Leon Nguyen

Young Simba – Jyukon Brito

Young Nala – Keo Panoke

Adult Simba – Courtney Marron

Adult Nala – Willow Ishihara

Sarafina – Tina Kodama

Shenzi – Angelica Fong

Banzai – Zoe St. Aubin

Ed – Khloe Drabczyk

Timon – Maran Robinson

Pumba – Ken Phommachanh-Janutol

Dancers – Evie Arakaki, Jyukon Brito, Chase Chambers, Khloe Drabczyk, Jersey Flores, Angelica Fong, Jonhevi Francisco, Xavier Johnson, Tina Kodama, Kelcie Kwok, Brooklyn Lott, Courtney Marron, Mahealani Moepono, Leon Nguyen, Lariyah Oyama, Keo Panoke, Rhylee Pula, Eva Snook, Zoe St. Aubin, Emma Venckova

Chorus – Lola Grant, Destiny Deleon Guerrero, Casey Komatsu, Maran Robinson

CASHIANELLE ALFRED

ASAS JMS Program Leader / Backstage Manager



Cashianelle is a student at KCC, with a major in social work. One of her goals in life is to help recover the foster care system & reunite kids with their families. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music, doing street photography, and being a dog mommy! A fun fact about her is that she is a JMS & Kulia All-Stars Alumni. She was part of the first Kulia Lion King cast in 2016, where she played the role of Timon. Coming back to assist Ms. Cynthia & Ms. CJ now as a Program Leader has been one of Cashianelle’s greatest opportunities and experiences. She is in awe of how the musical program has gone from ‘flickering stage lights’ to having professional color lights and cool fog machines. Cashianelle is overjoyed to see how much the Kulia Musical has grown over the past years. She would like to thank the Lion King Jr. cast for their hard work and dedication to this production. As she was a part of the very beginning of Kulia Musical, Cashianelle is grateful for the continuation of the productions!

JOELLIE JOJO ANTONIO

ASAS JMS Site Coordinator



Jojo moved from Washington 8 years ago and has worked for ASAS for 7 years (since 2017). She loves working with students and is their biggest cheerleader.

She has two cats named Janet and Tea-cup. In her spare time, she likes to cook all kinds of yummy food and bake sweet treats. She also loves to sing and play guitar.

Jojo's favorite part of musical is seeing the kids light up with excitement and cheer each other on. The hardest part of musical is trying to get the students to listen and be quiet backstage. Jojo thanks all of the students for filling her cup everyday and All-Stars for allowing her this opportunity to be a part of something amazing.

ACT 1

Circle of Life - Willow Ishihara, Ensemble

Grasslands Chant- Jyukon Brito, Trevor Nakashima, Ensemble

The Lioness Hunt- Ensemble

I Just Can't Wait to be King- Jyukon Brito, Keo Panoke, Evie Arakaki, Ensemble

Be Prepared- Leon Nguyen, Angelica Fong, Zoe St. Aubin, Khloe Drabczyk, Ensemble

They Live in You- Trevor Nakashima, Jyukon Brito, Ensemble

The Stampede- Jyukon Brito, Trevor Nakashima, Leon Nguyen, Angelica Fong, Zoe St. Aubin, Khloe Drabczyk, Ensemble

The Mourning- Destiny Deleon Guerrero, Tina Kodama, Keo Panoke, Willow Ishihara, Leon Nguyen, Angelica Fong, Zoe St. Aubin, Khloe Drabczyk, Ensemble

Hakuna Matata- Ken Phommachanh-Janutol, Maran Robinson, Jyukon Brito, Courtney Marron, Ensemble

INTERMISSION: JOURNEY TO PRIDE ROCK VIDEO

ACT II

Shadowland- Willow Ishihara, Jonhevi Francisco, Ensemble

Can You Feel the Love Tonight- Ken Phommachanh-Janutol, Maran Robinson, Courtney Marron, Willow Ishihara, Ensemble

He Lives in You- Jonhevi Francisco, Courtney Marron, Trevor Nakashima, Ensemble

Luau Hawaiian Treat- Ken Phommachanh-Janutol, Maran Robinson, Angelica Fong, Zoe St. Aubin, Khloe Drabczyk, Ensemble

Finale- Courtney Marron, Willow Ishihara, Destiny Guerrero, Tina Kodama, Evie Arakaki, Ken Phommachanh-Janutol, Maran Robinson, Jonhevi Francisco, Trevor Nakashima, Ensemble

PRODUCTION STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Director/Choreographer: Cynthia Oh

Producer/Theatre Director: Christianne "CJ" Jardin

Production/Electronic/Tech Assistants: Denton & Derek Mizumoto

Student Stage Art: Lola Grant, Brianna Kam, Willow Ishihara, Casey Komatsu, Doris Wang, Kajh Dunmore, Leah Pickford, Olivia Nakao, Kendall Mahiai, Kelcie Kwok, Jersey Flores, Vivienne Landino, Vicky Lin, Kulia Stage Art classes

Volunteer Stage Art: Megumi Sodetani, Giselle Robles, Abigail Clay Nguyen, Bella Etuati, Journey Flores, Humi Yoshizawa

Props Designers/Creators: Brianna Kam, Olivia Nakao, Lola Grant, Andrew Grant, Willow Ishihara, Scott Ishihara, Cynthia Oh, Denton Mizumoto, Kulia Stage Art classes

Lighting Designer & Lightboard: Christianne "CJ" Jardin

Curtains, Lighting, & Fog Machine Assistants: Doris Wang, Leinaala Keau, Kajh Dunmore, Ray Wang, Kendal Mahiai, Casey Komatsu

Sound: Cynthia Oh, Denton Mizumoto

Spotlight Operator: Marcus Huang-Inouye, Tayler Espinda

Backstage Manager: Christianne "CJ" Jardin, Cashianelle Alfred

Backstage Crew: Doris Wang, Leinaala Keau, Kajh Dunmore, Ray Wang, Kendall Mahiai, Leah Pickford, Brady Kudo, Peyton Fujiwara, Brianna Kam, Olivia Nakao

Backstage Staff: Joellie Antonio, Cashianelle Alfred, Tayler Espinda, Dio Distajo, JMS Kulia Program Leaders

Hair & Make-Up: Cynthia Oh, Joellie Antonio, Willow Ishihara, Victoria Arakaki, Rochelle St. Aubin, Cashianelle Alfred, Lola Grant

Costume Design/Creation: Cynthia Oh, Rochelle St. Aubin, Karin Brito, Audrey Shiotsu, Lisa Okudara

DEREK MIZUMOTO

Production Assistant

Born and raised in Palolo Valley, Derek obtained his Bachelors in Mathematics, and will shortly finish his Masters in mathematics as well. He is currently a prospective Ph.D. candidate for the math department; hoping to begin a new journey into mathematical research. His main mathematical interests are homology, simplicial complexes, and Reisner ideals. Specifically, how they relate to the algebraic structures of neural codes. Derek has been a math/physics tutor for grades 6-12 for various companies for about 10 years now. Helping students realize their intellectual potential has been rewarding for him.

His current volunteer work for the musical is mostly photography based. However, his largest photography passion is actually towards arachnids and insects; Derek finds them fascinating. His other interests include- fishing, arm wrestling, calisthenics, body building, western calligraphy, crystals, woodworking, electronic DIY, playing Disney songs on piano, and lots of cats.

Derek's favorite part about the musical is that it gives him a sense of community. He believes that seeing everyone come together to make something memorable is quite beautiful. Since a lot of Derek's academic work is so theoretical, the musical has been a very grounding activity for him as well. When he is able to help with minor stage art projects, it lets some creativity flow too. The most difficult part about the musical is balancing his work, school, and volunteer work for the musical. It's also a bit difficult knowing that one of these years will be the last. Derek will miss CJ & Cynthia.

DENTON MIZUMOTO

Production Assistant



Denton currently works as a tech assistant and substitute teacher at JMS. He is also a Kulia volunteer. His degree is in philosophy and minor in women's studies. Denton received his post baccalaureate in Secondary Education Science 3 years ago. His hobbies include laser/lights/audio/electronics. Denton has been assisting with Kulia Musical productions since 2015. He does it because it gives students something outside of school and it brings the community together such as staff, teachers, parents, and past students. He also finds it fun!

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After-School All-Stars:

Jarrett Kulia ASAS Staff, Joellie Antonio, Cashianelle Alfred, ASAS Hawaii Management, Paula Fitzell

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EVELYN EVIE ARAKAKI ZAZU & DANCER



8th grade

Favorite part: Performing for everyone and putting a smile on people's faces.

Most difficult part: Spacing on the stage.

About me: When I was in the 2nd grade, I came and watched some friends in Jarrett's Mulan. Ever since that day, I have been musical's biggest fan and I am so happy to participate in an amazing experience.

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia and Ms. CJ for always being here for me and inspiring me to do what I love. Also, everyone who helped make this possible.

JYUKON BRITO YOUNG SIMBA & DANCER



6th grade

Favorite part: Being Young Simba. Being near my friends. Seeing Mrs. Cynthia & Ms. CJ!

Most difficult part: All of the distractions on the side.

About me: One of my favorite desserts are chocolate ice cream! My favorite food is burritos! I like wolf dragons, and my favorite color is purple! When I am in musical, I feel better and all of my negativity goes away. Oh and also I am a good drawer and singer.

Thank you: All of my friends, Mrs. Cynthia, and Ms. CJ for supporting me and for telling me not to give up when I feel like giving up!

CHRISTIANNE CJ JARDIN

Musical Theater Director & Producer



CJ grew up in the Chicago and San Francisco areas, and decided to move to Hawai'i to enjoy surfing tropical waters. She has worked with After-School All-Stars at Jarrett since 2012. Throughout the years, CJ has delved in all aspects of teaching and coaching within the organization, including Head Sports Coach, Chess Coordinator, and was the Jarrett ASAS Site Coordinator from 2013-2018. However, her passion for mentoring the students in the Kulia Musicals is the reason why she is still working on her 8th production.

CJ has a Bachelors degree in Psychology & Legal Studies, a Masters degree in Forensic Psychology, and works in healthcare. In her rare free time, CJ enjoys surfing, traveling the world, basketball, drums, and spending time with her 3 dogs. She prefers to be backstage rather than on the stage; and constantly spends time thinking of new ideas to improve the musical productions. She has an interest in music and has experience playing drums, piano, and saxophone. Directing these musicals has been a surprising, yet fulfilling passion for her. CJ's favorite aspect of the Kulia Musical productions is guiding and witnessing students to find confidence within themselves both on the stage and in life. CJ has postponed pursuing her doctorate degree to continue these musical productions. Although it is a large sacrifice, the time she spends with the Kulia Musical students is greatly treasured.

CYNTHIA OH

Director & Choreographer



Cynthia was born and raised in Oahu and has a degree in psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She has worked with After-School All-Stars since 2011 and has been directing and choreographing Kulia Musicals since 2015. During the school day Cynthia works with the ELL students at Jarrett Middle School. In her free time Cynthia enjoys taking dance classes and catching up with the latest movies.

A passion for dance started when she was three-years-old, and has been trained in hip-hop, jazz and ballet. In 1999 she joined Dance Central and has been teaching Hip-Hop since 2011. Cynthia has also danced with Boogie Down Productions where she has participated in dance competitions such as World of Dance and Spotlight. She has a music background with more than 10 years of experience playing the violin. In her youth, she was part of the Honolulu Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus. Music and performing has been a huge part of Cynthia's life and she loves to share that with her students. Giving her students a safe space to freely and creatively share their talents is her passion.

CHASE CHAMBERS DANCER



6th grade

Favorite part: Dancing & being with all my friends.

Most difficult part: Being an under study for Simba.

About me: I used to be in shows in the 4th & 5th grade. I was in a Hawaiian show for parents. I also have played in sports, which is also performing for people.

Thank you: My parents, Ms. Cynthia, Evie, all of the cast & crew.

DESTINY DELEON GUERRERO SARABI



8th grade

Favorite part: Meeting friends and making memories. I also love getting to act and become a new person.

Most difficult part: Giving my 110%.

About me: I love to play volleyball and hang out with my friends.

Thank you: The Jarrett Foundation, Ms. Cynthia, Ms. CJ, and the musical cast and crew. The Jarrett Foundation provides musical with food and funding for the shows. Ms. Cynthia & Ms. CJ sacrifice a bunch just to plan these musical for us and my heart goes out to them for not giving up on us, even when we were difficult. The musical cast and crew are always there for each other and will do anything for one another. I want to thank these wonderful people.

KHLOE DRABCZYK ED & DANCER



7th grade

Favorite part: The song "Be Prepared."

Most difficult part: Probably coming out on time on some parts of the musical.

About me: I like to sing, dance, and act so that's why I joined the musical. I love being with my friends

Thank you: My mom, Nan and my sisters. Also my Dad for supporting me in the musical.

KAJH DUNMORE BACKSTAGE



8th grade

Favorite part: Funny friends & good memories. Eating other people's food during lunch.

Most difficult part: Moving Pride Rock because it is so heavy.

About me: I love Garfield.

Thank you: My friend Lola, because she asked me to join.



BEHIND THE SCENES



RUNXIN RAY WANG BACKSTAGE



7th grade

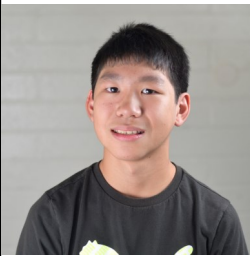
Favorite part: When Nala goes to visit Scar. It is an intense scene.

Most difficult part: When backstage has to move everything into place in a short amount of time.

About me: I am a 7th grader who does backstage in the musical. I was born in China & lived there until I was 8 years old, therefore, English is not my first language. However, I think my level is kind of the same as my peers now. I enjoy playing violin in my free time; I feel I am good at it. I also performed at the Kulia All-Stars Q3 Hoike Event with Leon & Evie. I enjoy musical very much; I am thinking of going to come back next year.

Thank you: All the cast, teachers, Ms. Cash, my friends, & my family.

MARCUS HUANG-INOUYE SPOTLIGHT



9th grade

Favorite part: Coming to help the musical staff every Saturday.

Most difficult part: Knowing what to do.

About me: I am in high school. I help out at Kulia All-Stars program on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia, Ms. CJ, & all of the adults for their hard work. To the musical cast for putting the effort to come to Kulia All-Stars rehearsals. Much love to everyone!

JERSEY FLORES DANCER



6th grade

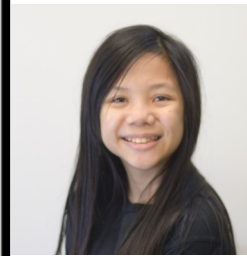
Favorite part: I love to learn different dance choreography. I love to be together with the actors, singers, dancers, & have fun together.

Most difficult part: We have to keep track of every single cue such as memorizing lines, dancing full out.

About me: My favorite color is turquoise. I LOVE dogs! Some of my other hobbies besides dancing are volleyball and drawing.

Thank you: My dance teacher, Ms. Cynthia, for teaching me new types of dance moves for musical. My friends for helping me to improve my dancing. My family, especially Mom, because she always drops me off to rehearsals.

ANGELICA FONG SHENZI & DANCER



6th grade

Favorite part: Getting to dance & having an acting part.

Most difficult part: Putting face & hand emotion. Also, smiling while dancing.

About me: Hi! My name is Angelica Fong. I'm a dancer and an actor! My role is a hyena which I'm glad to be! My favorite food is noodles, especially spicy ones. I dislike pickles because they look gross. My favorite quote is, "Inspiration comes from within yourself. One has to be positive. When you're positive, good things happen." I hope everyone has a good life. Just believe you can and you're halfway there. Thank you!

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia & Ms. CJ for putting up Lion King Jr. I wish we can do Cinderella next year. Thank you for doing musical.

JONHEVI FRANCISCO RAFIKI & DANCER



8th grade

Favorite part: Making memories with my cast and crew.

Most difficult part: Tolerating my fellow students or the tricks we learn for songs.

About me: This is my 2nd Kulia Musical that I'm doing. When I was little, I was obsessed with singing because I always watched musicals online.

Thank you: Lola Grant, my friends, Ms. CJ, Ms. Cynthia, Mr. Denton, and Dr. Kuba.

PEYTON FUJIWARA BACKSTAGE



8th grade

Favorite part: Getting to hang out with friends.

Most difficult part: Figuring out what costume is used.

About me: I am an 8th grader. This is my 3rd year in musical. I have 2 older sisters who were Kulia Musical alumni.

Thank you: Mrs. Cynthia, Ms. CJ, & my friends Tina and Destiny.

EMMA VENCKOVA DANCER



6th grade

Favorite part: The people because most of my friends are in musical. I enjoy seeing my friends on the weekends during rehearsals.

Most difficult part: Smiling while dancing & pointing your toes.

About me: I am a dancer in our Lion King Jr. Musical. I really like cats. My favorite TV show is Young Sheldon.

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia for all the choreography. Ms. CJ for the musical actually being a thing at Jarrett Middle School.

DORIS WANG BACKSTAGE/CURTAINS/LIGHTS



8th grade

Favorite part: Being able to see my friends.

Most difficult part: Remembering what to do with the lights & when to close/open the curtains.

About me: I am in the 8th grade. I am Chinese. I do piano. This is my first year in musical.

Thank you: Ms. CJ & Ms. Cynthia to give up their weekends to come to musical rehearsals.

EVA SNOOK DANCER



6th grade

Favorite part: When Nala & Simba reunite because it's cute & sweet. I love the song, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight."

Most difficult part: Staying quiet when we are waiting for our songs because I like talking with my friends, but I can't disrupt the scenes.

About me: I like spending time with my family & friends, playing volleyball, going to the beach, listening to music, playing with my cousins, dancing, singing, and playing my clarinet.

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia for teaching us all of the dances & never giving up on us. Ms. CJ for always pushing us to be better & giving good feedback.

ZOE ST. AUBIN BANZAI & DANCER



6th grade

Favorite part: Everything.

Most difficult part: Everything.

About me: I am allergic to shellfish. I have a dog. I like being in the musical.

Thank you: My Mom for making costumes. Ms. CJ for producing the musical & helping with the lights. Ms. Cynthia for teaching the dances. I also want to thank everyone that helped with the musical.

LOLA GRANT CHORUS & MAIN ARTIST



8th grade

Favorite part: Being around my friends and making new ones.

Most difficult part: The stress of painting. Trying to get things done quickly and not mess up anything.

About me: I like playing sports such as soccer, volleyball, and so on. I started painting last year. I enjoy writing. I like hanging out with friends.

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia & Ms. CJ for putting the work and effort into completing this musical and pushing everybody to do their best.

WILLOW ISHIHARA RAFIKI & ADULT NALA



7th grade

Favorite part: I enjoy working with my friends every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to make this musical better than the day before.

Most difficult part: Having enough energy to make it through Saturday rehearsals. I'm not a morning person!

About me: I enjoy art/animation, Indie Rock, Singing, Musical. I am also probably 55% tea because of how much of it I drink.

Thank you: Mr. Au Young and my Dad for convincing me into doing musical. It's a very big part of my life now, and I enjoy every bit of it.

XAVIER JOHNSON DANCER



8th grade

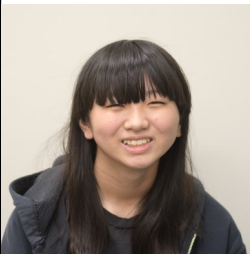
Favorite part: When rehearsing and you make a mistake, you can fix the mistake.

Most difficult part: Post rehearsal, when the pain kicks in.

About me: I enjoy watching anime, cooking, playing RPG, and other types of games. I am happy most of the time. I'm hoping that I can go to KCC to attend the culinary course to be a high class type of chef.

Thank you: ASAS, Ms. Cynthia, & Ms. CJ.

BRIANNA KAM BACKSTAGE & STAGE ART



8th grade

Favorite part: The songs, the people, and everything. Also, the events and helping with backdrop.

Most difficult part: On Saturdays, staying until 4pm or later. Figuring out what role you have.

About me: I love kuromi and the color purple and black. I love my friends and "children." I'm usually the person to give my friends snacks. My favorite Program Leader is Mr. Tayler & Ms. Cynthia. I have been in Kulia for 3 years. I like to paint. Mr. Marcus, Mr. Kyle, and Ms. Lainee are my favorites too.

Thank you: Ms. Jojo, my parents, and my friends.

RHYLEE PULA DANCER



6th grade

Favorite part: The props & dances. The props are really pretty, though it does take a lot of time to completely finish. I also enjoy learning & doing the dances. I do really enjoy being in musical, therefore, it is worth it.

Most difficult part: Learning the dances. It was difficult because there were so many things to do in such little time, which caused a bit of rushing. Though we only dance for 45-60 minutes, it gets really tiring. In the end, our hard work does seem worth it.

About me: My sister joined in the performance and art section. I have been wanting to come into middle school & do the same thing she did such as perform & help out. My favorite color is green/blue. My hobby is doing art & my favorite food is sushi/seafood.

Thank you: Firstly, Ms. Cynthia & Ms. CJ for leading the musical production Ms. Cynthia choreographs the dances & perfects them. They also work with the scenes & it takes a lot of time; as you can see, it turned out great. Ms. Jojo for helping. Lastly, JMS for supporting the musical by providing the lights and microphones.

MARAN ROBINSON TIMON & CHORUS



6th grade

Favorite part: I like hanging out with Emma, Eva, Jyukon, Leah & all of the 6th grade. I also like to watch "He Lives In You" when I am waiting for the jungle scenes after it.

Most difficult part: Not being awkward with Ken (Pumba) but we've been working on it. Also, not stuttering my lines.

About me: I like Math & ELA. I love being in the musical. I love comics like Garfield, Calvin & Hobbes, & Demon Slayer. I also like playing Minecraft. I have lived in 5 places (Alaska, Korea, Hawaii, Kansas, & Montana).

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia & Ms. CJ for making this possible. All of the volunteers. My friends for encouraging me. My parents.

KEN PHOMMACHANH-JANUTOL PUMBA



8th grade

Favorite part: The people & experiences.

Most difficult part: Not fooling around & getting my role correct.

About me: I like to travel. I like to play guitar. I skateboard.

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia & Ms. CJ for making this possible. I would also like to thank my Dad for being there for me.

LEAH PICKFORD BACKSTAGE



6th grade

Favorite part: Timon & Pumba. The song, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." The waterfall.

Most difficult part: The scenes with the elephant graveyard and the song, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight."

About me: My bestie is Eva. I am 11 years old. My favorite colors are black, gold, & white. My fav food is Papa John's Pizza.

Thank you: Myself, Ms. Cynthia, Ms. CJ, & the dancers.

LEINAALA KEAU BACKSTAGE & STAGE ART



8th grade

Favorite part: Getting to see how all the actors sing and dance to finally get it right!

Most difficult part: Having to wake up early just to be there. Some other things now since there are recently added things such as moving Pride Rock and the Waterfall.

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About me: I like the color cherry red, navy blue, and sunset yellow. I like ferrets and foxes. Favorite song: ANGOSTURA- Keshi. I love sleeping. I love going out with friends (shopping, dinner). I like dancing over singing. I am into horror films. I like to collect random/different things (random books, different sprays). I am a night owl.

Thank you: Everyone for letting me be included.

TINA KODAMA SARAFINA & DANCER



8th grade

Favorite part: I get to hang out with my friends and now I got to make new friends. I also like that I got to try new things, like acting and just being in musical.

Most difficult part: Getting my mind ready because it gets nerve racking when I have to perform in front of my school friends and classmates. Also, making sure I always 'go full out' and always smile because sometimes I can get really lazy.

About me: I love to dance, try new things, and hang out with friends. Food is amazing.

Thank you: My family, friends/close friends, teachers, & everyone who volunteered to help for musical.

CASEY KOMATSU CHORUS & LIGHTS



6th grade

Favorite part: The songs from the musical.

Most difficult part: Creating props.

About me: I like to hang out with my friends. I also like to play video games.

Thank you: Mr. Au Young, as he told Ms. Cynthia what I could do; it is why I am doing this.

BRADY KUDO BACKSTAGE



8th grade

Favorite part: The singing & dancing compliment each other very well.

Most difficult part: Finding time.

About me: I like art, crafts, social time, & trying to help.

Thank you: To Kulia All-Stars for giving me an opportunity in the musical.

LARIYAH OYAMA DANCER



7th grade

Favorite part: Getting to sing & dance with my friends because they are my second family.

Most difficult part: The choreography & getting to the right spot on time. I would constantly get mixed up but I eventually got it. Also, knowing what song comes next so I don't get mixed up or misplaced.

About me: I play basketball & video games in my free time. I am in AVID, & my greatest achievement is making a lot of friends in a short time. I like to sing, dance, & hang out with friends. I also like to bake with my Mom & sisters. I also like to cook for my friends & family. I like to do diamond art & color Mandala, Disney, and patterned drawings.

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia, Ms. CJ, & Evie. Ms. Cynthia taught me how to be a dancer & taught me a lot these last 2 years. Ms. CJ helped me get out of my comfort zone on stage. Evie was so helpful and taught me more about musical.

KEO PANOKE YOUNG NALA & DANCER



6th grade

Favorite part: Being able to dance & act around people who are loyal & tell me what to work on. Being with my friends.

Most difficult part: Not being able to go as "full out" as I should be because I sprained my ankle.

About me: I am lovable, funny, clumsy, noisy, & loyal. I love the color lilac purple. I also love dancing & acting. I enjoy people who are loyal and don't give up on anything.

Thank you: My family. Musical cast & crew.

OLIVIA NAKAO STAGE ART



6th grade

Favorite part: Painting the props. I like to paint the details.

Most difficult part: Blending the colors and painting neatly.

About me: My favorite color is light pink. My favorite food is ice cream & fries. I play a sport called judo. My friends are: Kayla, Vicky, Angelica, & Kourtney.

Thank you: Ms. Cynthia for not retiring yet. Angelica & Vicky for supporting me :)

LEON NGUYEN SCAR & DANCER



7th grade

Favorite part: Being able to strongly express myself on stage.

Most difficult part: Having to deal with the drama on and off stage. Also, having everyone follow directions.

About me: I really like to play instruments; I like to play flute, bassoon, oboe, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet and ukulele. I like to play video games such as Super Smash Bros, Cookie Run: Overbreak, & The Battle Cats. Some sports I enjoy are basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

Thank you: My family and everyone else who was involved in the making of this musical as they all helped me get where I am & helped to make all of this possible.

KELCIE KWOK DANCER & LIONESSE



6th grade

Favorite part: Learning new dance moves and hanging out with friends.

Most difficult part: Learning how to do new/hard tricks.

About me: I am in the 6th grade. I like purple. I love Sanrio and my favorite character is My Melody & Kuro-mi. I also enjoy listening to K-Pop. My favorite group is Blackpink. I love musical and I want to stay in it. My favorite food is spicy rice cakes and for a drink I enjoy drinking boba.

Thank you: Ms. CJ, Ms. Cynthia, Ms. Cash, and all my friends for guiding me on how to do better and helping me out on my dancing and giving me tips. Ms. CJ & Ms. Cynthia are the ones who helped me out the most and I would like to thank them the most of all people.

BROOKLYN LOTT DANCER



7th grade

Favorite part: Dancing. The song, "I Just Can't Wait To Be King."

Most difficult part: Remembering some of the moves. The choreography in "Be Prepared."

About me: I am a dancer. I am 13 years old. My favorite song is "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." I help with costume changes.

Thank you: Mrs. Cynthia & Ms. CJ for making this musical happen.

KENDALL MAHIAI BACKSTAGE & STAGE ART



6th grade

Favorite part: Making new friends and get to hang out with my friends (Kelcie, Rhylee, & Jersey).

Most difficult part: Moving the props to the sides.

About me: I like getting a problem and fixing it. I like to make art and helping out. I like doing things by myself.

Thank you: My mom and Aunty for making my mind expand and thinking of ways to make art.

COURTNEY MARRON ADULT SIMBA & DANCER



8th grade

Favorite part: Being a part of the musical exposes you to people in different grade levels and to other people you wouldn't normally talk to. Since joining musical, I have bonded with so many wonderful people I am proud to call some of my best friends.

Most difficult part: 'Going full out,' or giving it your all. That may seem so simple, but once you actually try it for yourself, it is one of the most difficult things you have to do.

About me: I am in the 8th grade and have been in the musical every year since 6th grade. My past roles were Scuttle (Little Mermaid Jr.) and Adult Anna (Frozen Jr.). Another musical affiliation I have is with HYOC, since 1st grade; as well as Singing Sensei, who I have been with for almost 2 years.

Thank you: My Mom and Grandma for always supporting me as well as all the All-Stars staff for helping us. I would like to give a special thanks to all my friends for always being there for me. I wouldn't be where I am today without you.

MAHEALANI MOEPOONO DANCER



8th grade

Favorite part: Dancing to every song and participating in the musical. It is very entertaining.

Most difficult part: Remembering all the dances because you're being confused with certain dances/movements that are similar to each other.

About me: I am a fast learner and if I don't understand, I'm not afraid to ask. I'm helpful in my own way. I am fun to be around and I'm supporting in my unique way. I like talking to people but if I don't know you, I might be antisocial.

Thank you: Everyone because they support me and helped me.

TREVOR NAKASHIMA MUFASA



8th grade

Favorite part: All of my friends.

Most difficult part: Remembering my lines.

About me: I am 14 years old. I am in the 8th grade.

This is my 2nd musical. My favorite hobby is gaming.

Thank you: mom, Dad, Step-mom, brothers, sister.