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Disney DESCENDANTS THE MUSICAL

Book by
Nick Blaemire

Music Adaption by Vocal and Incidental
Madeline Smith Arrangement by
Madeline Smith

Additional Lyrics by
Nick Blaemire

Songs by

Johan Alkenas, Adam Anders, Aristeidis Archontis, Antonina Armato, Howard Ashman, Peer Astrom, Stephen Mark Conley, Doug Davis, Charity Daw, Andrew C. Dodd, Josh Edmondson, Pipo Fernandez, Nikki Hassman, Samuel Hollander, Ben Hostetler, Tim James, Hanna Jones, Jack Kugell, Craig Lashley, Andrew Lipa, Jeannie Lurie, Alan Menken, Grant Phillip Michaels, Anthony Mirabella, Shayna Mordue, Chen Neeman, Susan Paroff, Shelly M. Peiken, Joacim Persson, James K. Petrie, Adam Schlesinger, Adam Schmalholz, Tyler Shamy, Jodie Shihadeh, Nikki Ann Sorrentino, Thomas Armato Sturges, Ali Dee Theodore, Matthew Wong, David Zippel

Based on the Disney Channel Original Movies written by
Josann McGibbon and Sara Parriott

Disney's Descendants: The Musical

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friends, and especially her older and younger brothers.

Evana Zhuang (Stage Crew) has a big passion for art. When she heard of Liberty's Drama Club she was very interested in joining. She wanted to be part of the prop and set crew. Evana enjoys painting and helping make the scenery and props.

PRODUCTION CREW



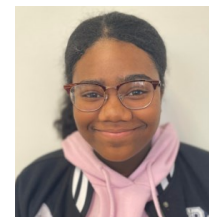
Jacinya Garner

Assistant Director



Jasmine Tellez

Assistant Director



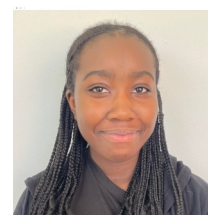
Jaylee Jackson

Stage Crew
Manager



Leah Varkey

Stage Crew
Manager



Ayo Osayande

Stage Crew
Assistant Manager



Madilyn Chen

Stage Crew
Assistant Manager



Monica Morales

Dance Captain



Liberty Middle School. She has never been to any acting schools but has always wanted to be an actor, she has worked behind the scenes in the sixth grade play as painting props and making them also carrying props on stage. She also wants to thank Mrs. Villalobos, Mrs. Tammone, her friends Isabella Joya, Izzy, Jaylee Jackson, Isabella Seda, Viv and all her other friends. But most importantly her parents for bringing her to drama club.

Jasmine Tellez (Assistant Director) is excited to be apart of this years musical. She is a 7th grader and it's her first time being in Liberty's musical. She went to Washington Elementary school and Edison Middle school. She has been apart of Edison's drama club being a stage manager. She would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos, and Mrs. Tammone for letting her have this opportunity and helping her throughout the way. She would also like to thank her parents for letting her be apart of the show and supporting her.

Jordan Taylor (Stage Crew) No bio submitted.

Makayla Washington (Stage Crew) joined Drama Club for the first time she loves it! Makayla has met lots of new people, and learned new skills on the way. She has learned how to make something out of nothing as well as helping the peers around her . Makayla also loves seeing her friends acting and singing on stage. She says it brings her joy to see them being themselves and having fun while doing it. Makayla would also like to thank Ms. Tammone and Mrs. Villalobos for doing what they have to do, to make this play as best as it possibly can.

Leah Varkey (Stage Crew Manager) is an 8th grader attending Liberty Middle school. She attended Kelly Elementary from Pre-K to 5th grade. Leah has been apart of stage crew for the last year now and has really enjoyed her time there. Though Leah loves to sing, she enjoys being behind the scenes rather than on stage. Leah is very appreciative of all the hard work being put into this play and thanks Ms. Villalobos , Ms. Tammone, and Mr. Mortensen for all their hard work in putting this show together.

Sabrina Villaruel (Stage Crew) is a 7th grader in Liberty Middle School. She attended Good Shepherd Academy in Nutley, NJ for 6 years (K-5) and started attending Edison Central Middle School in 2021. She discovered her affection for art in elementary school and has put most of her dedication into those hobbies. She worked backstage for 2 plays, Descendants (this year) and Middle School Madness, (Last year). She finds joy in painting + drawing and has always had a strong passion for working backstage, seeing her peers thrive in the spotlight. Sabrina wishes to pursue working behind the scenes in her upcoming years and would like to show acknowledgement towards her colleagues, supporting family,

SYNOPSIS

Based on the popular Disney Channel Original Movies, Disney's *Descendants: The Musical* is a brand-new musical jam-packed with comedy, adventure, Disney characters, and hit songs from the films!

Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous villains who ever lived – the teen-aged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island... until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

The show is about an hour and forty minutes long.



ANY VIDEO AND/OR AUDIO RECORDINGS OF THE PRODUCTION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

After the show, you will have the opportunity to take pictures of your child in their costumes on the stage.

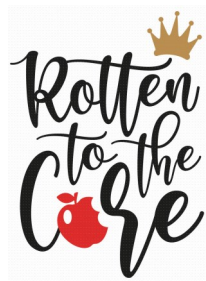


A note from the director...

I really love theatre and the whole creative process of making a live show. I do this because I love it. I get to work with talented, funny, energetic individuals who make this whole experience fun. We are so proud of the cast and crew for their hard work and dedication to the musical. Please note the set design. With the help and guidance of Mr. Mortenson, the production crew helped paint the set and make props. It has been a true pleasure working with every student in the production of Descendants.

Please sit back, get comfortable, and enjoy the journey of the Descendants who have a big decision to make, should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

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



Ms. Alexa Tammone, vocal director and choreographer, and **Erik Mortensen**, set designer, for working with me on this musical super fun musical. This is a true team effort and I could not have done this without you. Ms. Alexa Tammone worked with each cast member to develop their vocal skills and choreographed the musical with some of the original dance steps of the *Descendants* movies. Mr. Erik Mortensen worked with the stage crew to create our wonderful scenery. He did an amazing job creating Maleficent's staff, Fairy Godmother's wand, the Sleeping Beauty spindle, and much more.

My Family for putting up with my late hours, and helping make candy grams.

Mrs. Janet Coppola - for everything! Thank you for helping me with the costume rental, purchasing set design supplies, reserving the auditorium for Saturday rehearsal, keeping records of our drama club budget, ticket sales, and so much more. You're

play this year and as Dance Captain, has enjoyed assisting with the dances for the play. She would like to thank her family, friends, fellow Drama Club members, Ms. Villalobos and Ms. Tammone for their support.

Donna Morocho (Stage Crew) No bio submitted.

Tami Ogun (Stage Crew) was born in West Orange, New Jersey and used to attend Redwood Elementary School. She used to tap dance, do ballet, do gymnastics, and play a viola. She also did a fashion show for her old school, OLHC. She's had a lot of experience being on stage, just not with theatre. Lastly, she doesn't know who to thank.

Ayo Osayande (Stage Crew Assistant Manager) was born in Lagos, Nigeria and is an 8th grade student attending Liberty Middle School. This is her first year in Drama Club. She has been wanting to be a part of making a musical and this year she was able to bring it to life. She would like to thank her family and friends for motivating and encouraging her.

Guyenne Pierre (Costume & Makeup) is a 14 year old eighth grader at Liberty middle school. She used to go to Washington school when she was younger. Though it is the first year being in Drama club she loves it. She also loves the people she works with. Since she was little, Guyenne loved arts and crafts. She picked up crocheting, painting, and cooking. So it was perfect for her to be in the production crew in Drama club. Guyenne wants to thank her friends and family for persuading her to join Drama club.

Samantha Reiban (Stage Crew) No bio submitted.

Lidiya Ransom (Stage Crew) No bio submitted.

Zoe Scott (Stage Crew) is a talent artist. She loves to draw. Zoe got the chance to help paint the set.

Hayden Seethal (Stage Crew) is one of the stage crew member that help out around whenever he can up really enjoys helping and making the Play run smoother during the production of *Descendants: The Musical*. Hayden came from New York coming to New Jersey for a new experience. He first went to the elementary school, Redwood Elementary School, Hayden later went to Edison then Liberty Middle School. He later realized theatre was very cool and interesting and wanted to do stage crew when he found out. He now has no regrets about this decision and wants to have more experience and more fun doing this.

Jemima Selassie (Stage Crew) was born in Brooklyn, NY and she was homeschooled until she was nine. Then she moved to West Orange and went to St. Cloud Elementary school, Edison Middle school and now is at

with or see animals of all kinds and she likes to read book series. Isabella is very happy to be able to work with everyone in drama club and see how things are going in rehearsals (backstage or painting). She hopes that the rest of the time in the club will be enjoyable and we will all have a good time on or off set. Isabella also likes to paint and do many craft of all kinds. So, she will enjoy painting with everyone else who is painting. She will enjoy helping anyone who needs help at any moment and time. So for the rest of the time in drama club Isabella will do her best to help anyone and do anything that will be needed.

Samerah Kahi (Stage Crew) is very thrilled to help collect memories for Drama Club. This is her 2nd time joining Drama Club. Last year, she was the stage crew assistant manager, helping the show from the sidelines. You can usually find her on her phone playing Cookie Run Kingdom, playing her viola, or dozing off. She'd like to thank her family and friends for motivating her to continue doing her job and hopes everybody enjoys the show that all the cast and crew members worked very hard for.

Giselle Lawrence (Set & Prop Design Manager) was born in Morristown and is currently a 8th grade student attending Liberty Middle School. This year was her second experience backstage of a play. She has always wanted to perform or be a part of a show, so she decided to try it out. She does have some experience with being on stage and performing; she had the same role of creating props and helping backstage in the 2022 performance at LMS for the play The Wizard of Oz, was a former dancer, and used to sing for her elementary school chorus group, and band (flute). She has enjoyed her time working behind the scenes on this play with such a wonderful group. She hopes to continue to work backstage and be a part of drama club.

Leona Lobbon (Stage Crew) was born in New Jersey and moved to Arizona when she was little. She recently moved to West Orange and joined drama club in stage crew. She had experience in stage crew last year at her old school and has always loved backstage things in drama class/club. You can usually find her talking with her friends or taking pictures with her camera. She'd like to thank her parents for letting her join drama club and she'd like to thank the drama club teachers for letting her join even if she can't always be there.

Monica Morales (Dance Captain) Monica Morales is a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School. She attended Edison Middle School and Mt. Pleasant Elementary School before coming to LMS. She has loved to dance ever since she was little and currently performs hip-hop and street jazz at Grooves Unlimited Dance Studio, in Livingston. At Grooves, she is a member of the Unlimited Company Hip-Hop Dance Crew, where she has had the opportunity to perform at the Prudential Center, Dance NJ dance showcase and Six Flags New Jersey. She is excited to be a part of the

Mr. Xavier Fitzgerald and Mr. Olshalsky for being supportive.

Mr. Louis Quagliato for his help and support.

Aaron Carr for making sure we have enough buses for the students, holding the buses when rehearsals went a little over time, and making sure that the student's knows their bus stop.

Ms. Gina Fondetto for making and running the fundraisers for us to rent the projector and images.

Ms. Sara Alvarez for your donation.

Cyclebar for hosting the fundraiser.

Mr. Vito Pantaleo, Gus, and custodial staff for being there for our Saturday rehearsals, putting the sandwich sign outside, and for moving things off and on the stage.

The Phys Ed Department for lending us the lacrosse sticks.

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.

Stage crew for all your hard work painting the set, making props, changing the scenery, and setting the stage.

The cast for your hard work and dedication to the show.

ALL THE PARENTS OF THE CAST AND CREW We want each of you to know that your continues support of the arts in our schools is greatly appreciated! Thank you for donating food, drinks, snacks, candy grams, and your time. Thanking for driving your child to and from our Saturday rehearsals, 6:00 PM rehearsals, helping serve the students dinner, helping with hair and makeup. Thank you for participating in the fundraiser! We would never be able to put on a big show like this without you. You are the wonderful piece of the puzzle that completes the whole beautiful picture that makes up a live theatre experience!



ACT I

AURADON BELLE & BEAST'S CASTLE

Better Together (Prelude 1) BEN

Rotten to the Core MAL, EVIE, JAY, CARLOS
..... ISLE ENSEMBLE

Evil Like Me MALEFICENT, MAL

AURADON PREP

Be Our Guest AURADONIAN CHOIR, CHAD

Good Is the New Bad (Preprise) FAIRY GODMOTHER

Good Is the New Bad (Part 1) MAL, EVIE,
..... JAY, CARLOS, AURADONIAN

Good Is the New Bad (Part 2) DOUG, AUDREY,
..... CHAD, AURADONIANS

MUSEUM OF CULTURAL HISTORY

Evil Like Me (Preprise) MAL

ISLE OF THE LOST, MALEFICENT'S LAIR

Rotten to the Core (Parent's Revenge) MALEFICENT
..... JAFAR, GRIMHILDE, CRUELLA

AURADON PREP TOURNEY FIELD

Goal JAY, CARLOS, MAL, EVIE, BEN,
..... CHAD, COACH, AURADONIANS

Goal (Reprise 1) AURADONIANS

MAL'S DORM ROOM

Ways to Be Wicked (Preprise) MAL, EVIE, JAY, CARLOS
AURADON PREP COURTYARD

Did I Mention BEN, JAY, CARLOS, EVIE, AURADONIANS
THE DATE

Better Together (Prelude) BEN, MAL

THERE WILL BE A 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION.

Snacks and drinks can be purchased in the lobby during intermission.

always supporting her dreams and never giving up on her no matter what activity she decided to pursue. She would also like to thank her best friends for always supporting her through her ups and downs and never being offended by how bossy Jacinya might have been during rehearsals. Lastly, Jacinya would like to thank Mrs Villalobos and Ms Tam-mone for giving her the opportunity to help make this show one of the greatest ones Liberty has ever put to action. Jacinya hopes to continue her love for being apart of the production aspect of drama club and once again she would love to thank all the people that played a part in getting her to where she is today.

Adyela Guillen (Stage Crew) used to go the Mt Pleasant Elementary school, then to edison, and now to Liberty. She has been interested in join drama club ever since her older sister was also in the production crew as well. She is very happy to be in production crew and even though it would seem extraordinary to be on stage one day but being behind the stage is just as fun. Helping out backstage with costumes and props and just hanging out with friends is what makes Adyela happy the most. She was in drama club since last year and that was probably one of the best idea she has ever was because ever since she has made the nicest and best of friends ever.

Jaylee Jackson (Stage Crew Manager) or Jay was born in Baltimore, Maryland and spent most of her life in Queens NY and used to attend PS. 169 and now attend Liberty Middle School. Jaylee was a part of the production *Willy Wonka Jr.* at Vanguard Theater Company and she played the role of Mrs. Salt. She is now the current Stage Crew Manager for the production *Descendants: The Musical*. Jaylee is extremely thankful for the Crew the Assistant Directors and Ms.Villalobos for all of the amazing hard work they put in. She is also thankful to her parents for always encouraging and mentoring her. She is also very thankful for the cast for bringing this play to life through their roles and the 8th graders for being amazing mentors to her. She would lastly like to thank, everyone in drama club for making it feel like a true family.

Laila Jones (Stage Crew) is a 8th grade student at Liberty Middle School. She was assistant director in "The Wizard of Oz" last year, and has re-joined as stage crew this year. Laila was born in December of 2008, and grew up in Montclair, NJ. She attended Watchung Elementary School and participated in multiple shows and even had 2 main roles. Laila loves being backstage, and enjoys attending the drama club meetings. Laila would like to thank her parents, Ms.Villalobos, and the wonderful cast & crew. She is excited to see the final play and can't wait to see all of the drama clubs hard work be shown.

Isabella Joya (Stage Crew) is excited to be working for stage crew. She like to work with other people when she has the chance. She likes to be

PRODUCTION CREW

Leena Abdelghany (Stage Crew) is a 7th grader who is joining Drama Club for the first time this year. Though she isn't acting on stage, she is extremely eager to see how the show will turn out! Leena went to school at Kelly Elementary for most of her elementary school years. She would like to thank the directors of Drama Club who were able to make this year's show happen!

Gabriella Almeida Skinner (Prop & Set Assistant) No bio submitted.

Kendall Aska (Costume & Makeup) is a 13 year old 7th grader that has attended Edison, Mt.Pleasant Elementary School, the Pingry School, and now Liberty Middle School. She's been in a few acting camps. She's also been in a few plays as well. She's very excited for this years play at Liberty. She would like thank her parents for letting her join this club at her school. She would think her friends that joined the club with her, and making it fun for her. And she would also like thank Mrs. Villalobos, Ms. Tamone, for making this possible.

Roslyn Asah (Costume & Makeup) No bio submitted.

Kyle Bacote (Stage Crew) No bio submitted.

Kezia Burton (Stage Crew) No bio submitted.

Athanasia Caplanis (Costume & Makeup) is a creative student who loves to create art. She decided to join Drama Club this year and she is glad that she did!

Madilyn Chen (Stage Crew Manager Assistant) No bio submitted.

Naomi Coleman (Stage Crew) is a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School. Naomi has participated in plays in the past, but they are now trying the world behind the stage. When not on stage, Naomi enjoys drawing, listening to music, and playing video games. Naomi would like to thank her wonderful family and friends for their love and support.

Brailyn Garcia (Stage Crew) is excited to be part of stage crew. He will also help out selling things for drama club during intermission.

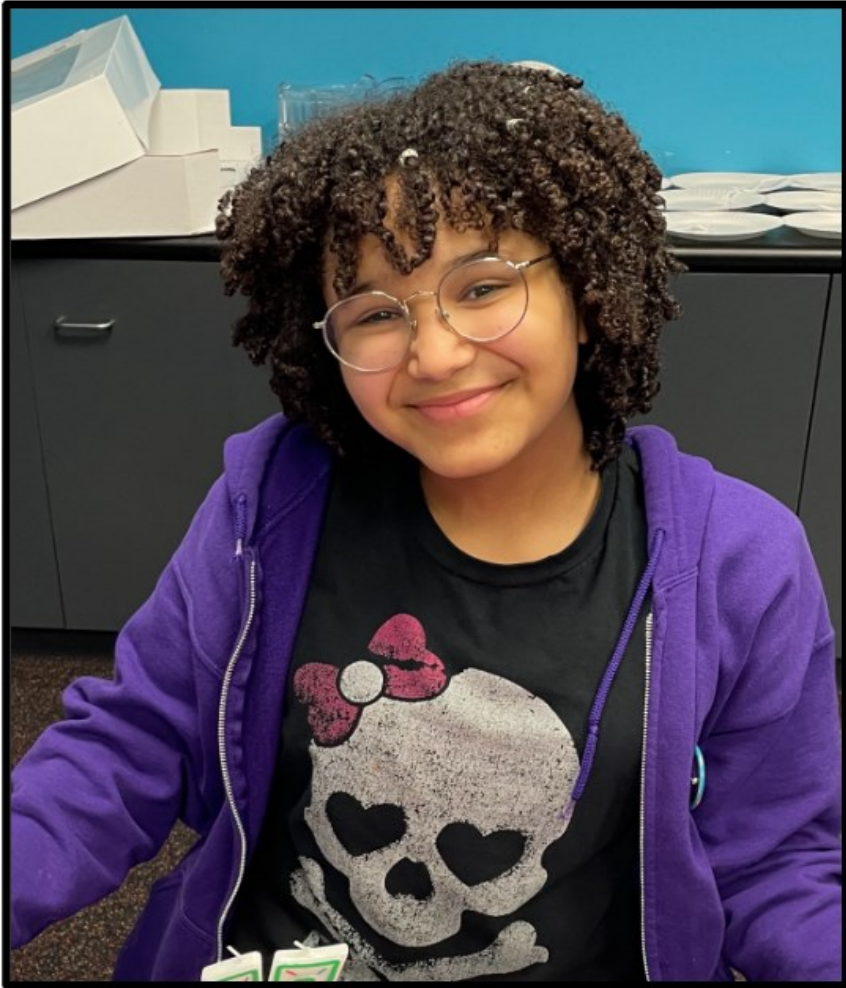
Jacinya Garner (Assistant Director) was born n New York and has always had a love for having a part in the production style of the drama club experience. Jacinya loves to write and bake in her free time while also swimming. She has always been a passionate and powerful young woman and ever since she was little she always has dreamed of directing her own show one day. Jacinya would like to thank her mom and dad for



Talia... You are one of the biggest blessings in our lives. We are so proud of the beautiful person you are and you make us proud every day. Congrats on getting the role of Mal! We can't wait to see how well you will perform on stage. Continue to be the superstar we know you are! We love you so much!! Congratulations Talia & the entire cast and crew of Descendants!!

- Your FAMILY loves you!!!!

Salem Pierre



Sal-
I am beaming with pride! There is nothing better than watching you do what you love. You are truly a star! Keep shining your own light! We love you so much!
-Mom, Jaxon & Juliette



Rebecca Thomas (Ensemble) was born and raised in West Orange and went to Kelly Elementary School, Edison, and now Liberty. Rebecca was involved in drama club in Edison as one of the stage managers. She has no prior experience in acting but she enjoys singing and sings in her church choir. Rebecca would like to thank Ms. Tammone and Ms. Villalobos for their effort to make this show possible and make sure everyone feels welcome.



Nylah Yarrell (Ensemble) has some theatre experience. This will be her second time on stage and she loves it. She will be in this next year!

PRODUCTION CREW

DIRECTOR LISETTE VILLALOBOS

PRODUCER LISETTE VILLALOBOS

MUSIC/VOCAL DIRECTOR ALEXA TAMONNE

CHOREOGRAPHER ALEXA TAMONNE

SET DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION ERIK MORTENSEN,
..... AND STAGE CREW

PROP DESIGN ERIK MORTENSEN, AND STAGE CREW

T-SHIRT DESIGN LISETTE VILLALOBOS

OUTDOOR SIGN KRISTY LOPEZ AND LISETTE VILLALOBOS

PROGRAM DESIGN LISETTE VILLALOBOS

HAIR/MAKEUP KRISTY LOPEZ,
..... DESCEDANTS PARENTS

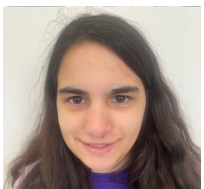
SOUND MAZEN DAHROUG

LIGHTING SAM SELIKOFF

schedule, especially those late afternoon rehearsals and weekend meetings. Without her parents, she would not be able to be where she is today, inside and outside of Drama Club. She also wants to give a big thanks to her friends. Drama Club has become a big family after all of these weeks, and she has gotten closer than ever to her friends. Lastly, Kareena would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos, Ms. Tammone, and Mr. Mortensen for making this play come to life. They are amazing leaders who work really hard to make this play the best it can be and it is appreciated so much. Enjoy the show! .



Erika Morocho (Ensemble) is excited to be part of this year's musical *Descendants*. She has been having fun at Drama Club.



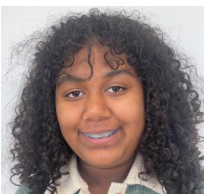
Alexandria Olivares (Ensemble) is 13 years old and has been dancing for 11 years. She was excited to take a part in the ensemble cast and to do parts of any kind. She loves singing and has done two play in her past. She is glad to be with her directors for the play and likes to make people happy.



Isabella Seda (Ensemble) is a 7th grader. She has been having fun, meeting new people, and making friends. She is happy to be part of the *Descendants* cast.



Kezia Selassie (Ensemble) was born in Brooklyn, NY. She was homeschooled until she was nine years old. Then moved to West Orange and went to St. Cloud Elementary School, Edison Middle School and is currently at Liberty Middle School in 7th grade. She has always wanted to be an actor but has never went to acting school. She worked backstage as the crew for *Middle School Madness* at EMS and is now ensemble for this year's play *Descendants*. She goes to every rehearsal and works hard to learn all the dances and songs.



Sejal Sinclair (Ensemble) is a 7th grader. She has been having a great time in drama club. She has been working hard on the choreography and singing. She is really enjoying being part of the *Descendants* cast.

ACT II

MAL'S DORM ROOM

Space Between.....MAL, EVIE

Chillin' Like a Villain (Part 1) EVIE, JAY, CARLOS

ISLE OF THE LOST

Chillin' Like a Villain (Part 2)EVIE, JAY, CARLOS, BEN

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Good Is the New Bad (Reprise 2) AURADONIANS

ISLE OF THE LOST MAL'S HIDEOUT

If OnlyMAL, EVIE

AURADON PREP COURTYARD

Ways to Be Wicked.....AUDREY, CHAD, EVILS, BEN

.....AURADONIANS, EVIL PARENTS

Evil Like Me (Reprise 2) MALEFICENT

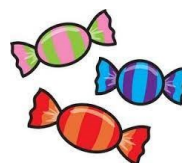
THE CORONATION, AURADON CATHEDRAL

Better Together COMPANY

Break This Down COMPANY

CANDY GRAMS

Send a congratulatory note and a treat to someone in the cast and crew with a candy gram. Candy grams are available for purchase during intermission, before and after the show.



Imani El



Congratulations Imani! Nothing is going to be more exciting than seeing you on stage for your first performance. Bravo! We're so very proud of you. -From your loving family



Yazmin Gomez (Ensemble) went to Washington Elementary, Edison Middle School, and finished her last year of middle school at Liberty Middle School. She has been dancing since the age of four doing tap, Jazz, Ballet, contemporary, etc. She was in *The Wizard of Oz* musical in 2022. She was a dance captain and was in some dance numbers including Jitterbug, Munchkin Land, etc. She wants to thank her friends and the new friends that she has gained from drama club. She wants to thank her family and dance family for all of the long drama days after school and pushing her to be the best she can. She also would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos, Ms. Tammone, and Mr. Mortensen for all of the hard work they have done these past months to get the show together. They put a lot of determination and time to be able to make this show the best they can. Onto the show!



Katie Inmagua (Ensemble) is very excited for this years play! She loves to act and at first she was shy but she got more comfortable around with her fellow crew members! She always wanted to be in a play and she is thrilled for this years play and she hopes to be in more plays! She was very encouraged and grateful that she got in the play and she's thankful for that!



Frank James (Ensemble) is a 13-year-old actor who attends Liberty Middle School as an 8th grader. Frank was born in Livingston, and moved to West Orange at four years old. He loves to sing, dance and act, all of which he has been doing since he was five, appearing in commercials. Frank has also performed in multiple talent shows, one of which he won first place. His other interests include track and field and reading comic books. He has currently been in three plays, *The Wizard of Oz*, here at Liberty, where he was ensemble. He was also in *Matilda: the Musical*, where he played the character Nigel. Frank has dreams of becoming a famous actor in Hollywood. He is grateful for his family and friends who have not only helped him on his journey up to this point, but for supporting him throughout his life.



Kareena Mohabir (Ensemble) is an 8th grader at Liberty Middle School. She went to Washington Elementary School, Edison Middle School, and is now finishing up her last year at Liberty. Kareena was in Drama club last year during *The Wizard Of Oz*. She was one of the dance captains and played many ensemble roles including a Munchkin, a Jitterbug, and much more. Kareena currently is in a Bollywood (Indian) dance class and has been doing Bollywood dance since she was 7 years old, about 6 years ago. Kareena wants to give a big thanks to her family, for putting up with the Drama Club



Vicky Chen (Ensemble) was born in Brooklyn, NY. She has been excited about joining drama club at Liberty Middle School. When she was little, attended summer to learn how to sing and dance. This is where she developed some experience with acting but mostly singing and dancing. At age seven, Vicky joined an drama class and was chosen to plan an alien for the musical *Toy Story*.

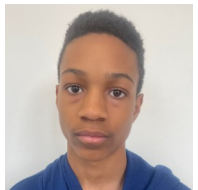
Lucia Cordova (Ensemble) was born and raised in West Orange, New Jersey. Last year she joined the production crew (stage crew). So this would be her second year in Drama Club. She hasn't really been interested in Drama Club before, so she thought she would try it out since her friend was joining. Probably the best decision she's made. She had fun being in the production crew, but she saw how the ensemble cast was doing great and that they were having fun on stage performing in front of everyone. But that the reason she didn't join was because she was scared to be on stage. So now this year she decided to join ensemble to face her fears. Another great decision she had made. She hopes to continue to be in drama club at the high school.



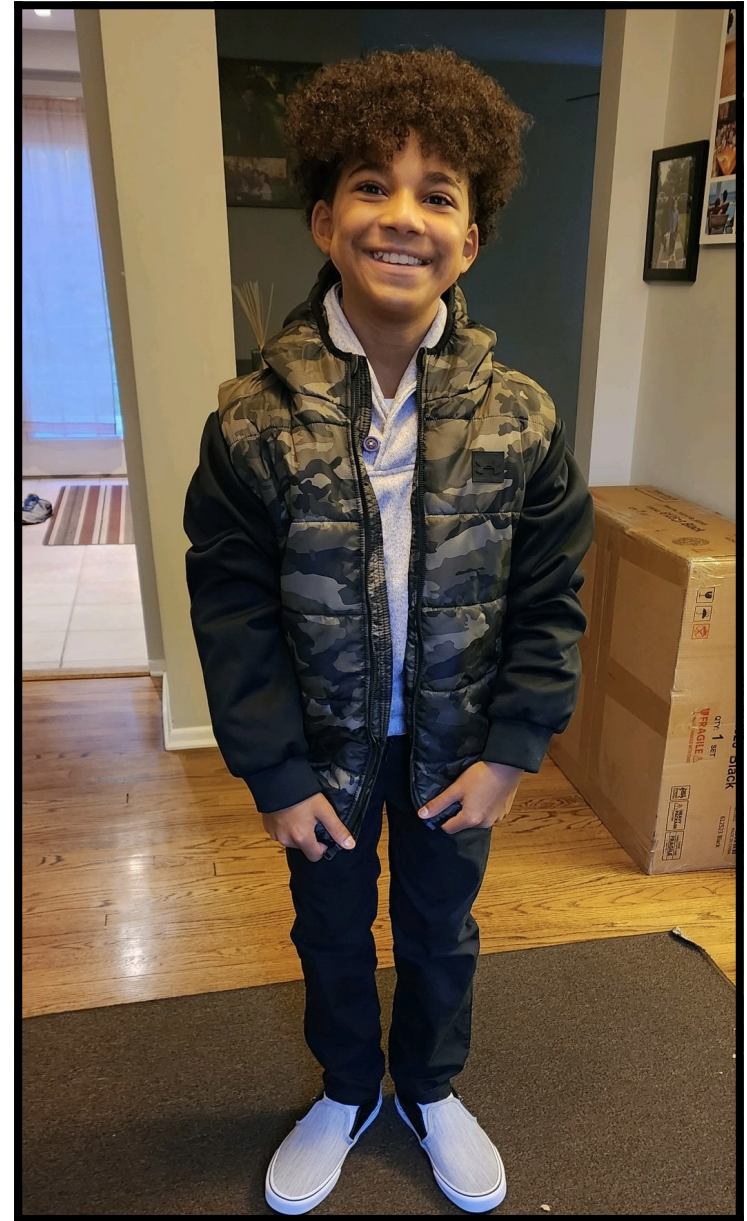
Mary Dada (Ensemble) is anticipating the arrival of the *Descendants* musical opening night. She is a 13 year-old eighth grader attending Liberty Middle School, undergoing her first ever experience in a musical. She was born and raised in our very own hometown, West Orange, NJ. Her education credentials include Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, Edison Middle School, Liberty Middle School, and this upcoming fall, West Orange High School. Mary's skills and hobbies include baking, cooking, singing, dancing, and crocheting. Because this is her first ever experience working in theater, she is glad she's part of a warm, loving environment and happy to be a part of a production.



Imani El (Ensemble) is a 7th grader that attends Liberty Middle School. She fell in love with theater after watching various plays and movies and is now in a musical herself. She now is in the production of *Descendants* as a member of the ensemble cast. Imani plans to bring her finest acting skills to the stage at every performance. She would like to thank Ms. Tammone and Mrs. Villalobos for this opportunity in the play and for her family who always supported her.



Jayden Eubanks (Ensemble) participated as a stage crew member last year and he decided to join the cast. Jayden has been having fun being part of the ensemble cast.



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Mom, dad, Kj

stage, and her friends for encouraging her (specifically her best friend Sal for getting her interested in theater).



Milan Wright (Snow White/Ensemble) is an 8th grade student at Liberty Middle School and a West Orange citizen who loves to participate in everything! She fulfilled the role of video production for Liberty's play last year, *The Wizard of Oz*, and decided that she'd join the cast this year. She's so grateful for all of the new friends and experiences that she gained throughout the production of this musical. When Milan isn't practicing her lines or doing her homework, she can usually be found painting, listening to music on her record player, or talking to friends on the phone. She would like to give a big thanks to her mama for always encouraging, supporting, and uplifting her. Other thanks would go to Milan's friends that made the experience even more fun! One last thank you would go to Mrs. Villalobos, Ms. Tammone, Mr. Mortensen, and all of stage crew for making all of this possible! Enjoy the show!!! :)



Christiana Borty (Ensemble) is a 7th grade student. She is very excited to be part of the Descendants ensemble cast. Christiana has been working hard on the choreography and music.



Bianca Casely-Hayford (Queen Belle Understudy, Coach Understudy, Ensemble) was born in New York then moved to West Orange where she attend Redwood Elementary and Edison Middle School. She's currently an 8th grader at Liberty Middle School. Bianca has had prior experience in the drama environment where she was Ms. Gulch in Liberty Middle School's production, *Wizard of Oz*. Bianca's other interests include cooking, baking, listening to music, etc. She is grateful that drama club has given her an opportunity to exercise her acting skills and grow better relationships with her friends. Bianca would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Villalobos, Ms. Tammone, and Mr. Mortensen for a comfortable environment, fun dance numbers, and amazing prop decorations!



Avalon Chasse (Doug Understudy, Ensemble) has been in other productions before. She is super excited about this year's musical *Descendants*. Avalon is in the ensemble cast but will be playing Doug on Friday night. She has been working hard on her lines, the music lyrics, making quick costume changes, and she hopes that you will enjoy the performance.

years, and she wants her to continue doing what she loves even when Michal leaves.



Eli Witzig (Royal Page/Ensemble) is a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School. Eli attended Mt. Pleasant School and Edison Middle School. He was part of the stage crew last year for the Middle School Madness Show at Edison Middle School. He loves drama because he is able to express himself in ways that he would not be able to. Eli loves to go skiing with

his family and play video games. He also loves to go exploring and camping. At home, he likes taking on projects like making his electric scooter faster.



Logan Zambrana (Royal Guard/Ensemble) loves to try new things and this year he chose Drama Club. This is the first time that Logan will be on stage. He has never acted before and after attending last year's show, he was interested to learn about everything that's involved in creating a play. He has enjoyed the new experience, made new friends, and hopes to be involved in future productions.



Camila Roncal (Maurice/Ensemble) was born in West Orange, she first attended Kelly Elementary and Edison middle school. Right now she is currently an 8th grader at Liberty Middle School. She first joined drama club in 7th grade and auditioned for the *Wizard of Oz* musical. She got the role of Hunk in the production. She was very excited to play Hunk

and nervous too but she enjoyed it once she was on stage. This year she auditioned and got the part of Maurice, who is Belle's dad. She is very excited to perform this year and wants to thank her family for their support but especially her mom who picked her up every day from drama. She also wants to thank her cousins for being her biggest supporters and always coming to watch her. She also wants to thank Michal Simon (Doug), Talia Thomas (Mal) and, Izzy Greenberg (Jane) the most for being her closest friends that supported her the most and always helped her practice throughout classes (especially Social Studies). A huge thank you to Mrs. Tammone and Mrs. Villalobos for making this production a great experience and a comfortable setting to be in!



Kael Delisca (Coach, Fairy Godmother Understudy, Ensemble) is a 7th grader here at Liberty, previously attending Edison Middle School and Redwood Elementary. Kael was in the play, *Middle School Madness*, in the 6th grade other than that, Kael is new to theater. In her free time, she likes to sew and take trips to the dollar tree with her friends. She would like to thank her family for believing in her, Mrs. Villalobos and Ms. Tammone for this opportunity, stage crew for handling everything back-

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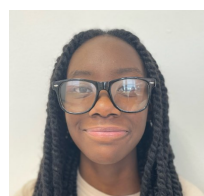
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tary School, Edison Middle School, and is now he is a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School. Outside of acting and singing Emeka enjoys playing the piano and the trumpet. He also enjoys playing sports such as basketball and also playing video games. Emeka would like to give a shout out to Mrs. Villalobos, Ms. Tammone, and Mr. Krewer for helping him mature and grow not only as an actor/student but as a person. Emeka would also like to give a special shout out to Vincent Fondetto for helping him get started in the world of theater and helping and watching him mature and improve. Finally, Emeka would like to say thank you to his family for also helping him improve and that this would not be achievable without them.

Camryn Morgan (Audrey) is 13 years old in Berkeley, Illinois. She later



moved to West Orange, New Jersey when she turned 1. She attended, Kelly Elementary, Edison Middle School and is now finishing out her 8th grade year at Liberty Middle School. Camryn has always had a passion for the arts since she was little and dances/competes for Unique Performance Arts Centre. Camryn joined drama club last year and was able to be a part of Liberty's production of *Wizard Of Oz*. Camryn is ecstatic to be apart of this years production, "*Descendants*" as Audrey. She would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos, Ms Tammone, Mr. Mortenson, and the cast and crew for making this year a blast! It was a bit of a whirlwind but she is so happy to be surrounded by such hard workers and people who push her to her full potential! Camryn would also like to thank her friends for always believing in her and putting up with her craziness! Last but not least, her family. Camryn loves them dearly and wants to thank them for their support and guidance throughout her life and for always having her back. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



Michal Simon (Doug, Audrey Understudy) grew up in West Orange, NJ, attended Washington Elementary, EMS, and is currently in 8th Grade at Liberty Middle School. To her friends, she is funny and wonderful. She enjoys making people laugh. Michal loves drawing/painting, playing video games, cooking/baking, and writing. She also loves studying different languages, watching Anime, BTS/BT21, listening to music, and so on. Her passion for theatre started when she saw her brother, Ezra Simon, perform at Liberty's musical *Beauty and the Beast*. Although she started theatre because of her brother, she would not have done it without her other siblings! She was in Liberty's *The Wizard of Oz*, and was THE WIZARD. She admires drama because the entire journey is just so fun. She says that this is where she feels the most comfortable, especially with her friends and Mrs. Villalobos. Michal wants to thank God for giving her the ability to be part of this wonderful production. Lastly, she wants to thank her friends, family, Ms. Tammone, and Mr. Mortenson for being amazing whether that is choreography or the set each teacher did wonderfully! Then, Mrs. Villalobos, she wants to thank her for continuing Drama Club for

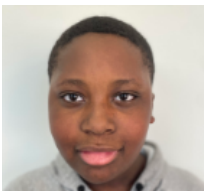
It's been such a pleasant and special experience. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Nava Brickman (Fairy Godmother) is currently an 8th grader at Liberty Middle School. She grew up in West Orange with her five older siblings (yes, from the same parents), which is where her creativity and imagination began. Her acting started at a young age, as she cried on cue to get her siblings in trouble. Her formal acting instruction began at the West Orange Enrichment program and continued to last year's musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, where she played the role of Aunt Em. Throughout her childhood, Nava has taken a combination of classes including ballet, tap, other forms of dance, and competitive gymnastics. Outside of Drama Club, Nava keeps occupied with softball, academics, and volunteering. She would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos for all her hard work in directing the musical, and Ms. Tammone for teaching the kids great dances and perfecting our singing. Nava would especially like to thank her friends and her family for putting up with her constant singing and acting around the house - I bibbidi-bobbidi love you!



Isabella Greenberg (Jane/Ensemble) Izzy is an LMS 8th grader with a burning passion for performing. This started when she did her first show for *Shrek*. She went on to perform in more musicals like *Mean*, *The Little Mermaid*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Frozen*, *Grease*, *Sound of Music*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Matilda*, and *Annie*. She also recently sang with the Voches8 with her glee club. Izzy was born in New Jersey and used to attend Lacordaire Academy before she made the amazing decision to switch to Liberty. She attended an acting program in Montclair for several years. She recently took up singing not only in shows but also is currently taking singing lessons she believes her voice as well as acting and dancing skills have improved a lot since last year. Izzy has a dream of being on Broadway and will do whatever it takes to get there. She has done shows on the side with friends and they even made their own productions. She personally believes that with enough practice her dream will someday be achieved. Izzy is so honored to have the role of Jane in this year's show. She would like to thank her singing coach and her family for listening and helping prepare with the auditions. Izzy would like to thank her friends specifically Camila Roncol, Michal Simon, and of course, Talia Thomas for being such supportive friends. Also a HUGE thank you to her 2 director Mrs. V. and Mrs. Tammone for making all of this possible.



Emeka Oparaji (Chad/Ensemble) is excited for this year's production of *Descendants The Musical*. Emeka has been in numerous shows such as *Neverland*, where he scored the main role of Peter Pan. He was born and raised in West Orange New Jersey where he attended Mt.Pleasant Elemen-



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grade but now attends Liberty Middle School as a 7th Grader. Kailei enjoys singing and often plays percussion for band class but she used to play French horn. Kailei wants to thank her family for motivating her to try stuff like this because she ended up loving it.



Mikayla Chery (Cruella de Vil) was born and raised in Montclair, New Jersey. She had a passion for acting. Every year she joins the school musical. She loves dancing and singing on stage. This is something that makes her happy and where she found her joy. Last year she was scared to join drama club because she didn't know who was going to be there. To her surprise, she met amazing people who she considers to be some of her closest friends. This year she was lucky enough to get Cruella and was ecstatic. She wants to thank her family, friends, and directors for being with her every step of the way.



Sal Pierre (Ben) self-proclaimed "Silly Little Guy" has always had a passion for acting and dancing since he was a little kid. He lived in Maplewood, NJ for most of his life moving to West Orange 4 years ago. He's been in 3 variety shows in elementary and was in the Edison school play last year, *Middle School Madness*. When he isn't acting he likes playing video games and poker. He would like to thank his Grandmother for always supporting him no matter what and being an amazing influence. He would also like to thank his friends, even though most of them met him this year. He already cares about them so much.



Alise Carneiro (King Beast) is an 8th grader attending Liberty middle school. She's an enjoyer of many things including making and being part of a musical. While being the Tinman last year in "The Wizard of Oz," it was a bit stressful for her, she loved it and was glad she could be part of such an amazing cast and crew. She currently plays the piano, draws somewhat regularly, sings in the school choir, and loves to write about her own unique characters. She is glad that she got to do this musical!



Alexa Richards (Queen Belle, Maleficent Understudy) Alexa is in the 8th grade at Liberty and is so happy to be a part of this production. Last year, Alexa was in the *Wizard of Oz* musical as an ensemble cast member and Aunt Em. Alexa feels so fortunate to be surrounded by the supportive cast and crew and can not wait to perform at Liberty one last time. She'd like to thank her family and friends for supporting her on this journey because she wouldn't be able to do this without their constant love and support. Special thanks to her older sister for making time out of her busy days to listen and assist Alexa through it all.

more. He also did the show at Edison Middle School, which was *Middle School Madness*. He is currently interning at Papermill Playhouse and will be taking part in their Summer Conservatory. Vincent would like to thank everyone who has supported him, especially his Papermill Playhouse Tour friends for always being right there.



Divine Makoule (Maleficent) was born in West Orange, NJ. She is currently going to Liberty Middle School, and soon West Orange High School. She is also the Liberty Middle School, Treasurer, although she campaigned against no one, it was fun to try. Additionally, Divine loves to sing, if you were one of her friends you would catch her bursting into song, all the time. She did the play, *The Wizard of Oz*, and succeeded in her role as the Cowardly Lion. It was a tough journey learning the lines, but she did it. The same thing goes for the *Descendants*, it was rough adapting to the new evilicious role as Maleficent, but she did it. In this play, she has made some more friends and some new fashion statements. Horns do look good if you style them right! Divine would like to say a special thank you to her friends, Jacinya Gardner, Yazmin Gomez Borba, Camryn Morgan, Kareena Mohabir, Michal Simon, and others for helping her learn her lines, and stay focused. She would also like to thank, Mrs. Villalobos for the chance to become Maleficent, Ms. Tammone who taught Divine the beautiful harmonies, and fun dances, and finally Mr. Mortensen who made her beautiful staff, and other amazing props in the musical.



Chase Jones (Evil Queen Grimhilde) Chase Jones is an 8th grade attending Liberty Middle School. She grew up in West Orange and attended Gregory Elementary School, Edison Middle School, and recently Liberty Middle School. Chase has never shown interest in performing arts. She has been an athlete her whole life and never really thought about acting, singing, and dancing often. In more recent years Chase has really started to enjoy the art that is music and all that goes with it. Although she has minimal acting and singing experience before this year's production, she sees singing as an entertaining hobby and was a dancer when she was younger. Chase wants to give a huge thanks to Ms. Tammone, Mr. Mortensen, and Mrs. Villalobos for doing their best to make sure this show turns out well. Drama club was very successful at making everyone in the showcase feel welcome and accepted in a place of performing arts. Chase enjoyed the experience and the people she got to meet along the way, we hope you enjoy the show.



Kailei Green (Jafar) Kailei was born in New Jersey and has lived in West Orange since she was 4 years old. She has always had a passion for acting since the moment she saw an upcoming audition for Edison. So far she has been in two shows which were *Middle School Madness* (ensemble) and *Hocus Pocus* (Dani) she attended Edison Middle School in 6th



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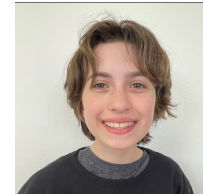
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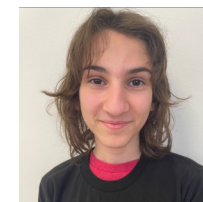
Talia Thomas (Mal) is an eighth-grade student who knew she loved to sing and perform at an early age, participating in multiple singing, elocution, and dance competitions. Talia attended Redwood Elementary School, Edison Middle School, and now, Liberty Middle School. Last year, Talia was the Guard in Liberty's production, *Wizard Of Oz*. Talia is ecstatic that she is a part of this year's production, *Descendants*. Aside from theatre, Talia enjoys baking, painting, and spending time with her family and friends. Talia would like to thank her director Ms. Villalobos, the music and dance choreographer Ms. Tammone, and the prop designer Mr. Mortenson for all of their help in this year's production. Talia would like to thank her family and friends who have supported her in this endeavor because she would not be where she is today without them. Enjoy the show!



Vivienne Milic (Evie) Vivienne has had a passion for singing and acting since she was a very young girl. She even has a memory of singing "I Can Hear the Bells" from the musical *Hairspray* when she was just two years old. She has performed in multiple musicals as a five year old but never found the opportunity to perform in anything else until now. When she isn't acting she likes to play video games, watch television, sing, listen to music (and dance terribly to it), and create art using different mediums. Vivienne hopes to someday use her talents as an actress in the future. She would like to thank Mrs. Villalobos, Ms. Tamone, and her amazing family and friends for being there for her through this great experience.



Jaedon Jenkins (Jay) is a seventh grader that attends Liberty Middle School. He is 13 years old and was born in Newark, NJ. He loves playing basketball and doing drama club. He was the mean assistant principal, Mr. Mucciolo, in the play *Middle School Madness* last year. He plays AAU basketball for the New Jersey Bulldogs. He would like to thank his friends, family, and everyone that has supported him throughout his life.



Vincent Fondetto (Carlos) Vincent is excited to participate in his first production at Liberty Middle School after going to these shows for many years and even seeing his brother in one of them. He has been doing musical theater since the age of five. He has done productions at places such as Lyric PAC, Vanguard, and Papermill Playhouse. Some honorable mentions are *The Lion King* (Timon), *Spongebob The Musical* (Spongebob), *Wonderland: Alice's Rock and Roll Adventure* (Al), and many

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