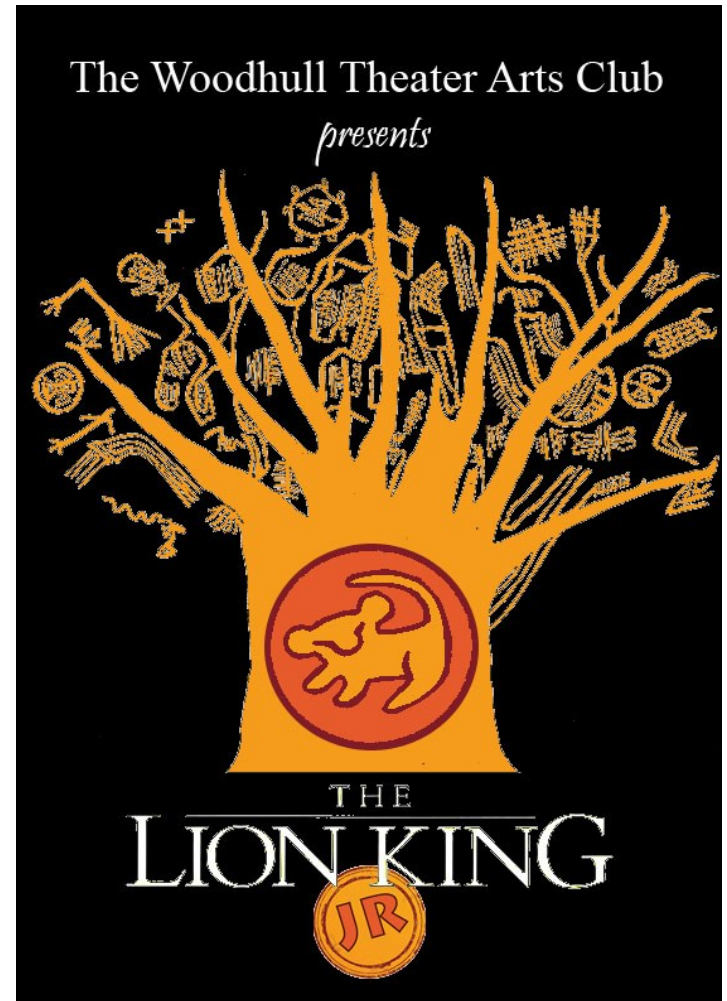



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# The Lion King Jr.



## Scene 1: Pride Rock

*Circle of Life*

## Scene 2: Scar's Cave

## Scene 3: The Pridelands

*Grasslands Chant*

## Scene 4: Scar's Cave

## Scene 5: The Pridelands

*The Lioness Hunt*

*I Just Can't Wait to be King*

## Scene 6: The Elephant Graveyard

*Be Prepared*

## Scene 7: The Pridelands

*They Live in You*

## Scene 8: The Gorge

*The Stampede*

*The Mourning*

## Scene 9: The Desert & The Jungle

*Hakuna Matata*

## Scene 10: Scar's Cave

## Scene 11: The Pridelands

*Shadowland*

## Scene 12: The Jungle

*Can You Feel the Love Tonight*

*He Lives in You*

## Scene 13: Pride Rock

*Luau Hawaiian Treat*

*Finale*



**Markella Markotsits (Wilbebeest)**

This is Markella's first role in a play. She is excited to be a Wilbebeest and a member of the ensemble.

**Alexis Kaloudis (Rafiki)**

Alexis is very excited to be playing the part of Rafiki, a wise and mysterious mandrill. She would like to thank her family and voice coach, for all the help and support they have given her.

**Alisha Harvey (Ensemble)**

This is Alisha's second performance on the Woodhull stage but she's no stranger to it. She has participated in several church choral productions and she loved being in Annie last year. As an accomplished pianist/baritone player. She feels right at home on center stage. It was so much fun being a part of the "Circle of Life" this year.

**Lauren Holly (Scar)**

This is Lauren's second show at Woodhull and she's having so much fun playing the role of Scar! Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox were awesome directors! She had the best time at practices with her friends! She hopes you enjoy the show!!

**Michael Dempsey (Hyena)**

This is Michael Dempsey's first play. He wanted to get involved in a play ever since he saw Willie Wonka Jr at Woodhall two years ago when his sister Juliet was in stage crew. Since then he's went to two other plays, Annie and Wicked and loved them both. His other hobbies include playing football and wrestling and basketball. He's also a class representative for Mrs. Ginty's class.

**Ally Kustera (Nala)**

Ally is so excited to play Nala in this year's production, The Lion King. She has performed in several other shows including Into the Woods, Seussical, Cinderella, and Annie. Ally would like to thank Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for the opportunity. Enjoy the show!

**Rachel Deegan (Grasslander)**

The play this year (The Lion King JR.) took a lot of work and a lot of time. At the end all the hard work payed off with a great play. Rachel can't wait to perform!!

**Daniela Luca (Ensemble)**

Daniela Luca is in the ensemble. She's happy to be part of the production and thanks her family for their love and support.

**Leda Roldan (Lioness)**

She was so excited to get a main part in the play. She practice her songs at home with the family. She loves the lion king movie.

**Sophia Thompson (Wilbebeest)**

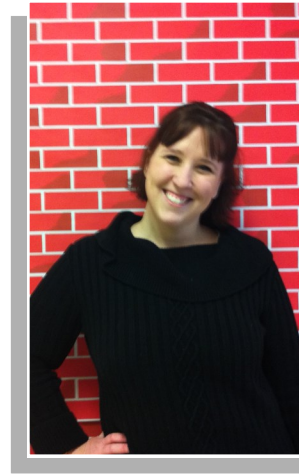
This is Sophia's first play performance. She is so excited to be a part of the Woodhull play. Sophia would like to thank her family for always supporting her.

**Jasmine Melendez-Garcia (Ensemble)**

Ever since I was a little girl I would play dress up. My passions are singing, dancing and drama. I would love to thank my parents for supporting me in my theatrical experiences.

**Nick Smalling (Stage Crew)**

It was so much fun!



# A Special Thanks To:

**Mr. Hiscox and Ms. Von Vange**—Theater Directors

**Miss Alyssa and Miss Jordan**—Student Directors

**Miss Chloe, Miss Giulia, and Mr. Nate**—Student Helpers

**Ms. Mehroze**-Helper

Both **Mrs. Hiscox** for their help with costumes and scenery

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## Sophia Segal (Ed)

Sophia has a real passion for singing and keeps us all smiling with her beautiful voice and amazing attitude that shines through in all she does. This is Sophia's first performance and she is extremely excited to be playing the role of Ed. This will be the first of many plays for Sophia.

## Rachel Morina (Ensemble)

Rachel enjoys performance and dance and is very excited to be part of this production.

## Meghan Donaghy (Ensemble)

Megan is very excited to act in her very first Woodhull production.

She is looking forward to being a part of the Lion King Jr. production.

Megan would love to thank mom, dad, and family for supporting her the whole way.

## Shannon Milner (Zazu)

Shannon Milner plays the role of Zazu. She was in the ensemble in Annie Jr. last year. Shannon loves Drama club and is very excited to play Zazu in The Lion King Jr. She also loves Chorus and Art Club- especially painting the artwork for the play! Shannon would like to thank her parents for supporting her activities. She hopes you enjoy the play!

## Kate Balm (Lioness)

Kate is so excited to be a Lioness in The Lion King Jr. this year. In a few short weeks Drama has become her new passion. Good luck to the entire crew and cast!

## Nina Varvatsas (Hyena)

Nina is in 6th grade and is thrilled to be in the Lion King Jr. Nina is a Girl Scout Cadette working towards her Silver Award. She loves to dance and ride horses in her spare time.

## Katie Meagher (Wildebeest)

Katie is excited to perform in her first play at Woodhull. She will be a Wildebeest and part of the ensemble.

## Kyla Crowder (Ensemble)

My name is Kyla Crowder and some friends call me KC for short. I love performing. I've previously attended performance camp where I participated in the play "The Sound of Music". This performance is dedicated to my grandma, Anna. Thanks mommy & uncle Brian!

## Cassidy Casabona (Hyena and Understudy For All Parts)

Cassidy loves to perform in front of people. She is very excited for this year's production. She would like to thank her mom for supporting her, and her dad and sister for being her number 1 fan.

## McKenna Buffa (Lioness)

My name is McKenna Buffa, I am a Lioness and I am in 5th grade. Being a part of this play has been super fun! I would like to thank my mom, dad and the rest of my family and friends for supporting me until this moment.

## Charlotte Wesnofske (Zebra)

I am thrilled to be in Lion King Jr. I would like to thank my mom and dad.

## Ainsley Proctor (Stage Crew)

It was such a privilege to be chosen for stage crew. This was the best!

**Haileigh Smith (Wildebeest)**

Haileigh is excited to be performing in the roles of ensemble and wildebeest, in her first ever school play. She is looking forward to the experience as it promises to be a thrilling one! Her parents are proud of her for trying something new and for getting involved in her school community in a creative, dramatic way.

**Joshua Youngquist (Mufasa)**

Joshua Youngquist is excited to play Mufasa in his first Woodhull play. Joshua loves to sing and perform and hopes you all enjoy Lion King, Jr. He would like to thank Ms. Von Vange, Mr. Hiscox and the entire cast for all the great memories and his Mom for all her support.

**Erin Purcell (Grasslander)**

Erin Purcell is a 5th grade student who is excited and honored to have a roll as a grasslander in Woodhull's Lion King Jr. performance. Erin enjoys singing, Broadway shows, and rock concerts to name a few of her dramatic pursuits. Erin would like to thanks Ms. Von Vange & Mr. Hiscox and all of the students who helped bring this show to fruition.

**Linnea Wong (Grasslander)**

Linnea is very excited about the play and looking forward to dress rehearsals. She would like to continue to be in future theatrical productions and enjoys this experience very much. Linnea would also like to thank Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for all their hard work and dedication to the play.

**Cassidy Casabona (Hyena/Understudy)**

Cassidy loves to perform in front of people. She is very excited for this year’s production. She would like to thank her mom for supporting her, and her dad and sister for being her number 1 fan.

**Christopher "Crippa" Maichin (Simba)**

Crippa is excited to be on stage for his second performance in the Woodhull play. He played the role of Rooster in the 2015 production of Annie. He would like to thank his family for all of their support.

**Sarah Krisch (Grasslander)**

Sarah Krisch is so happy to be in this year’s play, “The Lion King Jr.” This is Sarah’s first play at Woodhull. She is so grateful for the opportunity to be a grasslander. Sarah would like to reach out to her parents for being so supportive. She has had a really fun time in drama club and has been eager to perform on stage.

**Emily Plachta (Lioness)**

This is Emily's second performance at Woodhull . She is so excited to be apart of the production and art club. A big thanks to both of the wonderful directors.

**Anna Safonte (Ensemble)**

Anna Safonte is so excited to be in the play! Anna loves singing and dancing. She has taken theater arts a few years ago. Anna is so thankful to her parents! Anna can’t wait to be on stage!!

**Caitlin Murtagh (Mouse)**

Caitlin is performing the role of the Mouse this year. Last year she was in the ensemble in Annie, so to play a character role for the first time is very exciting! It’s been a fun experience and she would like to thank her Mom, Dad and sisters for supporting her.

**Sopia Toscano (Stage Crew)**

Best Time Ever!

**Lauren Landolfi (Stage Crew)**

It was a really great experience!

**Clayton Ward (Stage Crew)**

It was amazing!

**Jennifer Mejia (Stage Crew)**

It was fun moving all the stuff around.

**Adrianna Martinez (Stage Crew)**

She is happy that she got chosen to be part of stage crew.

**Olivia Conte (Stage Crew)**

She is glad she into stage crew and she loved her job.

**James Kreschmer: (Stage Crew)**

It was a pretty cool experience!

**Allison Quinn (Stage Crew)**

It was a fun experience

**Eliza Walther (Stage Crew)**

She is so glad to be part of stage crew. She had such a fun time.

**Matt Lange (Stage Crew)**

It was so much fun and he had a great time.

**Matt Beasley (Stage Crew)**

The experience was amazing! He loved it.

**Sofia Marchetta (Stage Crew)**

It was such an honor just to be of the crew.

**Aly Baker (Stage Crew)**

It was so exciting. Best play ever!

**Todd Hiscox (Director)**

Congrats to all of you for your hard work and dedication. Thank you to the Stage Crew. Wow!!!!!! So much to learn in such little time, especially this year. Thank you to Art Club for painting the scenery. A special shout out to the Dunn family for all their help. Lastly, I'd like to thank my family for all their support and assistance and my loves Nicole and Emily.

**Hannah Roberts (Sarabi)**

This is Hannah's 7th play and she is elated to be in the Lion King as Sarabi. She would like to thank her father, Ms. Von Vange, and Mr. Hiscox.

**Erin Ye (Hyena)**

This is Erin's first ever play and she thoroughly enjoyed her experience. She would like to thank Mr. Hiscox and Ms. Von Vange for making this such an amazing production!

**Amira Karakaya (Grasslander)**

This is Amira's third play and she would like to thank her parents, her sister, Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for helping!

**Brandon Anderson (Zebra)**

He would like to thank his parents, Mr Hiscox, and Ms. Von Vange for helping!

**William Nurse (Giraffe)**

He would like to thank his mom, his dad, Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox.

**John Acompora (Hyena)**

This is his first play. He would like to thank his parents, Ms. Von Vange, and Mr. Hiscox.

**Emily Geller (Timon)**

Emily is very excited to perform in Lion King Jr. - her first play! Emily can be quite dramatic at home (according to her parents), and is perfectly suited to act out the oversized personality of the pint-sized meerkat, Timon. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support during the months of rehearsals. Emily would especially like to thank Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for entrusting her with the role and for helping her grow as an actress. Enjoy the show and Hakuna Matata!

**Keyla Maldonado (Hyena)**

Keyla did not expect to get this part but she is very glad that she did. She is very excited to be in the play. This is her 1st play.

**Isaiah Thomas (Ensemble)**

Isaiah would like to thank his mom and dad for allowing him to stay in the play, for putting up with him, and for getting him to and from practice and thank you Miss Mehlrose for helping me stay on track.

**Isabella Lanfranco (Zebra)**

This is Isabella's first play. She is thankful to Ms. Von Vange, Mr. Hiscox and all of the helpers.

**Talia Addeo (Wildebeest)**

Talia is very excited to be a part of her favorite musical, The Lion King. She would like to thank her mother and father for taking care of her and supporting her. She is excited to be a wildebeest.

**Jean Marie Maleszewski (Sarafina)**

Jean Marie is excited to be in the play. She would like to thank Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for giving her this role.

**Sophie Silberstein (Ensemble)**

This is Sophie's second year in the Woodhull play. She would like to thank her mom and dad for their support and Miss Von Vange, Mr. Hiscox, and Mrs. Mehlrose for all their assistance.

**William Cruz (Wildebeest)**

William Cruz currently plays a wildebeest in Lion King Jr. Cruz was born to parents William and Sandra Cruz. Willy also plays the cello and has performed in several orchestra concerts.

**Natalie Dunn (Wildebeest)**

Natalie has never been in a play before and is very excited to be a Wildebeest in The Lion King Jr. Natalie wants to thank her parents for being there for her.

**Finley Dunn (Shenzi)**

This is Finley's second play with Ms. Von Vange, the first being Annie Jr. last year. This year Finley will be playing Shenzi, a lead hyena. She would like to thank her parents for all of their support and advice with acting and singing!

**Anaya Watkis (Ensemble)**

Besides the Lion King, Jr, I have performed in Peter Pan, Annie and The Sound of Music (and one play I can't remember the name of!) I would like to thank Ms. Von Vange, Mr. Hiscox, and my Mom.

**Renee McKean (Wildebeest)**

Renee has always loved to create and perform skits and dances with her sisters and friends. This is her first public performance. She would like to thank her family and friends for their encouragement and support.

**Victoria Befumo (Grasslander)**

This is Victoria's first play and she is so excited. Her favorite part of the production is the choreography. She is excited to do a play with her sister, Miss Alyssa.

**Kaci McDonald (Ensemble)**

Being part of the play was awesome. Thank you Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for a memorable time.

**Maria Sabatino (Hyena)**

Maria loves to perform on stage so, she is grateful to Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for giving her a part in her first play. Maria would like to thank her parents for picking her up at practice, and her sister Giulia, for getting her into the play spirit! Maria is definitely looking forward to next year's play.

**Charlotte Simon (Grasslander)**

Charlotte is happy to be a Grasslander. She's in 6th grade and it's her fourth time in a play. She can't wait to perform in the show.

**Abigail Simon (Hyena)**

Abigail is in the 6th grade and is very excited to be in the play. She is a hyena and can't wait for the performance. This would be her third play so far, and she can't wait to do more!

**Gianna Forte (Ensemble)**

Gianna is in 5th grade and she is in the ensemble. She is excited to perform in her first play. Gianna would like to thank her parents for picking her up from play practice and Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for directing the play.

**Anna Bell Young (Ensemble)**

The Lion King Jr. is Anna Bell Young's first time being in a play. She is very excited! She would like to thank her parents, brother, grandparents, and friends for their support. She loves acting and singing.

**Morgan Collelouri (Lioness)**

This is Morgan's second year being in the play. She is excited to be in the play. She would like to thank her family for being very supportive.

**Imani Archibald (Lioness)**

This is Imani's first year being in the play. She is happy she was chosen to be in the play. Thanks to Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for choosing her to be in the play.

**Arshnele Richared (Hyena)**

This is Arshnele's first year in the play. During play practice she feels energetic. She would like to thank her mom, Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for letting her be in the play.

**Bianca Gomes (Grasslander)**

This is her first year being in Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox's play. She is feeling very excited. She thanks her mom, Mr. Hiscox, and Ms. Von Vange.

**Abigail Pawlak (Ensemble)**

She would love to be like a zebra.

**Molly Heffernen (Wilbebeest)**

Molly is excited to be in her 1st play. Should would like to thank her sister.

**Emma Rosales (Lioness)**

This is Emma's first play, the Lion King has always been her favorite Disney movie, which is why she decided to join. She would like to thank her mom and dad for supporting her.

**Serenity Rivera (Wilbebeest)**

This is Serenity's first play. She would like to thank her mom for letting her participate in the play.

**Grace Agrillo (Giraffe)**

This is her first year doing the play and she loves her Dart.

**Valencia Delva (Gazelle)**

This is her first year in a play and she would like to thank her family for supporting her.

**Kendall Germain (Wilbebeest)**

This is her first play and she would like to thank her mom.

**Cristina Fazin (Gazelle)**

She never thought she would ever join a play, but she tried something new and she loves it!

**Ms. Von Vange (Director)**

This is Ms. Von Vange's 12th play! Every year is a new experience! She is so proud of everyone's hard work. She would like to give a special thank you to her family, Amy, Beth, and Carolyn. An extra special thank you to Mr. Hiscox. It was great working with him this year. Break a leg!

**Kianna Criscuola (Stage Crew)**

It was really fun and a great experience!

**Carlee Schultz (Grasslander)**

I enjoy being in the play. I would like to thank Mr. Hiscox and Ms. Von Vange. This has been a great time.

**Anisha Winfield (Hyena)**

I love being in the play because it gives me an opportunity to do what I like and interact with so many people and just be able to have fun. Thank you!

**Mia Lopez (Hyena)**

I would thank Mr. Hiscox and Ms. VonVange and I like to be in the play a lot. Thanks!

**Neha Rathore (Lioness)**

I would to thank Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for being really kind and being awesome teachers. I love being in the play. I love to act and sing so I am so grateful I get to be a lioness in the play. Thank you so much!

**Kaitlyn Gallagher (Benzai)**

Kaitlyn is very excited to be in the play! She plays the role of Benzai the Hyena. This is Kaitlyn's 3rd play. She would like to thank Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox for giving her this role in the play. Thank you and be prepared!

**Delia Caruso (Zebra)**

I want to thank my family for encouraging me to do acting. I've always wanted to do drama, and this is my first play. I am excited to see how it turns out!

**Jonathan Oliva (Wilbebeest)**

I am in 6th grade. I like sports, such as soccer, football and basketball.

**Miss Alyssa (Student Director)**

Alyssa is a sophomore at Huntington High School. This is the 4th Woodhull production that Alyssa is helping with, but her first as a student director. She is very proud of everyone's hard work and wishes everyone the best of luck during the performances.

**Miss Jordan (Student Director)**

This is Miss Jordan's 8th show with Ms. Von Vange. She is a junior in high school and is so excited to be back to help. She wants to wish all the members of the cast and crew good luck. She hopes everyone enjoys the show.

**Miss Chloe (Student Helper)**

This is Miss Chloe's first year helping out with the play and she is so excited. She hopes that everyone has had a great time and that everyone "breaks a leg!" Good Luck!

**Miss Giulia (Student Helper)**

This is my first year helping out with the play and my third play with Ms. Von Vange. Everybody is doing so amazing and I hope everyone had as much fun as I did! Thanks for a great year, Good Luck!

**Mr. Nate (Student Helper)**

This is Mr. Nate's first year helping Ms. Von Vange and Mr. Hiscox in the play. He has been having so much fun with everyone and he can't wait for the performance. Good luck everyone!

**Gretel Cassell (Stage Crew)**

She loved working with her Stage Crew Fam!