

A silhouette of Simba and Nala from Disney's The Lion King. Simba is in the foreground, looking towards the right, while Nala is behind him, also looking right. They are set against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow hues.

THE
LION KING
JR.

Martin GT Magnet Middle School
Performing Arts presents



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Jay Rifkin and Hans Zimmer**

Book by
Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway Production Directed by
Julie Taymor





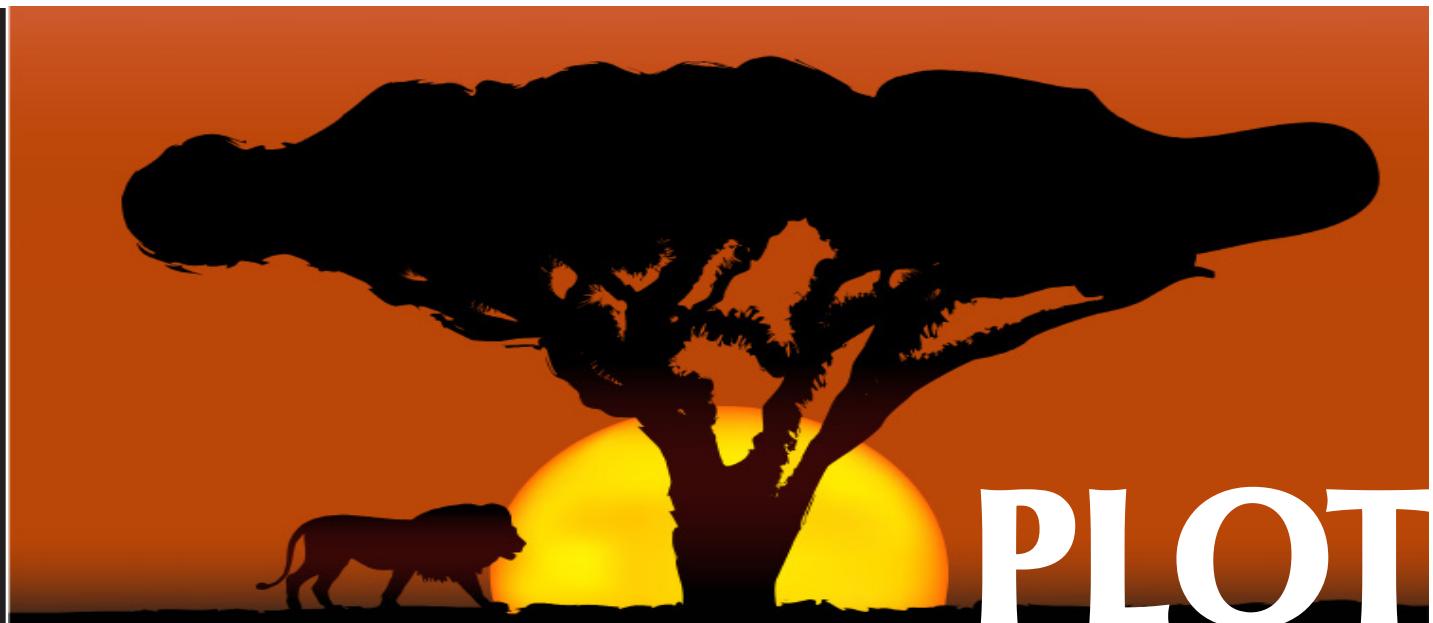
Dear Theater Patron

Thank you so much for your support of Martin Gifted & Talented Magnet Middle School's Spring Musical production of Disney's The Lion King Jr. The Performing Arts department aims to provide world-class performance opportunities for students through rigorous, real-world performance opportunities; collaboration with other academic disciplines and community partners; and an inclusive environment in which all students, regardless of ability are able to learn, grow and shine.

Preparing for tonight's performance has been a wonderful journey filled with fun, hard work and good times. Putting together a musical such as this requires many groups of people coming together and working together and in the process, strangers become friends and those friends become like family.

Again, welcome to our production of Disney's The Lion King Jr. We invite you to become a part of our family tonight and enjoy the show.





The Story of The Lion King

As the sun rises, Rafiki the mandrill calls the animals to Pride Rock. She greets King Mufasa and Queen Sarabi before presenting their cub to the gathered animals ("Circle of Life"). Elsewhere, Mufasa's brother, Scar, laments his lost chance at becoming King.

Time passes and Simba grows into a lively young cub ("Grasslands Chant"). Mufasa shows Simba the Pride Lands from the top of Pride Rock and explains that everything exists in a delicate balance known as the Circle of Life. Mufasa warns Simba not to stray beyond the boundaries of the Pride Lands, pointing out a shadowy area in the distance.

Simba goes to see his Uncle Scar. The scheming lion piques the cub's curiosity by mention-

ing the elephant graveyard, where Simba is forbidden to go. Meanwhile, the lionesses go hunting ("The Lioness Hunt"). Simba arrives and asks his best friend, a female cub named Nala, to come with him to the elephant graveyard. He lies to the lionesses about where they are going, and Sarafina (Nala's mother) and Sarabi allow the cubs to go, escorted by Zazu. Simba and Nala formulate a plan and manage to lose Zazu, while Simba brags about his future position ("I Just Can't Wait to Be King").

The cubs go to the graveyard and begin to explore. Zazu catches up, but they are confronted by three hyenas: Shenzi, Banzai and Ed. Mufasa rescues the cubs and frightens off the hyenas.

Mufasa is disappointed and

angry at Simba's reckless disobedience, and explains the difference between bravery and bravado. Mufasa tells Simba about the great kings of the past and how they watch over everything from the stars ("They Live in You"). Mufasa says that he will always be there for his son.

Back at the elephant graveyard, Scar tells the hyenas of his plan to kill Mufasa and Simba so that he can become king. He raises an army of hyenas, promising that they will never go hungry again if they support him ("Be Prepared"). Scar takes Simba to a gorge and tells him to wait there. On Scar's signal, the hyenas start a wildebeest stampede into the gorge ("The Stampede"). Scar tells Mufasa that Simba is trapped in the gorge. Mufasa leaps into the stampede and manages to save his son, but as he tries to escape, Scar throws him off the cliff back into the stampede, killing him.

Scar convinces Simba that his father's death was his fault and tells him to run away, but as he leaves, Scar orders the hyenas to kill him. Simba escapes but the hyenas tell Scar that he is dead. Rafiki and the lionesses mourn the deaths ("The Mourning").

Out in the desert, Simba collapses from heat exhaustion. Vultures begin to circle, but are scared away by Timon the meerkat and Pumbaa the warthog. Simba feels responsible for Mufasa's death, but the duo take the cub to their jungle home and show him their carefree way of life and bug diet ("Hakuna Matata"). Simba grows to adulthood in the jungle.

Under Scar's rule, the Circle of Life is out of balance and a drought has hit the Pride Lands. Zazu, now a prisoner of Scar, listens to the king's woes. The hyenas are complaining about the lack of food, but Scar is only concerned with himself. Nala arrives to confront Scar about the famine and Scar decides she will be his queen and give him cubs. Nala fiercely rebukes him and resolves to leave the Pride Lands to find help. Rafiki and the lionesses bless her for her journey ("Shadowland").

In the jungle, Pumbaa is hunted and chased by a lioness. Simba confronts her and saves his friend, but recognizes the lioness as Nala. She is amazed to find Simba alive, knowing that he is the rightful king.

Timon and Pumbaa are confused, but Simba asks them to leave him and Nala alone. Timon realizes what is happening and laments the end of Simba's Hakuna Matata lifestyle ("Can You Feel the Love Tonight"). Nala tells Simba about the devastated Pride Lands, but Simba still feels responsible for Mufasa's death and refuses to return home.

On his own, Simba meets Rafiki, who explains that his father lives on ("He Lives in You"). Mufasa's spirit appears in the sky and tells Simba he is the one true king and must take his place in the Circle of Life. Reawakened, Simba finds his courage and heads for home. Meanwhile, Nala wakes Timon and Pumbaa to ask where Simba is, and Rafiki appears to tell them all the news. The three of them catch up with him in the Pride Lands, where he witnesses the ruin of his home.

Scar calls for Sarabi and demands to know why the lionesses are not hunting. Sarabi stands up to him about the lack of anything to hunt, angrily comparing him to Mufasa, and Scar strikes his sister-in-law, saying he's ten times the king Mufasa was. Enraged, Simba reveals himself. Scar forces a confession of murder from Simba and corners him. Believing that he has won, Scar taunts Simba by admitting that he killed Mufasa. Furious, Simba recovers and forces Scar to reveal the truth to the lionesses ("Simba Confronts Scar"). Simba's friends fight the hyenas while Simba battles Scar to the top of Pride Rock.

Scar begs for his life, blaming the hyenas for everything. Simba lets him leave out of mercy, but Scar attacks again. Simba blocks the attack and Scar falls from the cliff. The hyenas, who heard Scar's betrayal and are still starving, tear him to shreds.

SONGS



CIRCLE OF LIFE WITH NANTS INGOYAMA

GRASSLANDS CHANT

LIONESS HUNT

I JUST CANT WAIT TO BE KING

BE PREPARED

THEY LIVE IN YOU

THE STAMPEDE

THE MOURNING

HAKUNA MATATA (PART 1)

HAKUNA MATATA (PART 2)

SHADOWLAND

CAN YOU FEEL THE LOVE TONIGHT

HE LIVES IN YOU

LUAU HAWAIIAN TREAT

FINALE





CAST



Sam Bryant
Simba



Damarion King
Mufasa



Madelyn Alger
Rafiki



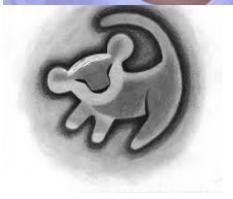
Laura Lillian Baggett
Scar



Keegan Story
Young Simba



Madeleine Wyatt
Timons





Clay Bradford
Puumba



Sarah Cooper
Young Nala



Ruby Chambers
Sarabi



Julia Alston, Isaac Birkland, Hayden Finch, Kristin Nagy, Shae Donovan, Aarthi Srinivasan, Colin Smith, Natasha Kroll, Ryan Lloyd (Ed), Brandon Finch (Banzai), Grace Abledinger (Shenzi)
Hyenas

Olivia Dubay
Nala



Molly Sullivan
Zazu



Abby Hines
Sarafina



We made every effort to ensure that every performer had their name and picture in tonight's program. However, with snow, illnesses and absences, the following cast members were not photographed:

Isabel Yates, Ariana Devlaliwalla, Max Alexander, Lucy Beck, Sam Beck, Robert Sun, Sophie Flynn,





**Anna Gourley, Carolyn Depui,
Addison Sherlin, Zane Naftolin,
Maddie Boyer Jonah Parnell, Grace
Milvae, Cece Chiavetta, Julia Alston,
Atticus Johnson, Andrew Shertz**
Birds & Zebras

**Elaina Reed, Catie Cannon, Halle
Tourian, Amala Kapilivai, Charlotte
Grace Foxx, Avery Crane, Hebe Nian,
Maya Lennon, Matisse Marquez,
Brooklyn Thomas**
Grasslands



**Lillian Fendelman,
Sophia Mastropaolo
Sophia Kripapuri,
Avery Corderman**
Gazelles

**Caroline Childrey, Lauren Mullins,
Gwyneth Wetsell, Olivia Johnson,
Eliza Sloop, Stella Gourley, Ruby
Chambers, Piper Baucom, Gia**

Agrawal
Lionesses





CREW

Tech Crew



**Elizabeth Lyons, Langston Hopkins,
Molly Asbil, Mary Reade Hamilton,
Catie Cannon, Lennox Mullany**

**Abby Barton, Avery Barber,
Zach Deifer, Kyra Barber**



Eliana Bluestone, Alden Roberts







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Director



Lacy Lowder
Choreographer



Danny L. Yancey
Music Director





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