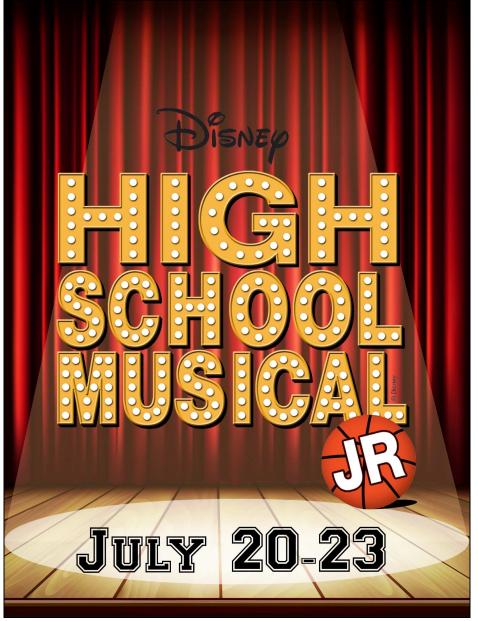
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Welcome to a KidsAlive! Summer!

On behalf of the board of KidsAlive! I would like to welcome you to this production of High School Musical, Jr. Whether you have children in the show, you're here to support a friend, or any other reason, let me tell you this: You are in for an incredible experience. What Shawna Linck and Chad Haney have started is not a theatre, but a movement. The talent you will see shining on our stage is a unique blend of skills and abilities.

KidsAlive!'s mission is to harness the power of musical theatre to inspire excellence in leadership and teamwork among our youth. These kids are incredible examples and give hope to a future where competition and egos are put aside and kindness grows. I firmly believe those involved in this program will have rich lives and lead legacies of kindness, love and acceptance.

It is an exciting time for KidsAlive! Our own Shawna Linck recently received the 2017 Broadway Junior Spirit Award and was named to the eighth "class" of Freddie G Fellows!

My sincere thanks to Shawna, Chad, our board and everyone who has helped out, volunteered and supported this group along the way. Parents of performers, thank you! The time you sacrifice to have your kids here for classes, rehearsals, dress-rehearsals and performances is precious and we couldn't do it without you.

If you've seen KidsAlive! shows before, you know the great time you are about to have. If this is your first time, get ready to fall in love with a new way to experience theatre. KidsAlive! is more than theatre, it's a movement and I know you'll want to be part of it.

Sincerely,

Lucas Ross

KidsAlive! Board President

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Jewel Box Theatre
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Scene i. East High School Steps - Monday, 7.	43 AW
Wildcat Cheer	Company
Start of Something New	Troy, Gabriella, Company
Scene II: Ms. Darbus's Homeroom - Monday, 8	3:00 AM
Scene III: Hallway - Monday, 8:15 AM	
Scene IV: Gym - Monday, 8:30 AM	
Get'cha Head in the Game	Troy, Company
Get'cha (playoff) into Lab ———————————————————————————————————	Troy, Company
Scene V: Chemistry Lab - Monday, 2:00 PM	
Scene VI: Theater - Monday, 3:00 PM	
Scene VII: Theater - Tuesday, 3:00 PM	
Auditions (Bop to the Top/What I've Been Looking For)	James, Susan, Cyndra, Company
What I've Been Looking For	Ryan, Sharpay
What I've Been Looking For (reprise) —————	Troy, Gabriella
Scene VIII: Hallway - Wednesday, 8:15 AM	
Scene IX: Cafeteria - Wednesday, Noon	
Stick to the Status Quo	Zeke, Martha, Sharpay, Ripper, Troy, Gabriella, Company
Scene X: Rooftop Garden - Wednesday, 12:30	РМ
Scene XI: Sharpay's Locker - Wednesday, 12:3	0 PM
Scene XII: Study Hall - Wednesday, 1:00 PM	
Scene XIII: Gym - Wednesday, 3:30 PM	
Scene XIV: Locker Room/Lab - Wednesday, 4:	00 PM
Counting on You	Taylor, Zeke, Martha, Chad, Gabriella, Troy, Company
Scene XV: Theater - Thursday, 12:45 PM	
Scene XVI: Study Hall - Thursday, 1:00 PM	
We're All in This Together	Chad, Taylor, Zeke, Kelsi, Martha Cox, Company
Scene XVII: Lab/Theater/Locker Room & Gym	- Friday, 3:00 PM
Bop to the Top	Sharpay, Ryan, Company
Breaking Free	Troy, Gabriella, Company
Scene XVIII: Gym - Friday, 5:00 PM	
We're All in This Together (reprise)	All
High School Musical Megamix	All
Exit Music	

CAST MEMBERS

Brainiacs Cast / Jocks Cast

Head Cheerleader / Ensemble	Chloe Fisher
Susan / Head Cheerleader ————————————————————————————————————	Jaidyn Hudson
Jack Scott / Coach Bolton ————————————————————————————————————	Cody Kleiner
Coach Bolton / Jack Scott	Sawyer Zimmerman
Chad Danforth / Troy Bolton	Carter Haney
Troy Bolton / Chad Danforth	Tyler Dunkleberger
Zeke Baylor and James / James	Daniel Ziegler
Ryan Evans / Zeke Baylor ————————————————————————————————————	Crayton Haney
Sharpay Evans / Ensemble	Sandra Ziegler
Ensemble / Sharpay Evans ————————————————————————————————————	Ava Rankin
Ensemble / Ryan Evans	Joe Kelley
Gabriella Montez / Ensemble	Quinlynn Spearman
Ensemble / Gabriella Montez	Nolia Sweatt
Taylor McKessie / Ensemble ————————————————————————————————————	Olivia Ritchal
Ms. Darbus / Taylor McKessie ——————————————————————————————————	Autumn Hudgins
Ensemble / Ms. Darbus	Kadyn Lott
Martha Cox / Ensemble	Hannah Duckworth
Ensemble / Martha Cox	Makenzie Lehman
Ms. Tenney / Ensemble ————————————————————————————————————	Sophie Simunek
Ensemble / Ms. Tenney ——————————————————————————————————	Halle Manuel
Kelsi Nielsen / Ripper	Kinzey Shirazi
Cathy —————	Elizabeth Maimo
Ensemble / Kelsi Nielsen	Tessa Dorrell
Cyndra ————	Mia Lashley
Kratnof/Ensemble ————————————————————————————————————	Kathryn Irwin
Ensemble / Kratnoff	Jada Hill
Ripper / Ensemble	Parker Case
Mongo GEM —	Emily Nelson
Ensemble / Mongo	Cade Sweatt

CAST MEMBERS

Brainiacs Cast / Jocks Cast (continued)

Jason / Ensemble ————————————————————————————————————	Kaden White
Gabriella's Challenger GEM	Hannah Koeper
Ensemble / Gabriella's Challenger	Abby Kleiner
Moderator / Ensemble	Lizzie Case
Ensemble / Moderator	Olivia Flickner
Decathlon Competitor GEM	Aidan Walsh
Ensemble / Decathlon Competitor	Frin Barnard

ABOUT OUR CASTS

Kaleidoscope Performance - Brainiac Cast



July 20 - 6:30pm July 22 - 2:30pm July 23 - 4:30pm

A kaleidoscope is defined as a cylinder with mirrors containing loose, colored objects such as beads or pebbles or bits of glass. As the viewer looks into one end, light entering the other end creates a colorful pattern, due to the reflection off the mirrors.

The KidsAlive! Kaleidoscope brings together children of ALL abilities. Experienced young performers (our mirrors) and children with special needs (our gems) pair up to create a music theater experience with beautiful patterns and shapes that we couldn't see without the collaboration of the two.

Jock Cast

July 20 - 8:30pm July 21 - 8:30pm July 22 - 7:30pm













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Erin Barnard as Ensemble / Decathlon Competitor

Erin Barnard is so excited to be part of this amazing cast and crew! She is an eighth grader at Summit Middle School in Edmond. Recent theatrical performances include the role of Tin Man in the Wizard of Oz with KidsAlive!; and Bye-Bye Birdie and Oklahoma at Rose State Theatre. She thanks Shawna and Chad for the opportunity, and her family for their support.



Lizzie Case

as Moderator / Ensemble

Lizzie Case is 11 and will be a sixth grader at Sequoyah Middle School. This is her first season to participate in KidsAlive! and she is so excited to be working with and learning so much from Shawna and Chad and the many talented instructors and peers involved in this amazing summer session of High School Musical. She hopes to participate in many future performances with them! Go Wildcats!!



Parker Case

as Ripper / Ensemble

Parker is 17 and will be a senior at Edmond North. He most recently played the role of Aladdin in the Spring 2017 KidsAlive! Kaleidoscope performances. He has also participated in many school vocal performances, has attended the UCO Dance and Down Syndrome Theater Camp since he was 13, and is currently a member of the Men's Chorus at ENHS. Parker is enjoying portraying Ripper this summer.



Tessa Dorrell

as Ensemble / Kelsi Nielsen

Tessa is so excited to be a part of HSM with KidsAlive! this summer. Some of Tessa's favorite roles include Dodger from Oliver, Raja from I Never Saw Another Butterfly, Gertrude McFuzz from Seussical and being a part of the ensemble in Ragtime. Tessa would like to thank Miss Shawna and all the cast members for a great time – Being all together has been the Best!



Hannah Duckworth

as Martha Cox / Ensemble

Hannah Jewell is 12 and attends CNP schools. Some of her favorite roles include lago (Aladdin JR, KidsAlive!), Duffy (Annie, CHS), Matchmaker (Mulan JR, Poteet) and Max (Little Mermaid JR, Poteet). She is excited to show off her Jock and Brainiac personalities in her 2nd KidsAlive! production. She has attended Junior Theater Festival for the last 3 years and was chosen as an All-Star in 2017



Tyler Dunkleberger as Troy Bolton / Chad Danforth

This is Tyler's first production with KidsAlive!, but he has been performing his whole life. He loves to make people laugh! He was in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Charlotte's Web, Jack and the Beanstalk, & Singin' in the Rain. He recently performed with UCO in Leap of Faith. Tyler is 13 years old and a 7th grader at Cheyenne Middle School. He is the son of Scott and Susan Dunkleberger.



Chloe Fisher as Head Cheerleader / Ensemble

Chloe's first taste for theater was as a turtle in Little Mermaid. She continued with KidsAlive! in Seussical. She attended the Junior Theater Festival in 2017. Chloe has played Olaf the Snowman at ARTS, taken 5 years of dance at Star Steps Dance & is a cheerleader at Oklahoma Christian Schools. She is on the Headmaster's Honor Roll & has received the Citizenship Award. We love you, Chloe Elise!



Olivia Flickner

as Ensemble / Moderator

Olivia is 12 and this is her first time to perform with KidsAlive! She is in 7th grade at Southwest Covenant in Yukon. She loves to play volleyball and enjoys being a setter. She plays flute in band and likes ballet classes. She enjoyed playing the role of Beth in Little Women in a recent school production. Her favorite thing to do is get lost in a book. She is grateful to be apart of KidsAlive!



Carter Haney

as Chad Danforth / Troy Bolton

Carter Haney is 13 years old and entering 7th grade at DCMS. Favorite roles include: Captain, HMS Pinafore, Cimarron; Cat in the Hat, Seussical Jr, Kids Alivel; Gavroche, Les Mis, Poteet. Carter attended the OKMEA Allstate Children's Chorus for two years and the iTheatrics Broadway Academy. He enjoys playing piano. He would like to thank the entire creative team for making this experience possible.



Crayton Haney

as Ryan Evans / Zeke Baylor

Crayton is 14, in 8th grade at DCMS and has played piano for 8 years. His favorite roles include Aladdin/Mirror (Aladdin, Jr.), Sir Joseph (H.M.S Pinafore, Cimarron), Brett Williams (Children's Letters to God), Boy in Barn (Grapes of Wrath,OCU/CityRep). He has been in two iTheatrics DVD shoots, attended their Broadway Academy and will be performing in the Academy's Sister Act, Jr. this summer.



Jada Hill

as Ensemble / Kratnoff

Jada Monique Hill, 13, loves to dance, sing, and be a "big sister". An 8th grader at John Marshall, she is a Troop 17 Girl Scout Cadet. She is active in her church, Amos Memorial. This is Jada's 2nd musical, after being cast as Jasmine in Aladdin where she was bitten by the theater bug. She plans to attend Oklahoma Christian University. We thank Chad and Shawna for showing her a whole new world.



Autumn Hudgins

as Ms. Darbus / Taylor McKessie

Autumn, 15, is a sophomore at Choctaw HS. She is a teen member of R.A.C.E. dance Co. Her dance experience includes 9 yrs of tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop and modern. You can see her in Life.Church Konnect series 8; episode 19 "what I care about". Her hobbies include singing, drawing & writing stories. This is her debut show with KidsAlive! She thanks all of her friends and family for their support.



Jaidyn Hudson

as Susan / Head Cheerleader

Jaidyn is 12 years old and is an All American Cheerleader at Cashion Public Schools. She is a 9-year student of dance and takes jazz, tap and ballet. She has attended Junior Theater Festival for the past 3 years and has been in many shows with both KidsAlive! and Poteet Theater. Her favorite role is Wicked Witch. Jaidyn thanks Chad, Shawna, Jennie, Emmett and Bailey for their quidance.



Kathryn Irwin

as Kratnof / Ensemble

Kathryn will be an 8th grade honors student at Cimarron Middle School. She was in last years production of Wizard of Oz, been involved with Aspiring Attitudes dance studio, and enjoys theater and music.



Joe Kelley

as Ensemble / Ryan Evans

Joe is 12 years old and will be a 7th grader at Cimarron Middle School. He is excited to be part of KidsAlive! Joe loved playing Michael Banks in Poteet's Mary Poppins, ensemble roles in You're A Good Man Charlie Brown and Children's Letters To God (Poteet Theatre) and Aaron Shultz in Legally Blonde Jr (Spotlight Acting). He loves singing, dancing, listening to music and hanging out with friends



Abby Kleiner as Ensemble / Gabriella's Challenger

Abby is 11 and loves to draw, dance and play Animal Jam. She is extremely interested in computer animation and enjoys making clips and videos for her YouTube channel. She is a homeschooler and lives in Pennsylvania. Abby has participated in Aristocats and Aladdin Jr. She is thrilled to be returning to KidsAlive! for High School Musical.



Cody Kleiner as Jack Scott / Coach Bolton

Cody is a 14 year old Homeschooler and lives in Pennsylvania. His favorite activities include playing video games, basketball and mowing grass. This is his second time participating with KidsAlive! and is excited to be in High School Musical. Other shows include Aladdin Jr., and Aristocats.



Hannah Koeper as Gabriella's Challenger GEM

Hannah is excited to be a part of High School Musical Jr. with KidsAlive! A veteran performer with UCO's Dance & Down Syndrome Music Theatre Camp, Hannah's favorite roles include Tracy in Hairspray and Gabriella in High School Musical. She studies jazz, ballet, tap, and hip hop at Dove Dance, and will graduate from high school in May 2018!



Mia Lashley

as Cyndra

Mia Lashley is a seventh grader at Oakdale Schools. Mia has been performing every chance she gets since she was four years old. Some of her favorites include Aladdin, Wizard of Oz, Annie, Music Man, Seussical the Musical, and Ragtime. When Mia is not performing, she enjoys reminiscing about performing and dreaming about her next performance. Mia would like to thank Shawna and Chad for everything.



Makenzie Lehman

as Ensemble / Martha Cox

Makenzie is 12 years old and will be in 7th grade at Community Christian School. This is her first KidsAlive! show and she has had fun making new friends. She's a member of the Followers of Jesus Church in OKC. She likes basketball, volleyball, soccer and is a JH Cheerleader. Makenzie likes to spend time with her friends, family and pets. Thanks to Shawna and Chad for this phenomenal experience.



Kadyn Lott

as Ensemble / Ms. Darbus

Kadyn Lott is so excited to have a bio! She will be in 7th grade at Deer Creek next year. She adores singing, acting, and playing clarinet and piano. She can't wait to play Mrs. Darbus! Kadyn wants to thank Shawna and Chad for this chance. She feels very blessed that her friend Kinzey encouraged her to join her at KidsAlive! She also wants to thank her family for always supporting her.



Elizabeth Maimo

as Cathy

Elizabeth is thrilled to be a part of KidsAlive! once again, especially in this High School Musical production! She has been involved with KidsAlive! since its inception where she has performed as The Cowardly Lion, Aladdin's Genie Lamp, and Sour Kangaroo. Shawna has directed her in shows such as Ragtime, Wizard of Oz, Cinderella and Beauty and the Beast. She wishes to thank her KidsAlive! family!



Halle Manuel

as Ensemble / Ms. Tenney

Halle is very excited to be performing in her role as Ms. Tenney in High School Musical with KidsAlive! She previously performed as Narrator in Aladdin Jr. with Jewel Box Theatre/KidsAlive! and in the ensemble for Beauty and the Beast at Deer Creek High School. She enjoys dancing, singing and playing the alto saxophone for Deer Creek Middle School



Emily Nelson

as Mongo GEM

Emily is a 16 year old junior at Edmond North High School. She is thrilled to be a part of another KA! production. In Spring '17, she played lago in Aladdin Jr. She has studied jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop, and musical theater at a local dance studio for 10 years. In 2016, she won the title of Oklahoma Miss Amazing Junior Teen Queen and went on to represent OK at the national level in Chicago.



Ava Rankin

as Ensemble / Sharpay Evans

Ava is 13 years old and attends Deer Creek Middle School. Some of her favorite roles include Ariel in The Little Mermaid, JoJo in Seussical, and Alice in The Addams Family. She is excited to play the role of Sharpay Evans and has loved being a part of Kaleidoscope. Ava thanks Shawna, Chad and the other amazing teachers for helping her grow both as a performer and a person this summer. Go Wildcats!



Olivia Ritchal

as Taylor McKessie / Ensemble

Olivia Ritchal (Taylor) is thrilled to be in HSM! Favorite roles include Narrator (Aladdin, Jr), Dorothy (The Wizard of Oz), Baker's Wife (Into the Woods, Jr), Bird Girl (Seussical, Jr), and Matilda (Seize the Day). She attended JTFWEST last Feb. Olivia is in 6th grade at Summit Middle School. She has a passion for target shooting and has formed an all-girl shooting team. Thanks Shawna and Chad!



Kinzey Shirazi

as Kelsi Nielsen / Ripper

Kinzey Shirazi is thankful to be spending her summer with the KidsAlive! crew learning all aspects of the theatre while also enjoying playing Kelsi Nielsen. Theatre is her passion and she always likes spending time with her theatre family. Kinzey will be in 7th grade at Deer Creek Middle School. She loves making videos, cooking, swimming and reading. She thanks the directors, cast and crew of HSM.



Sophie Simunek

as Ms. Tenney / Ensemble

Sophie is 10 and attends Hoover Elementary in Enid. Sophie began performing at age 4. Her favorite shows include Oliver, Seize the Day, Beauty and the Beast, Little Mermaid, Aladdin and Cinderella. She is a member of the Enid Children's Drama Troupe and the Enid Children's Community Choir. Sophie loves to sing and act, and is already dreaming of studying performing arts in New York!



Quinlynn Spearman

as Gabriella Montez / Ensemble

Quinlynn Spearman is in 7th grade and is excited to be a part of the cast of High School Musical. She starred in her first production, 101 Dalmatians at the age of 5, and has since performed in Annie, Beauty and the Beast, Peter Pan, Seussical the Musical, and Wizard of Oz to name a few. Her most recent performance was with KidsAlive! and Kaleidoscope in Aladdin. She also enjoys dance and violin.



Cade Sweatt

as Ensemble / Mongo

This is Cade's third summer performing with KidsAlive! Cade enjoys the variety of intensive classes offered at KidsAlive! Cade enjoys dancing from hula to hip hop. The best part of KidsAlive! is the friends he has made. Thank you to Shawna and Chad for always encouraging him to try something new. Thank you to Emmett for being a great role model and inspiration to always dance from the heart.



Nolia Sweatt

as Ensemble / Gabriella Montez

This is Nolia's 3rd summer performing in KidsAlive! She is having an incredible time singing, dancing and sharing experiences with friends. She is most excited to be performing in a show with her brother, Cade. Nolia will attend High School this fall at Classen School of Advanced Studies as a Drama Major. Many thanks to Shawna for creating a program that encourages her to grow and try new things.



Aidan Walsh

as Decathlon Competitor GEM

Aidan is a high schooler, just finishing his 8th grade year at Oakdale School. He has always loved theater with his first performance at age 4 in Skippyjon Jones. At Oakdale School, he was a Lost Boy in Peter Pan and the Lonely Goat Herder in The Sound of Music. Aidan wants to thank all his family and teachers for encouraging him to be a Kaleidoscope Gem.



Kaden White

as Jason / Ensemble

Kaden is 11 years old and will be a 6th grader at Crossings Christian School. Kaden enjoys being outside, camping and playing sports. He likes to play board games, do computer animation and is an avid reader. He is excited to be in this show with Ms. Shawna and Chad. This is an amazing opportunity for him to explore his love for the arts. He'd like to thank his family for their love and support.



Daniel Ziegler

as Zeke Baylor and James / James

Daniel is excited to make his KidsAlive! debut this summer. Daniel is going into the 9th grade. He plays percussion and piano. He is looking forward to marching in the high school band this fall. He enjoyed being in two musicals at Sequoyah Middle School this year: Elf, Jr. and Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr. He would like to thank Shawna and Chad for letting him be part of the team.



Sandra Ziegler

as Sharpay Evans / Ensemble

Sandra is a 7th grader who loves all things musical theater. Some of her favorite past performances include Aladdin, Jr., Singin' in the Rain, Jr., Shrek The Musical, The Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan, South Pacific and Seussical, Jr. "Thank you Shawna and Chad for making this show so fabulous and thank you to my KidsAlive! family for being the best theater group around. I'm going to miss you all!"



Sawyer Zimmerman

as Coach Bolton / Jack Scott

Sawyer is excited to join KidsAlive! He is a 15 and will be a freshman in Woodward, Oklahoma. Sawyer has been in several musical theatre productions including The Music Man and Suessical the Musical and several small musical productions sponsored by Missoula Children's Theater. Hobbies include reading, playing golf and hanging with friends. Sawyer thanks everyone for this incredible opportunity.

CREATIVE TEAM

Shawna Linck

Chad Haney
Jennie Linck
Jeremy Sheets
Meg Linck
Morgan Jackson

Mervin Tay Bailey Smith Emmett Prince Tess Barron

Costumes: Ibis Maimo Set Construction: Tom Linck Lights: Jan Garrett Sounds: Jeremy Sheets Props: Heather Ziegler Ticket Sales: Jillian Haney Programs: Chad Haney Light Design: Scott Hynes

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On May 26, 2017 KidsAlive! was officially incorporated and our 501C(3) status is currently pending. We are grateful to our founding board of directors for their support and guidance.



Thank you to our Summer Intensive Instructors

The summer intensive exists to give children opportunities to enhance their knowledge of the performing arts in as many ways as possible. Our mornings were filled with classes designed to improve performance skills and introduce them to leaders in the performing arts field. We searched for not only talented artists, but also individuals who are passionate about what they do and are eager to share their experience. We are grateful to our line up of teachers and guest artists that our students worked with this summer!

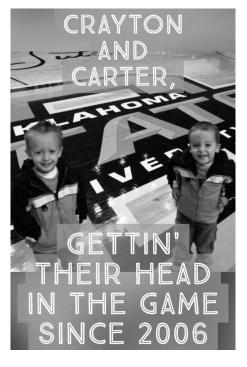


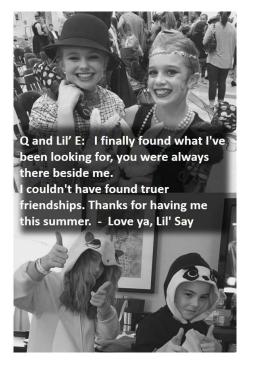
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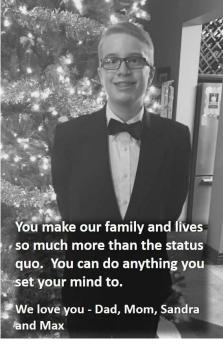
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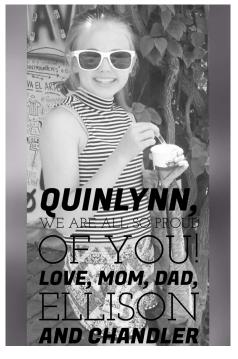
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Emily Grace,

We are so proud of all your hard work!

Can't wait to see you perform!

Love you most!

Mom & Dad

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU HALLE AND ALL YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHILE OVERCOMING ADVERSITY. YOU WERE MADE TO BE COURAGEOUS! MOM DAD AND HANNAH





MAKENZIE,

KEEP BEING YOU. WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE AMAZING YOUNG LADY YOU HAVE BECOME! YOU ARE OUR SUPER STAR!

LOVE, MOM, DAD & JOEY



Elizabeth,

Break a leg in your first "high school" experience!

Love, Mom & Dad





AVA,

IT IS SO FUN TO WATCH YOU DO WHAT YOU LOVE!

WE TOTALLY LIKE YOU.

DAD, MOM, AJ, STELLA, & BECK









Shawna Linck receives Freddie G Fellowship

Created by Music Theatre International CEO and Tony Honors for Excellence recipient Freddie Gershon, the Freddie G Fellowship welcomes a select group of theatre instructors to be part of an all-expense paid trip to New York, where they are able to work one-on-one with industry professionals in a weekend of seminars, master classes, and Broadway shows. In addition, each of the participating teacher's schools/programs receives \$5,000 from Gershon and his wife Myrna to enhance their arts program.



Running July 12-15, this year's program includes master classes with Tony-nominated *Newsies* director Jeff Calhoun, Tony Award-winning *Newsies* choreographer Christopher Gattelli, musical director and conductor Kristen Blodgette (*Sunset Boulevard*), Tony-winning lighting designer Ken Billington(*Sweeney Todd, Chicago*), and Broadway sound designer Matt Kraus (*Kristin Chenoweth: My Love Letter to Broadway*).

This year's attendees will also have the opportunity to observe a workshop of *Matilda Junior*, based on the Tony-nominated Roald Dahl musical. Each summer, MTI and iTheatrics hold workshops of various musicals in the pipeline for the Broadway Junior catalogue, which includes adaptations of *Annie*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Peter Pan*, *Aladdin*, *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and more.

This year the Freddie G Fellowship has expanded its reach globally, inviting theatre educators and instructors from Australia to apply. Participants are selected from a pool of educators in attendance at the annual Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta and the inaugural Junior Theater West Festival in Sacramento, which are sponsored by Music Theatre International, Disney Theatrical Group, and Playbill.

"The four days will fully engage the winning teachers in the Broadway musical theatre world and provide one-of-a-kind learning opportunities for them to take back to their schools, students and communities," Gershon said in a statement. "These teachers perform inspiring work with limited financial resources. We want to give them the opportunity to live the Broadway experience and interact with qualified professionals to reward them for all they do to introduce the next generations to live theatre and simultaneously enhance their knowledge, skills and experience.

"Without teachers there is no Broadway Junior. Myrna and I feel strongly about our personally investing in teachers and immersing them in experiential skills they can take home and utilize to guide their students and pass on to other teachers," added Gershon. "It's crucial we keep live theatre thriving in this country by working with both educators and children," Myrna added. "We believe that teachers should be honored and appreciated. Our future is in their hands."

Congratulations, Shawna!



