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gratitude toward Mrs. Villalobos for providing her with this experience.

Morgan Palent (Stage Crew) has been a show person since she was a little girl. She used to be an actress on the stage, mainly playing the female villains, but then something changed in her. She wanted to make sure that her big sister would have the best musicals. So Morgan decided to join stage crew. She first started in 7th grade, assisting the production crew in the show *Alice in Wonderland* and she returns now to assist with the production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Destiny Palmer (Stage Crew) was involved with stage crew last year in *Alice in Wonderland*.

Sana'a Smith (Stage Crew) has had a great time in stage crew while helping behind the scenes. This was her first time in drama and she enjoyed it very much. She usually spends her time running cross country and track but this year decided to take on the drama too. She wants to congratulate the cast members on an incredible show and thank the parents for all their support.

Tamyca Tunis (Stage Crew) is a part of the stage crew for Liberty Middle School's 2018-2019 production of *Beauty and the Beast*. She was an usher in the 2017-2018 production of *Alice in Wonderland*. She is looking forward to continuing her crew journey into high school. She would like to thank Camille Bugayong for keeping her sane throughout the entirety of the production.

Lauren Walters (Stage Crew) is an art student and is very artistic. She even took art classes outside of school. Lauren is excited that she had the opportunity to use her artistic skills in our school's musical production. She did an amazing job mixing paints and painting the backdrop. Lauren would like to thank Ms. Villalobos for the opportunity to contribute her talents.

**We will show a short video of Liberty's
"Making a Musical" before the performance.**

Thank you Mr. Robert Klemt for making a guest
appearance in *Beauty and the Beast*.

Maegan Bulanhagui (Stage Crew) is a student and artist who enjoys drawing anime and fictional characters. She is most interested in digital art methods and techniques. This is the first time that she is using her creative art skills to create stage-settings in a play. She aspires to use her digital art interests with children when she grows up.

Dahiana Calderon (Stage Crew) is an 8th grader. This is her first time being part of the Stage crew at Liberty Middle School. Dahiana would like to wish the cast and crew the best of luck!

Mia Camacho (Stage Crew) really enjoyed helping paint the scenery and props. She would like to thank her parents for their support.

Madison Cyrus (Stage Crew) attended preschool at BPJ . She also attended Mt. Pleasant Elementary, Edison Middle School. Madison's previous theater experience includes attending *Hamilton*, *Wicked*, *Lion King*, *Matilda* and *Mary Poppins* on Broadway. She was also part of the cast of *Willy Wonka Jr.* at Edison Middle School. Madison thanks Ms. Villalobos, Mr. Krewer and all the stage managers for making the play possible.

Dorinda Destine (Stage Crew) attended Kelly Elementary School, then Edison Middle School where she was the stage manager for the play *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Now in Liberty Middle School, she is stage crew in the production *Beauty and the Beast*. As she continues on to 8th grade, she wants to be part of the stage crew and maybe try out for a role in a play. She would like to give thanks to God for giving her a chance, her friends, Christina P. and Wildline D.

Janeilya Gopaulsingh (Stage Crew) enjoyed painting the scenery for the musical. She would like to thank her parents for their support.

Kiana Hill (Stage Crew) has now been a part of two productions both as a student at Liberty Middle School. These shows include *Alice in Wonderland* and this year's production, *Beauty and the Beast*. She would like to thank her friends and family for allowing her to explore multiple realms in becoming the person that she is today.

Trinity Mfoafo MCarthy (Stage Crew) has been involved in both plays during her time at Liberty, getting both a chance to be on and off stage. She was a part of the ensemble cast in Liberty's production of *Alice In Wonderland Jr.* last year and loved it. This is her first year being a part of stage crew and she plans to continue. She has extreme

SYNOPSIS

Based on the original Broadway production that ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.* is a fantastic adaptation of the story of transformation and tolerance. *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.* features some of the most popular songs ever written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

The Award-winning animated film and stage play comes to life in this romantic and beloved take on the classic fairytale. The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.



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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

As a child, I remember watching the 1991 Disney classic animated film *Beauty and the Beast*. The story brings a brilliant message to us all: true beauty is found within, in yourselves and in others. That is why we wanted to bring this classic story to life. However, *Beauty and the Beast* has been a beast of a show to put together and to direct. But the beauty shines through in the performance of the cast and the hard work of the production crew.

I cannot tell you how happy this cast and crew has made us through these past few months. They have shown great dedication and worked tirelessly to bring this show together. The stage crew created most of the props and painted the scenery that you are about to see. This is the most talented group of students that we have worked with so far including stage crew.

I want to thank the following people. Without you, this production would not be possible:

Mr. Ryan Krewer and Ms. Kim Carissimo for being so great to work with. I am truly lucky to work with such amazing and talented people like you. Mr. Ryan Krewer, music/vocal director, edited the music to fit our musical needs, added music for scene changes and worked with each cast member to develop their vocal skills. Kim Carissimo, choreographer, choreographed this musical with amazing dance numbers. She has a great eye that translate ideas and moods into dance movements.

My family: My husband Daniel and my four children; Michael, Samara, Natalie and Delilah, for putting up with my late hours, dining room table full of art supplies, ironing costumes and Saturday rehearsals. Thank you for coming over to school helping me build part of the set. I also want to thank my mom, Cecilia Ferrera, for hemming the costumes.

Mrs. Janet Coppola - for everything! She is the genius who thought of putting pop sockets on the serving tray to make it easy for the cast to hold. She also got them for free! Thank you for helping me with the costume rental, purchasing set design

to Edison Middle School, where she was a part of stage crew in the *Willy Wonka Jr.* musical. She is now a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School and is excited to have an opportunity to be one of the many leaders of stage crew in the play this year. She is thankful to have made so many new friends from being in drama club and for the new memories made with old friends. She would like to thank her family, everyone in the cast and crew, and especially Mrs. Villalobos for this amazing experience.

Carla Jones (Music Tech Assistant) would rather be shooting hoops on the basketball court than singing and dancing on stage, but she is very musically inclined. She worked as an usher and tech assistant in the Liberty Middle School play *Alice in Wonderland* and is excited to be involved again this year. She would like to thank Mr. Krewer, who guided her and worked closely with her all year, and her friends for making the experience worth while.

Maura Baker (Stage Crew) has been acting since she was 8 is taking a break from the stage to pursue a behind the scenes role as a member of the production crew.

Sophie Bennett (Stage Crew) is an 8th grader and it is her first time taking part in a production. She is thrilled to work on *Beauty and the Beast*. She would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos, Mr. Krewer, and Ms. Carissimo for all the work they have put into the show.

Amie Binan (Stage Crew/Wolf) Amie has been in a few plays including *Grease*, *Into the Woods*, and *Wizard of Oz*. This is her first time being behind the scenes of theatre and she is thrilled to be a part of it. Amie is thankful for her parents for allowing her to spend time on this production.

Camille Bugayong (Stage Crew) This is the first time Camille has been part of a drama production. Though it requires a lot of hard work and energy, she enjoys being involved behind the scenes and seeing how the show runs from the shadows. In her spare time she likes reading fiction books, writing for Liberty Middle School's newspaper, and spending time with her friends and family. She hopes to continue being active behind the scenes in future drama productions. Camille would like to thank her family for transporting her to and from school in order to attend rehearsals. She also shows appreciation to her friends that are also members of Drama Club for making the play a fun and welcoming environment.

PRODUCTION CREW BIO

Jessica Sarkes (Assistant Director) is thrilled to be a part of such an amazing production for her first musical and aspires to work and assist in many more shows throughout high school. She is an active member of Student Council and likes to volunteer at various places outside of school. Jessica would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos, Mrs. Carissimo, and Mr. Krewer for this amazing opportunity, and guiding her throughout the way. She would also like to thank her parents and family for helping her become involved in theater.

Parisa Priyam (Assistant Director/Wolf) is currently in her first production. She was ecstatic when she received news of her part in the play and has done her best to fulfill her duties. Parisa is very grateful to her parents for encouraging her to be in the play, Mrs. Villalobos for providing her with a role that she loves, and her friends for being so supportive of her.

Anna Deer (Stage Manager) is not made for the spotlight, but she shines behind the scenes. This is her second year working on stage crew, and seems to have an act for working behind the scenes. As stage manager this year, she enjoys working with the cast and crew to make sure the play has everything and more. She would like to acknowledge the hard work of her director, Mrs. Villalobos, and give a huge thanks to her parents who drive her back and forth. She hopes to continue working in stage crew as she enters high school next year.

Amaya Field (Stage Crew Manager Assistant) is a hard-working member of the stage crew. This being her first year at Liberty she thought she would have a harder time getting assistant stage crew manager. Ever since she got the job she has been an active member of the play helping Anna Deer and Jessica Sarkes, from painting sets to preparing the stage. She was forced to balance many things, not just school, but Drama club and Lacrosse. Along with working she enabled herself to meet new people and get more of her friends involved. Amaya Field is a good student who tries her hardest to help out and problem solves conflicts backstage. While helping everyone and everything she sees herself as a useful, part of the *Beauty & the Beast* crew.

Vanisha Janaki (Stage Crew Manager Assistant) has always loved working behind the scenes where the *real* action happens. She went

supplies, reserving the auditorium for Saturday rehearsals, keeping records of our drama club budget, ticket sales and so much more.

Mrs. Laura DelBarba for getting our 5PM late bus and sending out drama club announcements.

Mr. Louis Quagliato, Mr. Robert Klemf and Mrs. Michelle Martino for always being so supportive!

Mr. Vince DeJesus for helping with the audio equipment and sound.

Ms. Pooja Khurana – (Svara'a mom) for volunteering to measure the entire cast for their costumes and for all the snacks you provided to the cast and crew during rehearsals.

Mr. Bernie Reger – (Joshua's dad) for working with Joshua to design and build Maurice's invention for the musical.

Ms. Damali Campbell (Nia's mom) **and the Rachioppi** (Dasha's mom) for making the candy gram bags.

Ms. Angela Hahn - (Riley's mom) for coordinating dates and collecting forms for Barry Schwartz Entertainment.

Ms. Chioma Okereke - (Nia's aunt) for volunteering to do the makeup for the entire cast.

Mr. Vito Pantaleo, Gus and custodial staff for being there for our Saturday rehearsals, always getting us the ladder and moving things off and on the stage.

Liberty's Phys Ed Department for lending us pinnies to practice costume changes.

Mrs. Lisa Touzeau for lending us books and the book cart.

Ms. Nancy Silva for donating makeup.

Mr. Crag Sanphy for being so kind in letting use his class room, the auditorium, for our rehearsals.

Ms. Kristy Lopez for helping sort the costumes, helping with makeup and painting the outdoor sign.

The administration, faculty and staff of Liberty Middle School for all their help, support and encouragement. We are fortunate to work with such wonderful colleagues.

All the parents of the cast and crew for driving your child to rehearsals, donating you time to help serve food, do makeup and for being so supportive of the arts.

The Fennell family (Charlotte), **the Khurana Bhatnagar family** (Svara), **the Reger family** (Joshua), **the Rachioppi family** (Dasha), **the Elizondo family** (Krisvel), **the Oparaji family** (Nia), **the Bennett family** (Sophie), **the Hahn family** (Riley), **the MCarthy family** (Trinity), **the Cyrus family** (Madison), **the Castillo family** (Mia), **the Dextra family** (Sade), **the Calderon family** (Dahiana), **the Sarkes family** (Jessica S.), **the Harwood family** (Jack), **the Simon family** (Ezra), **the Palent family** (Paige & Morgan), **the Bulanhagui family** (Maegan), **the Castro family** (Jessica M.), **the Hudson family** (Taylor), **the Lassiter family** (Skylar), **the Destine family** (Dorinda), **the Tibang family** (James), **the Nicolaescu family** (Stephanie), **the Deer family**, **the Baker family** (Maura), **the Janaki family** (Vanisha), **the Slaten family** and **the Hill family** (Kiana) for all the food, snacks and candy gram donations. I apologize if I missed anyone.

Jessica Sarkes and Parisa Priyam for being great assistant directors. Thank you for organizing the props, assigning stage crew jobs, operating the winch, keeping the cast quiet back stage and helping Anna run the show from back stage.

Anna Deer for be an amazing stage crew manager. You have a great eye for details. You did a great job leading stage crew in painting the scenery and creating the props. Thank you for assigning stage crew jobs and running the show behind the scenes.

Amaya Field and Vanisha Janaki for being great assistant stage crew managers.

Stage crew for working well together, switching the scenes smoothly and setting the scene for all of us. **The cast** for being so amazing!

Sade Graham and Mia Castillo for putting together the “Making a Musical” video.

Thank you!!!

Join us today as the cast and crew takes you on a magical journey from a small provincial town to an enchanted castle. Please sit back, relax, “Be Our Guest” and enjoy *Beauty and the Beast*!

ACT II

Something There Belle, the Beast, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Lumiere, Cogsworth and Babette

Human Again Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Babette, Madame de la Grand Bouch and Ensemble Cast

Beauty and the Beast Mrs. Potts, Belle and the Beast

The Mob Song..... Gaston, Lefou, Monsiour D' Ark, Belle, Maurice and Ensemble Cast

The Battle..... Gaston, Lefou, Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Babette, Madame de la Grand Bouch, and Ensemble Cast

Fight in the West Wing..... Gaston and the Beast

Home (Reprise)..... Belle and the Beast

TransformationThe Beast

FinaleEntire Cast

Bows.....Entire Cast and Crew

Be Our Guest Entire Cast and Crew

NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY. VIDEO TAKING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

PRODUCTION CREW

DIRECTOR.....LISETTE VILLALOBOS

MUSIC/VOCAL DIRECTOR RYAN KREWER

CHOREOGRAPHER..... KIM CARISSIMO

SET DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION LISETTE VILLALOBOS,
..... AND STAGE CREW

PROP DESIGN LISETTE VILLALOBOS, STAGE CREW,
..... BERNIE AND JOSHUA REGER

POSTER & T-SHIRT DESIGN LISETTE VILLALOBOS

OUTDOOR SIGN KRISTY LOPEZ

PROGRAM DESIGN LISETTE VILLALOBOS

HAIR/MAKEUP KRISTY LOPEZ,
CHIOMA OKEREKE BARKSDALE, DAHIANA CALDERON AND
MS. HUDSON

SOUND & LIGHTING LAUREN (COOKIE) GROF-TISZA,
ALEX PEREZ, TRUMAN SEGAL, FABRICE HENRY, RYAN KREWER,
VINCE DEJESUS AND CARLA JONES

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS JESSICA SARKES
..... AND PARISA PRIYAM

STAGE CREW MANAGER.....ANNA DEER

ASSISTANT STAGE CREW MANAGERAMAYA FIELD
..... AND VANISHA JANAKI

ACT I

Prologue..... Old Beggar Woman/Enchantress,
Prince, Narrator 1,2,3 and 4 and Ensemble Cast

Belle..... Belle, Gaston, Lefou, Silly Girls and Ensemble Cast

Maurice's EntranceMaurice and Belle

Into the Forest Narrator 1,2,3,and 4,
Maurice and Wolves

Stranger in the HouseLumiere, Cogsworth
and Maurice

Maurice and the BeastMaurice, the Beast,
Lumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Chip and Babette

Belle (Reprise)Belle, Gaston and Silly Girls

Follow Me..... Belle and the Beast

Home Belle

Home (Reprise) Mrs. Potts, Chip,
Madame de la Grand Bouche

Gaston Gaston, Lefou, Silly Girls and
Ensemble Cast

Gaston (Reprise)Gaston, Lefou, Silly Girls, Maurice and
Ensemble Cast

Be Our GuestLumiere, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts,
Chip, Belle and Ensemble Cast

There will be a 15 minute intermission.

Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase in the lobby.

Congratulations

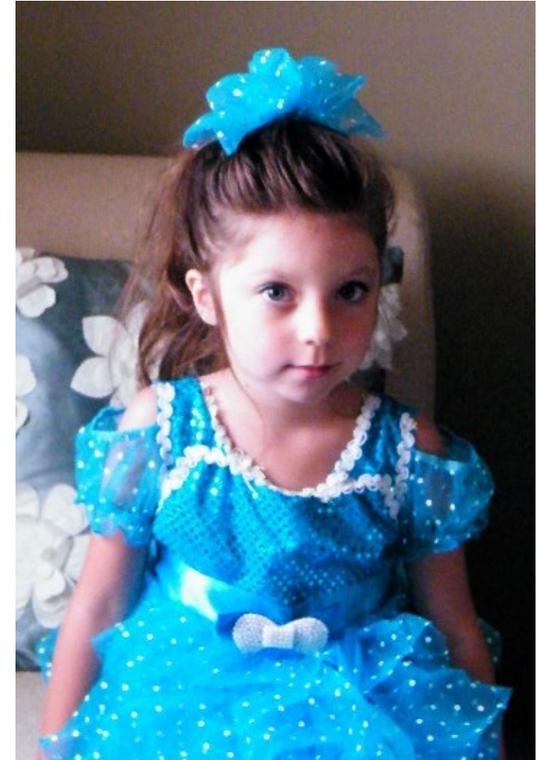
To the Liberty Middle School
Cast and Crew of
Beauty and Beast Jr
and

In particular our
“Drama Queen”
Nia Oparaji



Mom, Dad, and Emeka

Congrats Paige!



You were meant to shine!

Break a leg!

Love You

Dad, Mom, Drew, and Morgan

Morgan

&

all of the Stage Crew

Thank You
for all your hard work!!!

The show could not go on with you!

The Parents



Nia

Congratulations on your performance

We can't wait to see you shine.

Grandma Pat and Glenn

Nia, Break a leg

We will be there to cheer you on

God Bless You Always

Grandma Angelina and the entire

Oparaji family



MEET THE CAST



Riley Hahn (Belle) is excited to be in her second show at Liberty Middle School. She loves performing and musical theater. Some of her past productions include Vanguard Theater's *Runaways*, Papermill Playhouse's *Summer Conservatory*, and Liberty Middle School's *Alice in Wonderland*.



Jonathan Vincent (Prince/the Beast) moved to West Orange when he was younger and attended Kelly Elementary School. Jonathan is currently an eighth grader. This is Jonathan's first time trying theater and is planning to continue doing theater events. Jonathan is very talented, he plays piano, trumpet, and sings. He also participated in the Liberty talent show. Jonathan would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos, Mr. Krewer, Mrs. Carissimo, and his vocal/piano teacher Molly for the guidance that they provided for him.



James Tibang (Lumiere) is excited for his very first time performing in a musical drama production. Born in the Philippines, he moved to West Orange in 6th grade and attended Edison Middle School. In school, he takes choir classes. His hobbies include playing video games, singing, and cooking. He performs and sings for his family and friends from time to time. He wishes to be part of more drama productions in high school. He would like to thank his family for the sacrifices they have made, for opening up a lot more opportunities for him to be successful, and for always urging him to go above and beyond. He also shows his gratitude to his friends for being so supportive and encouraging.



Ezra Simon (Cogsworth) has started the theatre experience at a young age. He significantly played two roles in the *Alice in Wonderland* musical, the King of Hearts and the Doorknob. Ezra also loves to get creative. For him, art is a whole new world. He would like to thank his family, friends, and teachers for they have supported him from the start of his acting career.

MEET THE STAGE CREW



First Row Left to Right: **Morgan Palent, Camille Bugayong, Sophie Bennett and Amie Binan**

Second Row Left to Right: **Janeilya Gopaulsingh, Trinity Mfofo MCarthy, Amaya Field, Parisa Priyam, Kiana Hill**

Third Row Left to Right: **Dahiana Calderon, Madison Cyrus, Lauren Walters, Amylah Stevenson, Maegan Bulanhagui, Vanisha Janaki, Dorinda Destine, Sana'a Smith and Tamyca Tunis**

Fourth Row Left to Right: **Maura Baker, Carla Jones, Destiny Palmer, Jessica Sarkes and Anna Deer**

Not pictured: **Daphnee Charles**

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**Kira Barrett
Isoka Freeman
Destiny Palmer**

**Ashley Lindsay
Amylah Stevenson**

MEET THE PRODUCTION CREW



Jessica Sarkes
Assistant Director



Parisa Priyam
Assistant Director



Anna Deer
Stage
Crew Manager



Amaya Field
Assistant Stage
Crew Manager



Vanisha Janaki
Assistant Stage
Crew Manager



Carla Jones
Audio Tech
Assistant



Jack Harwood (Gaston) is excited for his Liberty Middle School drama production debut. However, he has been part of other productions in the past, such as *Comedy of Errors* at EMS, and other camp productions. He is part of the LMS Baseball Team and plays outfield. He would like to thank his family for being supportive and driving him around, Mrs. Villalobos and Mr. Krewer for the opportunity, and his friends for making rehearsals what he looked forward to.



Paige Palent (Lefou) is in her second production at Liberty Middle School. Her first production was *Alice in Wonderland* in 2017-2018, and she played the Cheshire Cat (#2, respectively). She now plays the butt of everyone's joke, Lefou, in this year's production. She is probably one of the only girls who has never worn character shoes for the production and is thankful her feet aren't covered in blisters. She hopes to be able to continue her musical journey in the High School and beyond. Paige would like to thank her friends and family for their unconditional support.



Svara Khurana Bhatnagar (Mrs. Potts) is a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School. She's thrilled to be cast as Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*. Svara played the role of Violet Beauregarde in Edison's production of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* last year. In addition to musical theater, Svara also enjoys playing the violin and dance. She is a past member of the Rutgers University Junior Knights Dance Team and currently sings with the New Jersey Youth Choir. Svara would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support. She also thanks Ms. Villalobos and Mr. Krewer for all they've done to make this musical experience so special.



Charlotte Lewis (Chip) is excited to be a part of this production. Charlotte has attended Redwood, Edison and now Liberty. She has previously played Violet Flower in *Alice in Wonderland*. Charlotte plays the flute and likes to read. Charlotte would like to thank Ms. Villalobos, Mr. Krewer and Ms. Carissimo for allowing her to be a part of this production, and her family who supported her throughout this experience.

To Our Beauty Riley



Ever just the same

Ever a surprise

Ever as before

Ever just as sure

As the sun will rise

We could not be more proud of you, seeing you do what you love could not make us happier. Keep pursuing your dreams; you can do anything you put your heart, mind and soul into.

Love Mommy, Daddy & Kaitlyn



Certain as the sun, rising in the East...

We are so proud of our Boo Doll!

Love – Mumma, Papa, Soham & Sanvi

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Congratulations Joelle!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Granddaddy & Nana

Dear Jessica,

We are so proud of you. You did amazing in your first musical. We love you.

Your family,

Mom, Dad and Sophia

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Magaly Cordero (Madame De La Grande Bouche) has been in the musical *Alice in Wonderland* last year and played the role of Ensemble Cast. This year she plays the role of Madame De La Grande Bouche (the wardrobe). She enjoys singing and even though her high heels hurt, she still puts on a bright smile on stage. She hopes to be apart of more musicals in the near future. Magaly would like to thank her family and friends for all the support!



Trynity MatosJames (Babette) has performed on rare occasions, including last year's play, *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, where she played the role of Flower Petunia, one of five flower girls who can talk the talk and walk the walk. She was born and raised in New Jersey with her diverse heritage. She plays flute, oboe, guitar, and is learning the piano! She dreams of being a theatre or band teacher when she grows up. She would like to thank her family, friends, and school's faculty for encouraging her to keep on reaching for the stars and beyond!!!



Mia Castillo (Narrator/Ensemble) was in the cast ensemble for last years play, *Alice in Wonderland*. Mia hopes to be in many shows throughout her high school career. Mia started singing (not professionally) around the age of 3 and is currently taking vocal lessons to improve her singing skills. Mia enjoys dancing, singing, and acting. Even though dancing in heels is a bit tough, she still puts on a smile. Mia would love to thank her family, friends, and Mrs. Villalobos for all their support!



Sade Graham (Narrator/Ensemble) attended Redwood Elementary School. She is very smart and talented. She never gives up and tackles challenges head on without. She puts her heart and soul in any and everything she does.

You will have the opportunity to take pictures of the cast in their costumes after the show in the auditorium.

performance at the Livingston Mall this past March. She has always loved performing, and wrote and performed plays with her sister, grandparents and cousins. In addition to dancing and acting, Rosie has sung with 3 different choral groups. Rosie enjoyed playing an Oompa Loompa in Edison Middle School's 2018 production of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and is happy to be a part of the talented cast of *Beauty of the Beast*, her first Liberty Middle School production.



Ogechi Udechukwu (Ensemble, Aristocratic Lady) has never been in a full scale musical like the current one. She has been in much smaller scale plays, like *Cinderella in 10 Minutes*, at the high school Summer camp. She has however been playing the flute since 4th grade, and plans to keep on playing through high school. She would like to thank her first band teacher, Mr. Zimmer, and her music/chorus teacher in elementary school, Mrs. Rees, for exposing her to the music world.

To an enchanting cast and production crew! We loved working with you all!
- Mrs. Carissimo, Mr. Krewen and Mrs. Villalobos

CANDY GRAMS

Congratulate the cast and crew for all their hard work by sending them a personalized candy gram which will be distributed following each performance. Candy grams will be available for sale at all shows.

\$1.00 - Candy Gram
\$5.00 - 8 Candy Grams





Hannah Florendo (Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of *Beauty and the Beast*. Previous credits include: *Wizard of Oz*, *Annie*, *Fable Factory*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. She has studied with Papermill Playhouse, Rhino Theatre, and Sharon Miller's Academy. She would like to thank friends and family for supporting her.



Skylar Lassiter (Ensemble) is currently in 7th grade. She is very talented. Skylar likes to sing, act and play sports. She would like to thank her family for all of their support.



Jessica Montoya (Ensemble) attends Liberty Middle School and is in 7th grade. This is her second year that she is doing Drama Club but this time in the play. She used to play the violin in elementary and in Edison. She does singing now. She did ballet since she was 7 years old. She would like to say thank you to her mom, her dad, her sister, her best friend, her friends in the play, the directors, her choir teacher, her teachers, her cousins, the cast and crew.



Jessica Osajie (Ensemble) has been in love with theatre as long as he can imagine. She took several acting lessons. She just moved here from Nigeria. In Nigeria, she was the vice president of the drama club and was very devoted to it. As vice president she helped with the play in different ways; she helped make some changes in the plays. She would like to show gratitude to her friends for pushing her to do this and most importantly Mrs. Villalobos. She wishes to continue acting throughout her middle and high school career.



Rosie Slaten (Ensemble) has been involved with arts since she was three years old when she began to study dance in her first ballet classes. She continued to learn other styles of dance, including tap, hip hop, latin, and ballroom for the next 6 years. More recently, Rosie and some of her friends did a dance



Stephanie Nicolaescu (Narrator and Ensemble) is excited to be part of her first musical drama production. Outside of the musical, she enjoys playing the piano and violin, drawing, and singing for family and friends. She wishes to be part of more drama productions in high school. She would like to thank everyone who helped with the play, as well as her family and friends who supported her throughout this experience. She is grateful for the opportunity to be part of such an amazing show. She hopes you enjoy the musical!



Nia Orparaji (Narrator/Ensemble) has now been in a couple of productions, last year's *Alice in Wonderland*, where she was part of the ensemble cast, and this year, where she is one of the narrators in addition to being a part of the ensemble cast. Outside of Drama Club, Nia also enjoys playing the piano, violin and singing. Nia has attended several acting classes a couple of summer's ago. She went to Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, Edison, and is now an 8th grader at Liberty Middle School. Nia is very excited for the transition into high school, and hopes to participate in a couple more shows during her high school career. Finally, Nia is grateful to be able to have made so many friend, and is grateful that she has gotten a chance to be a part of such an amazing cast! She would like to thank her friends and family for the constant encouragement, and her teachers Mrs. Villalobos, Mr. Krewer, and Mrs. Carissimo for their encouragement, and dedication, as this musical would not be possible without them.



Krisvel Elizondo (Silly Girl/Ensemble) loves music, art and dance. Last year, she was one of the Cheshire cats in *Alice In Wonderland Jr.* Krisvel is a huge K-pop fan which it influences her dancing style. She would like to thank her friends, teachers, and family for being there for her.



Ayodele George (Silly Girl/Ensemble) Ayodele, or Ayo for short, has always been a fan of music. She had fallen in love with music since she was 4 years old. She has gone to 7 schools in 3 different countries, which has to lead to being an open-minded

Our shooting star

Joshua

Once upon a time, a young man had a desire,
To be in the school play, his heart was afire.

He studied his lines, he learned his part,

We built his contraption, a true work of art.

The house lights dim, the curtain opens wide,

There you become Maurice, we burst with pride.

We know your days are hard, we know it's not easy,

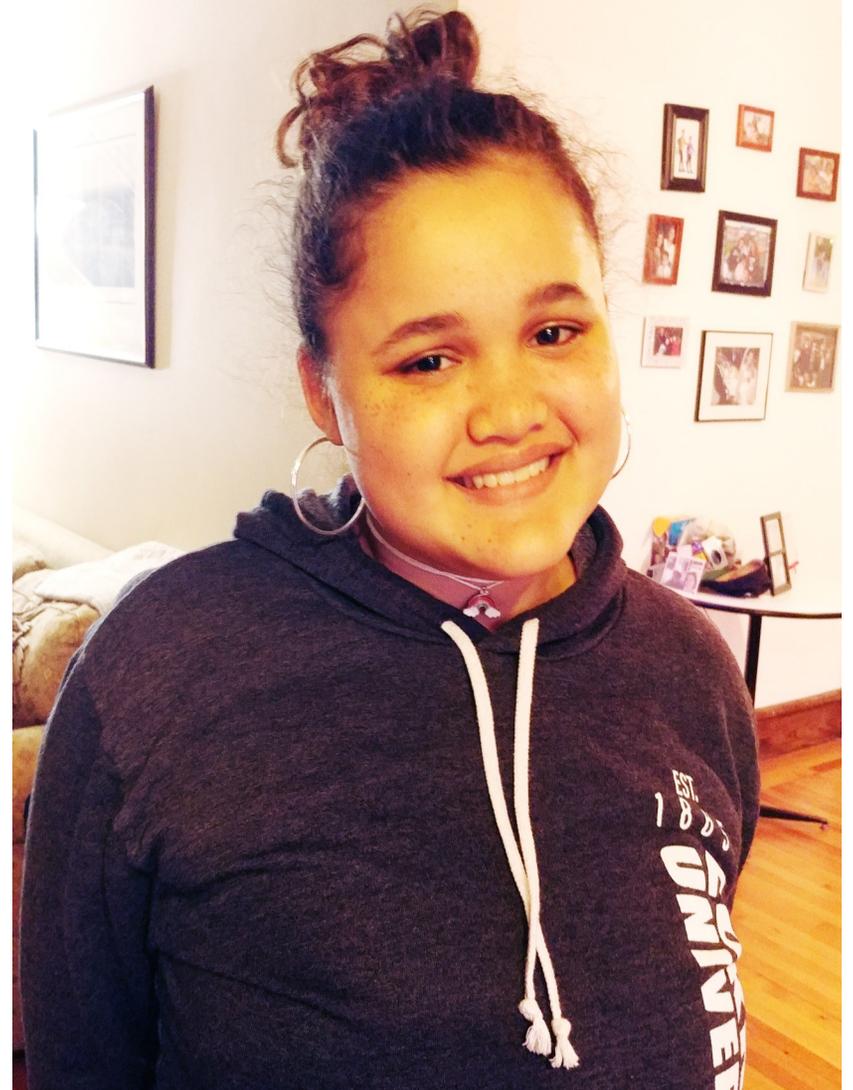
Just a little more rhyming, just don't get queasy.

We are so proud of you Josh, here comes the last line,

We love you very much,

NOW GO OUT AND SHINE!

Love Your Biggest Fans,
Mom, Dad, and
Samantha



Congratulations Charlotte
aka Chip.

Love, Mom, Dad, Sabrina
and Ian

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Beauty and the Beast!



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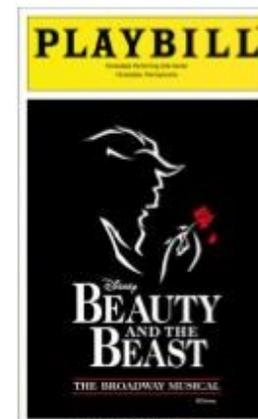
Josh!

I'm so proud of you!

You rocked it.

Love you,

Grandma



Dear **Ogechi**,

We are so proud of you!

You've worked so hard

for this play! We can't

wait to see you on

stage!

Love,

Mom and Dad

... Ayodele George Continue person. In her church, she has performed many plays that have been an influence on her ongoing career. The middle school she attends, Liberty Middle School, is known for producing exciting plays. Last year, she played *Rose in Alice in Wonderland* and this year, she plays Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast*. Ayo would like to thank her friends and family for always empowering her to do her best and put her all in it. She would like everyone one to know that she appreciates them for the criticisms and thanks to the Lord for their lives. Above all, she is grateful to God for all the people He has put in her life.



Taylor Hudson (Silly Girl/Ensemble) has been doing drama for about three years. She has attended Luna Stage and Montclair Performing Arts School. She plays the violin and she dances competitively. She loves to sing read and write. She wants to thank her Parents for believing in her and her grandparents for all the support. Also her sister for putting up with all the singing that she does.



Joelle Robertson (Silly Girl/Ensemble) This is Joelle's first year at Liberty Middle School and she is really excited to participate in the play this year. She previously starred in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory Jr.* as Grandma Josephine while at Edison Middle School and was also a part of the school's select choir, Edison Singers. She hopes to stay in drama club in the remainder of her middle school years and all throughout high school.



Rocio Urquia (Silly Girl/Ensemble) never shies at a chance to be in the spotlight, so when she heard about the school musical she couldn't help but audition. Last year, she was Tall Alice in the *Alice in Wonderland*. She loves to sing and act, and is so excited to share her passion with you on stage. Rocio would

like to thank her parents, Mrs. Villalobos and her friends for always encouraging her and making rehearsals the best part of her day.



Joshua Reger (Maurice) is a fun kid at heart, with a passion for being the best he can be. Joshua's education started in Kelly Elementary School. He attended Edison Central 6 and had a role in the stage crew for *A Comedy of Errors*. In 2018 at Liberty Middle School, he was a member of the stage crew in the production of *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* Now in 8th grade, Joshua is ecstatic to be performing as Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* When he isn't on stage, Joshua enjoys STEM Club, studying the sports pages, and having fun. He wants to thank Mrs. Villalobos for selecting him to play Maurice as well as the cast and crew for being so supportive throughout the months of rehearsal. He wants to thank his sister for all of her love and support, even during the hardest days. He wants to thank his mom for all of her support and always being there when he needed her most. He also wants to thank his dad, who has given him advice as an actor and helped build Maurice's invention. Joshua hopes the audience enjoys the show, with all of its talented actors and crew, as he invites you to "Be Our Guest."



Yaire Garcia Barrientos (Monsieur D'Arque/Ensemble) is excited to be a part of this year's production. Last year, she was in Liberty's *Alice in Wonderland*. Yaire loves to draw and play the guitar on her spare time. She would like to thank her family for all their support.



Dasha Rachioppi (Old Beggar Woman/Enchantress/Ensemble) attended Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, Edison, and now attending Liberty Middle School. This will be Dasha's first musical to perform. She loves to sing, dance, and act. With this, she also performs in ice skating. She would like to thank her parents, Ariel Pinocho Sosa, her grandparents (Tata and Cabuela), and the rest of her family.



Emily Correa (Ensemble) is very happy to be part of this musical production. She would like to thank her parents for all of their support.