**July 22 - 24, 2016**

We are so proud of you!

We love you!

Love,

Daddy, Mommy, and Phoenix

**Chloe Elise** - Break a Leg sweet girl!! We love you so very much and are so proud of you working hard thru the summer to help make this show a success! We all love watching you perform and give the gifts inside of you to others. God has blessed you with so many beautiful gifts...keep using them for His glory and enjoy every minute of the FUN while you do!

Love you to the moon and back!
Mom, Dad, Ethan, Dylan, Jude, and Leo

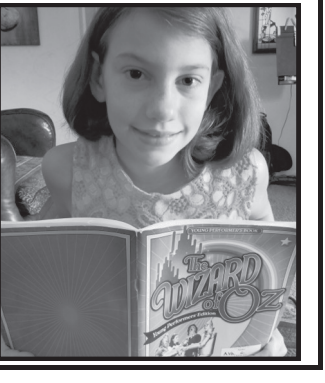
**McKinley,**

**We are proud of you!**

**Love, Mom and Dad**

Break a leg Ava!

We love you! Mom and Dad



KidsAlive!
Presents

# THE WIZARD OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics
by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Background Music
By Herbert Stothart
Dance and Vocal Arrangements
by Peter Howard
Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane
for the Royal
Shakespeare Company
Based upon the Classic Motion
Picture owned by
Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed
in all media by Warner Bros.

Director: Shawna Linck
Kaleidoscope Music Director: Mervin Tay
Lights/Sound: Jim Gabe
Props: Dawn Allen
Publicity: Summer Lashley and
Dawn Hudson

Music Director: Chad Haney
Assistant Director: Jeremy Sheets
Intern: Taylor James
Costumes: Ibis Maimo
Set: Tom Linck

Adaptation and support materials for the Young Performers' Edition
Developed by iTheatrics
Under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

KidsAlive! is grateful for our partnership with Jewel Box Theatre

Welcome to ***The Wizard of Oz,*** a fantastical journey along the yellow brick road, where crows sing, trees dance, monkeys fly and witches battle for good and evil. Based on L. Frank Baum's 1900 novel, the first of a series of 14 books about the land of Oz, KidsAlive! will present a young performer's edition of the Royal Shakespeare version of the musical which closely follows the iconic 1939 film that we all remember from our childhood, where Judy Garland set the bar for young Dorothy Gale from Kansas.

# Cast List

Jackson Alexander…..Professor Marvel (S), Ensemble (T)
Luke Alexander……..…Uncle Henry (S), Ensemble (T)
Magnolia Anderson……...…….Aunt Em (S), Ensemble (T)
Holly Anthony……Ensemble (S), Professor Marvel (L)
Erin Barnard……...…Ensemble (S), Tin Man/Hickory (T)
Cadence Barreda…...……..…Oz's Voice, Ensemble (T)
Karys Barreda…….Mayor (S), Ensemble (L)
Tess Barron……..Tin Man/Hickory (S), Dance Ensemble
Kylie Bell……...…….Barrister (L)
Kelly Briseno…….……Coroner (T), Ensemble (L)
Kate Decker……....Miss Gulch/Witch (S), Ensemble (T)
Tessa Dorrell……..……..Ensemble (S), Aunt Em (L)
Chloe Fisher……..…Doorman/Guard (S), Ensemble (T)
McKinley Fulton…….……Barrister (S), Ensemble (T)
Ava Gebhardt…… Ensemble (T,L)
Evelyn Godwin…….Lollipop (S), Munchkin #1 (T)
Olivia Godwin…….……...Lullaby League (S,T)
Claire Hall……..…Miss Gulch/Witch (T), Ensemble (L)
Carter Haney…….……..Scarecrow/Hunk (L)
Crayton Haney…….……Tin Man/Hickory (L)
Abigale Harris……...…Toto (S), Lullaby League (L)
Isabelle Harris…….…Munchkin #1 (S), Lullaby League (L)
Noah Hatley……...……Gem
Dylan Howard…….……..…Dorothy (S), Lollipop (L)
Jaidyn Hudson…..Dance Ensemble, Miss Gulch/Witch (L)
Kathryn Irwin…….……Ensemble (S,T,L)
Maisy John……....Professor Marvel (T), Ensemble (L)
Mia Lashley……..…Dance Ensemble, Dorothy (L)
Meg Linck……..Glinda (S), Dance Ensemble
Bethany Livesay…….……Ensemble (T,L)

One of our goals at **KidsAlive!** is to create a strong and vibrant Ensemble. Ensemble members give us a solid foundation to perform from and will be playing multiple roles, including crows, trees, tots, etc.

# Cast List

Jack Lockett……..Ensemble (S), City Father #1 (L)
Kailee Lovelady……..…Glinda (T), Ensemble (L)
Elizabeth Maimo……Dance Ensemble, Lion/Zeke (L)
Gracie McClain……Jitterbug
Lola McClain……...Munchkin #2 (S), Lollipop (T)
Lindsey Mears……...……Ensemble (S), Glinda (L)
Jade Payne…….....Ensemble (S), Uncle Henry (L)
Stella Rankin……Lion/Zeke (S), Ensemble (T)
Ellie Ritchal……..…Lollipop (T), Toto (L)
Gwen Ritchal…..…Lullaby League (T), Lullaby League (L)
Olivia Ritchal…...……Dorothy (T), Ensemble (L)
Danielle Robinson…….Gem
Carley Roden…….……Lollipop (S), Toto (T)
Lily Rubio……..…Lullaby League (S, T)
Aubrey Ruffin…….……Ensemble (S), Scarecrow/Hunk (T)
Kinzey Shirazi……Aunt Em (T), Ensemble (L)
Ellison Spearman……Mayor (L)
Quinlynn Spearman……..……Coroner (L)
Alyssa St. John……....Ensemble (S), Munchkin #1 (L)
Royce St. John……..……Gem
Cade Sweatt……..…Uncle Henry (T), Ensemble (L)
Nolia Sweatt……..……Dance Ensemble, Mayor (T)
Bradleigh Taylor……..……Ensemble (S)
Carly Vargas…....…Dance Ensemble, Doorman/Guard(T)
Allie Ward……Coroner (S), Ensemble (T)
Kaden White……..……Barrister (T), Ensemble (L)
Meg Williams……...Dance Ensemble, Doorman/Guard (L)
Leyah Williams…….…Scarecrow/Hunk (S), Ensemble (T)
Stevie Woolery……..……Gem
Sandra Ziegler……...……Dance Ensemble, Lion/Zeke(T)

**S = Scarecrow Cast**

July 22, 7pm and July 24, 2:30pm

**T = Tin Man Cast**

July 23, 2:30pm and July 24, 7pm

**L = Lion Cast**

July 23, 10am and 7pm

**Please Recycle Your Program.**

If you do not wish to keep a program, please place it in the bin by the ticket booth after the show. And if you are seeing the show more than once, please only take home one program.

Thank you.

# Meet the KidsAlive! Cast

Jackson Alexander

Luke Alexander

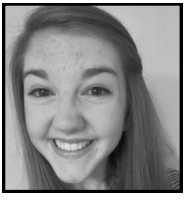
Magnolia Anderson

Holly Anthony

Erin Barnard

Cadence Barreda

Karys Barreda



Tess Barron

Kylie Bell

Kelly Briseno

Kate Decker

Tessa Dorrell

Chloe Fisher

McKinley Fulton

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Evelyn Godwin

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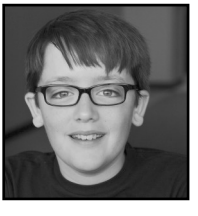
Claire



Carter

Crayton

Abigale Harris

Isabelle Harris

Noah Hatley

Dylan Howard

Jaidyn Hudson

# Meet the KidsAlive! Cast

Katheryn
Irwin

Maisy
John

Mia
Lashley

Meg
Link

Bethany
Livesay

Jack
Lockett

Kailee
Lovelady

Elizabeth
Maimo

Gracie
McClain

Lola
McClain

Lindsey
Mears

Jade
Payne

Stella
Rankin

Ellie
Ritchal

Gwen
Ritchal

Olivia
Ritchal

Danielle
Robinson

Carley
Roden

Lily
Rubio

Aubrey
Ruffin

Kinzey
Shirazi

Ellison
Spearman

Quinlynn
Spearman

Alyssa
St. John

Royce
St. John

# Meet the KidsAlive! Cast

**Cade Sweatt**

**Nolia Sweatt**

**Bradleigh Taylor**

**Carly Jae Vargas**

**Allie Ward**

**Kaden White**

**Leyah Marie Williams**

**Meg Elyse Williams**

**Stevie Wolery**

**Sandra Ziegler**

CONGRATULATIONS, ERIN!

We love our Tin Man **so very** much,
and we are so proud of you!

Xoxo, Mom, Dad, Cooper, and Bo

# WHO'S IN THE CAST

**JACKSON ALEXANDER** has performed with KidsAlive!, Nichols Hills Elementary School and St. Luke's United Methodist Church. He is eleven years old and will be in the sixth grade at Classen School of Advanced Studies. His hobbies are reading, traveling and playing with his brothers.

**LUKE ALEXANDER** This is Luke's second summer with KidsAlive! He is nine years old and will be in the fourth grade at Nichols Hills Elementary. When not performing, Luke enjoys playing soccer, basketball, baseball and his brother's PlayStation 4. He would like to thank Ms. Shawna for everything that she does. Enjoy the show!

**MAGNOLIA ANDERSON** will be a 3rd grader at Heritage Elementary. She was an Indian/Fairy in *Peter Pan* and it sparked her love of performance. She is so excited to be Auntie Em in the *Wizard of Oz!* Thank you everyone at KidsAlive!

**HOLLY ANTHONY** feels blessed to be a part of the KidsAlive! production of the *Wizard of Oz.* She has performed in *Beauty and Beast Jr., Little Mermaid Jr., and Suessical.* She would like to thank Shawna, Chad, and Jewel Box for giving her a place and opportunity to explore her love for musical theatre, for providing her with a chance to study in workshops and classes with amazing teachers and mentors, and cultivate special friendships with the KidsAlive! family of performers who have forever touched her heart and life.

**ERIN BARNARD is** a 7th grader at Summit Middle School in Edmond. She has performed in several summer musical theatre productions at St. Luke's UMC's Poteet Theater as well as in Oklahoma at Rose State. Her favorite musical that she's ever performed in is *Beauty and the Beast.* Erin would like to thank her Gem, Bradleigh for making her days so much brighter. Two of her favorite sayings are: Happiness is a choice. Today is the first day of the rest of your life!

**CADENCE BARREDA**, a soon to be 5th grader, is excited to be a part of KidsAlive! She did her first play when she was 4 yrs old, and discovered she's happiest on the stage or in front of the camera. Some of her favorite roles include Young Fiona in *Shrek,* Jetsam in *Little Mermaid,* Babette in *Beauty & the Beast* and Thing 2 in *Seussical the Musical.* Thank you Ms. Shawna, Mr. Chad and Mr. Jeremy for making this an amazing experience. Philippians 4:13

**KARYS BARREDA**, a soon to be 4th grader, is having a blast at KidsAlive! She loves to perform and some of her favorite roles include Aquata in *Little Mermaid,* Wickersham in *Seussical the Musical,* and being a part of *Seize the Day Musical Review.* Her other love is swimming and she's a part of Bison Aquatic Club. Next week she'll be competing at the Junior Olympics in Houston. Thank you Ms. Shawna, Mr. Chad and Mr. Jeremy for all your support! Enjoy the show! Joshua 1:9

**TESS BARRON**, a homeschooled senior, is beyond excited to be a part of KidsAlive! again! She was last seen as Mayzie in *Seussical Jr.* with KidsAlive! Along with this summer's intensive, Tess has had the honor to be a mirror to her amazing gem, Kathryn, in Kaleidoscope. Outside of theatre, Tess enjoys Irish dancing. She can be seen performing all over Oklahoma, and competing in many different states. She would like to thank everyone involved on and off stage. This wouldn't be possible without all of you!

**KYLIE BELL** is very excited to be in the *Wizard of Oz,* excited to be given another opportunity to work with Shawna and Chad, and is excited to see how the show unfolds. She has previously been in *Seussical the Musical,* full and junior. Also, *The Little Mermaid, Into the Woods Jr.,* and is currently working on *Disney Magic.* Kylie would like to thank her family for supporting her. And she would like everyone to know that if we fall, "rise up" and "we're not throwing away our shot!" *~Hamilton*.

**KELLY BRISENO** is very excited to be performing with KidsAlive! again. She is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade at Chisholm elementary School. She began performing at 3 years old. This is Kelly's 10th show. She also enjoys watching cooking shows, gymnastics and playing piano. She would like to thank Shawna and Chad for giving her this amazing experience.

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**KATE DECKER** has been a part of musicals at her church and with KidsAlive! Last year she also attended the Junior Theater Festival! Kate is a 4th grader at Spring Creek Elementary. She takes dance at Range of Motion and studies voice. A few of Kate's hobbies include playing with her iPad, golf, making singing videos and hanging out with her brother Riley. Kate would like to thank Shawna and Chad for their dedication and support and her friends and family for their love. Enjoy the show friends!!!

**TESSA DORRELL** is excited to be a part of KidsAlive! this summer. Tessa will be an 8th grader at Choctaw Middle School. Some of her favorite roles include Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical Jr*, Twin 2 in *Peter Pan*, girl Raja in *I Never Saw Another Butterfly,* Mulan in *Mulan* and the Artful Dodger in *Oliver.* She would like to thank Shawna, Jeremy and Chad for their time and devotion to this show. She has loves being a Mirror for her Gem! She would also like to thank her family for always believing in her.

**CHLOE FISHER** got her first taste for the theater as a turtle in *Little Mermaid.* She was hooked and continued with Kids!Alive in *Seussical.* She also joined KidsAlive! at the Junior Theater Festival in 2016. Chloe has also played Olaf the Snowman at ARTS, taken 4 years of dance at Star Steps Dance and has is a cheerleader at Oklahoma Christian Schools. She also maintains a straight A average on the Head Master's Honor Roll and has received the Citizenship Award at her Elementary School.

**MCKINLEY FULTON** is thrilled to be in *The Wizard of Oz* this summer with KidsAlive! McKinley is 8 years old and will be going into the third grade at Will Rogers Elementary in Edmond, Oklahoma. She has performed in other shows in the past including *Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Newsies, Mary Poppins, and The Lion King.* Her other hobbies include reading, golf, dance, basketball, and gymntics. McKinley would like to thank the directors and all of the staff for this amazing opportunity.

**AVAMANYA GEBHARDT** is a vibrant 8 year old who will be attending 3rd grade at Steed Elementary in the fall. This is her first year with KidsAlive!

**EVELYN GODWIN** is nine years old heading into the third grade. She has been in dance since age four. This year was her second year to compete and was awarded with a First Place Overall at Nationals with her tap trio. Evelyn has taken several years of gymnastics with previous competitions as well. Aside from attending school she studies piano and has taken a few classes at Edmond Art Institute before joining KidsAlive!

**OLIVIA GODWIN** is six years old going into first grade. She has taken 3 years of dance, 2 years of gymnastics. Olivia is currently taking piano and during the seasons plays soccer and tball. This is Olivia's first production with KidsAlive!

**CLAIRE HALL** is very excited about her first appearance with KidsAlive in this summer's production, *The Wizard of Oz!* Claire has been living overseas for the past 10 years, and as a result has developed a great love for music, the arts, and linguistics. When Claire is not acting, singing or dancing for friends and family, she enjoys painting, sewing, crocheting, soccer, reading, writing, videography, and the culinary arts! Claire would like to thank her parents and grandparents for their unconditional love, support and encouragement!

**CARTER HANEY** is 12 years old and in the 6th grade at Deer Creek Intermediate. Previous roles include Theo (*Children's Letters to God, Poteet)* Gavroche *(Les Miserables, Poteet),* John Darling/Tootles *(Peter Pan, Poteet),* Cat *(Seussical, Jr., KidsAlive!),* and Winfield Joad *(Grapes of Wrath,* OCU/CityRep*).* He was recently named a JTF All-Star and will be attending the iTheatrics Broadway Academy in New York City. Carter enjoys playing the piano, reading, and Academic Team. He would like to thank Miss Shawna, Jeremy, and his Dad for a great summer!

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**CRAYTON HANEY** is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at Deer Creek Middle School. Previous roles include Brett (*Children's Letters to God,* Poteet*),* Slightly *(Peter Pan,* Poteet*),* Horton *(Seussical, Jr.,* KidsAlive!), Boy in Barn *(Grapes of Wrath,* OCU/CityRep). Crayton was recently selected to participate in his second iTheatrics DVD shoot and will also be attending their Broadway Academy this summer. Outside of theater he enjoys playing piano and being on student council. He would also like to thank Shawna, Jeremy, and his Dad for this opportunity.

**ABIGALE HARRIS** has been anxious to return to KidsAlive! this summer for her role as Toto in *The Wizard of Oz.* Last summer she participated in *Seussical Jr.* with KidsAlive! in the ensemble and as the Elephant Bird. She is currently a dancer at Matrix Dance Academy, and has two years of ballet and tap experience. She loves animals and playing with her dog Lulu Sprinkles. Abigale is thankful for Miss Shawna, the rest of the instructors, as well as her, fellow cast members for helping her grow this summer!

**ISABELLE HARRIS** is ecstatic to return to KidsAlive! for the *Wizard of Oz* as Munchkin One and Lullaby League! She was in the ensemble for *Seussical Jr.* with KidsAlive! last summer. Isabelle is currently taking tumbling classes at Matrix Dance Academy. She has participated in *The Jungle Book* with Oklahoma Children's Theatre. Her dancing experience includes four years of ballet and three years of tap. Outside of theatre, she loves all aspects of art, including painting and drawing! Isabelle is grateful for her wonderful teachers this summer!

**NOAH HATLEY** is excited to be performing in the *Wizard of Oz,* his very first production. Noah is 7 and will be in the first grade in Yukon. He was chosen to be the Master of Ceremonies for his Kindergarten program, ARF. He loves to dance while playing the piano and trombone at the same time. He also loves swimming and marching along with marching bands on YouTube in front of the mirror, holding his trombone, of course. Noah would like to thank Shawna Linck for this wonderful opportunity, as well as Jackie, Grammi, Aunt Janis and his parents.

**DYLAN HOWARD** is 7 years old and going into 1st grade at Oakdale Elementary. Her previous roles include Little Red Riding Hood (*Into the Woods Jr,* Poteet), Charlie *(Willy Wonka Kids, Poteet),* Young Kangaroo *(Seussical Jr., KidsAlive!),* Ensemble *(Mulan Jr, Poteet),* Chef *(Little Mermaid Jr.,* Poteet). Dylan enjoys practicing for her performances and singing for an audience. She would like to thank Shawna, Chad, Jeremy, and the entire KidsAlive! crew for making this a fun experience. Also, a special thanks to Kristin Stang for instilling her love of theater.

**JAIDYN HUDSON,** a middle school student who plays the role of Miss. Gulch/Wicked Witch, is extremely excited to be working with KidsAlive! for the second year. She has appeared in several other performances including *LITTLE MERMAID JR, SEUSSICAL JR* and *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.* When not rehearsing for an upcoming show, show enjoys cheering, dancing and entertaining her family with gymnastics on the trampoline. Jaidyn would like to thank her friends, family and community for all of their support!

**KATHRYN IRWIN** is a 7th grader who is enjoying her first experience of theater in *The Wizard of Oz.* She has been dancing for 8 years and has competed in cheerleading. Kathryn also enjoys performing at her voice recitals and school choir concerts. When she is not singing or dancing she loves to cheer on her OSU Cowboys with her family.

**MAISY JOHN's** Instagram bio says "sing draw act repeat," which describes her perfectly. She feels blessed with the opportunities musical theater has given her, including playing the role of Brigitta in *The Sound of Music;* a stepsister in *Cinderella, Jr.;* Jetsam in *The Little Mermaid, Jr.;* a dressmaker in *Mulan, Jr.* Maisy also loved participating in *Seussical, Jr.* with KidsAlive! at the Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta. In her spare time, she also finds joy spending time with family and friends and from drawing and creating clay figures.

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**MIA LASHLEY** is going into 6th grade at Oakdale Schools and has performed in musicals since she was four. Some of her favorite shows include *Annie, The Wizard of Oz, Ragtime, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and Seussical.* Mia is thrilled to return to Oz for a second time, especially with Shawna and Chad - the best directors and mentors a theater nerd could ever ask for!

**MEG LINCK** is happy to be joining the wonderful cast of *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* Meg has performed at Jewel Box Theater several times and really enjoys performing in the round. Some of her favorite roles include Jojo in *Seussical the Musical,* Edy in *Wartime Recipes* (Jewel Box Theatre), Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker,* and Annie *in Annie.* Meg would like to say thank you to Shawna, Chad, and the talented cast and crew. Enjoy the show!

**BETHANY LIVESAY** is excited to be performing in her first show! She is 13 years old and attends Central Elementary in Moore. A veteran of the theatre world, her past experience consits of watching and waiting on her brother during his many rehearsals and performances. Bethany would like to thank Shawna and Chad for allowing her to take part in this show, and a very special thanks and high fives to Meg, the best "mirror" ever!

**JACK LOCKETT**, age 10, is excited to be in his first production at Jewel Box Theater! He has taken acting classes at Poteet and Artworks and wants to be a professional voice actor when he grows up. Jack will be in sixth grade at Trinity School in August, and when he isn't hamming it up he enjoys all things cats and Nintendo.

**KAILEE LOVELADY** is excited to be a part of the *Wizard of Oz. She has previously been in The Sound of Music, Harvey, Damn Yankees, The Diary of Anne Frank,* and this past year she was Sandy in *Grease* at Putnam City West. She has also done *The Little Mermaid and Leonard Bernstein's Mass*. She has taken voice lessons for 5 years. She would like to thank God and her family for always supporting her and devoting their time to help her dreams come true.

**ELIZABETH MAIMO** is so excited to be back at Jewel Box and *The Wizard of Oz* in the role of The Cowardly Lion! She last performed at Jewel Box with KidsAlive's *Seussical* in the role of *Sour Kangaroo.* She enjoys being part of KidsAlive! and being directed by Shawna and Chad and is very thankful for the challenges and opportunities they have placed before her thru the years! #thereisnoplacelikehome

**GRACIE MCCLAIN** is excited to be in her first show. She is 12 years old & has been dancing for 9 years. Her competitive dance group has qualified for Grand Nationals the last 2 years. Gracie enjoys dancing, reading, hanging out with her friends/family & vacationing. Good luck to the cast of the *Wizard of Oz!*

**LOLA MCCLAIN** is excited for her first play. She is 5 years old & has been taking dance for the last 2 years. She loves dance, gymnastics, swimming, riding her bike & playing with friends. This little munchkin wishes the whole cast good luck!

**LINDSEY MEARS** goes to PCW High school and will be a sophomore. She performed in her first high school musical as Jan in *Grease.* Lindsey has been singing in Canterbury Youth Choruses for the last 8 years. She has done many shows with Shawna- *101 Dalmatians, Cinderella, Beauty & the Beast, Little Mermaid, and Seussical.* Lindsey also attended the Jr Theater Festival in Atlanta. "I am very excited to be in The Wizard of Oz this year and wish good luck to the cast!"

**JADE PAYNE** is going into the 10th grade at Yukon High School. She has been involved with theatre for 7 years. This is her second year at Kids Alive! She used to sing for Canterbury Youth Chorus and used to do plays with OCU's Children's Theatre. Jade loves doing KidsAlive! because I get to meet people who have the same passion for performing as me.

**STELLA RANKIN** is excited to be in her first show with KidsAlive! She is six and will be a first grader at Grove Valley Elementary. She was Hop the Lost Boy in *Peter Pan Jr* and she cannot wait to be a part of *Wizard of Oz.* Thank you to Ms. Shawna, Mr. Chad, and Mr. Jeremy for teaching her so much and making theatre so fun this summer!

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**ELLIE RITCHAL** is excited to be performing for the second summer with KidsAlive! Previous roles include Granny (*Into the Woods, Jr),* Ensemble *(Seussical, Jr), and Orphan (Annie!).* Ellie will be in 1st grade at Angie Debo in Edmond. When not on stage, Ellie enjoys tumbling, running, swimming, and making an extreme obstacle course out of anything and everything! Thanks to Shawna and Chad for believing in my inner Toto and feeding a wondrous creativity and curiosity!

**OLIVIA RITCHAL** is thrilled to be spending another summer with KidsAlive! Previous roles include Baker's Wife (*Into the Woods, Jr),* Bird Girl *(Seussical, Jr),* and Matilda *(Seize the Day!).* When she is not on stage, Olivia is a 5th grader at Angie Debo in Edmond. Olivia has developed a passion for target shooting and looks forward to participating in her first tournament soon. She will also be traveling to Sacramento to represent KidsAlive! At the Junior Theatre Festival in February. Thanks to Shawna and Chad for this opportunity!

**GWEN RITCHAL** is thrilled to be onstage with her big sisters this summer! Gwen will be attending pre-K at Westfield Elementary. When not on stage, Gwen enjoys tumbling, playing dress up, and taking care of her beloved dolls. Thanks to Shawna and Chad for your dedication to this tiniest of tinies and helping me grow through play!

**DANIELLE ROBINSON** is 16 and attends Edmond Santa Fe HS. She has performed in several choir concerts and theatre performances at school and church, including *Godspell* and *The Little Mermaid.* She loves to sing and dance and is active in her youth group. She was selected as the Oklahoma Miss Amazing Jr. Teen Queen of 2015. After high school she wants to attend college and study music business. She would like to thank her family, especially her sister Ashleigh with whom she shares a love for music theatre.

**CARLEY RODEN** is 6 years old and going into first grade. This is Carley's first show with KidsAlive! Previous shows including *Little Mermaid, Mulan, and Into the Woods.* Carley has taken ballet, gymnastics and art classes at Artsy Rose art studio. She is currently taking Tap/Hip Hop classes and just started piano. Hobbies include playing with friends, swimming, drawing and jumping on her trampoline. Carley would like to thank KidsAlive for this opportunity. She is learning a lot, having fun and making great friends!

**LILY RUBIO** is a first-time performer with KidsAlive. She has been dancing at Range of Motion dance studio for two years and has been in the studio's productions of *Mary Poppins* and *Cinderella With A Twist.* Lily enjoys singing and dancing and has loved being part of KidsAlive's production of *The Wizard of Oz.*

**AUBREY RUFFIN** has been in a number of productions with KidsAlive! Her other experiences include *Mulan,* Young Raja in *I Never Saw Another Butterfly, Little Mermaid, Seize the Day* with a solo as Matilda, *Oliver, Beauty and the Beast and Cinderella* as Cinderella*, The Secret Garden* at Rose State and Horton in the KidsAlive! production of *Seussical.* Her last appearance was a twin in the musical *Peter Pan.* She is excited to be working with old friends as well as new friends in the role of Scarecrow.

**KINZEY SHIRAZI** is enjoying being part of her fifth production and playing Aunt Em in the *Wizard of Oz.* Theatre is her passion and she enjoys all aspects of theatre life. Kinzey is going into the 6th grade at Deer Creek Intermediate. In her spare time she enjoys making music videos, cooking, playing with her friends, spending time with her family, playing with her dog (Chrissy) and reading. She would like to thank the directors, production crew and the cast of Wizard of Oz for such a fun experience.

**ELLISON SPEARMAN** is ready to take another trip down the Yellow Brick Road in her second appearance in *The Wizard of Oz.* Ellison starred in the 2012 Poteet Theatre production as a *Lullabye League* ballerina. Ellison began her acting "career" at the age of four as Patch in *101 Dalmatians.* Other roles include Gus-Gus in *Cinderella,* Chip in *Beauty and the Beast,* Michael in *Peter Pan and* Jo-Jo in KidsAlive's production of *Seussical, Jr.* Ellison would like to thank her family and Shawna and Chad for believing in her!

## WHO'S IN THE CAST

**QUINLYNN SPEARMAN** is excited to return to the Land of Oz! She played a munchkin at the age of 7 in Poteet's production of *The Wizard of Oz* in 2012. A few of Quinlynn's credits include roles in *Annie, I Never Saw Another Butterfly,* and *Peter Pan* at Poteet and the role of Mrs. Mayor in the KidsAlive! production of *Seussical, Jr.* Outside of performing Quinlynn enjoys competitive dance and water sports. Quinlynn is grateful to Shawna and Chad for this opportunity to learn and do what she enjoys most!

**ALYSSA ST. JOHN** is 8 years old and thrilled to be doing her first musical! Alyssa is in 3rd grade at Soldier Creek. She has performed in the school talent show and won awards at school, pageants and dance. Alyssa started dancing at 3. She is beginning competition dance this year and has competed in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant twice. She has also appeared in the Down Syndrome Calendar with her brother. Alyssa is looking forward to working with her brother, Royce, who is also performing in *The Wizard Of Oz.*

**ROYCE ST. JOHN** is 4 years old. This is his first time doing musical theater. He is excited to be performing in *The Wizard Of Oz!* He is in Pre-K at Soldier Creek. He has been dancing since the age of 1. Royce has danced at local events and recitals. Royce has performed in the school talent show. He has been in the Down Syndrome Calendar every year since he was born. He has played Soccer for the Midwest City Soccer League. My biggest accomplishment is doing this production with my sister, Alyssa.

**CADE SWEATT** is having a fantastic time being a part of this summer's KidsAlive! production of *Wizard of Oz Jr.* Cade is 10 years old and enjoys dancing. His favorite part of KidsAlive! is performing with talented friends. Thank you to Mrs. Shawna Link and Chad Haney for their guidance and creating a program that encourages young performers. Thank you to all of the teachers that have shared their skills this summer.

**NOLIA SWEATT** is 14 years old is a drama major at Classen School of Advance Studies. Nolia has enjoyed her summer skipping down the yellow brick road with her friends in the production of *Wizard of Oz Jr.* Nolia is very grateful to the KidsAlive! teachers and staff for making this experience very enjoyable. Big thank you to Mrs. Shawna for believing in her and Mr. Chad for his encouragement.

**BRADLEIGH TAYLOR** is very excited to sing in her first performance. She has sung in the Miss Amazing pageant for the last 2 years for her talent. Bradleigh and her sister Elleigh perform daily and at any given time at home. Bradleigh is 8 years old and loves dancing, t-ball, swimming, basketball, girl scouts and being a big helper. She can't wait to have her parents, family and friends come see her. A big THANK YOU to her mirror Erin for being so sweet and patient with her, and the KidsAlive! production team for letting her be apart of this

**CARLY JAE VARGAS** is glad to make her debut KidsAlive! show. She is from Harrah, Oklahoma and will be a senior in high school this year. She has performed in *Peter Pan, Seussical The Musical,* and has been a student in the Kristin Chenoweth Broadway Bootcamp for two years. She would like to thank Shawna, Chad, Jeremy, and everyone else who helped her have this amazing experience. She wishes to everyone to break a leg!

**ALLIE WARD** is going into the 8th grade. She performed in her first musical when she was eight. Since then some of her performances have included *Beauty and the Beast, the Little Mermaid,* and *The Music Man.* Some of her hobbies outside of acting are singing and volleyball.

**KADEN WHITE** is excited to be in his first show. He is 10 years old and a 5th grader at Crossings Christian School. He loves snow boarding, gymnastics, basketball, swimming, chess, reading and has found a new love for the arts. He would like to thank the staff at KidsAlive! for allowing him this opportunity. A big thank you to Kari, Nolia and Cade for all the encouragement and introduction into theatre and lastly, his family for all their support in everything he does.

## WHO'S IN THE CAST

**MEG ELYSE WILLIAMS** is a 7th grader at Deer Creek Middle School. You might remember her as the Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical Jr.* with KidsAlive. Meg's theatre debut was in Poteet Theatre's *Mulan Jr* (Fali). She has since enjoyed Poteet Theatre's *Childrens Letters to God* (Joanna) & fell in love with "Never Never Land" in Poteet Theatre's *Peter Pan* (Lost Boy). Meg would like to thank Shawna & Chad for giving her another opportunity to be a part of their theatre family & thank her KidsAlive! peers for sharing their hearts with her.

**LEYAH MARIE WILLIAMS** is 9 years old, she is a 4th grader at Deer Creek Elementary. Leyah is super excited to be a part of *The Wizard of Oz.* Leyah thoroughly enjoyed her role as Baby Kangaroo in KidsAlive's *Seussical Jr.* Her theatre debut was in Poteet Theatre's *Mulan Jr* (Little Brother). When not performing, you will find Leyah doing gymnastics or roller blading. She would like to thank Shawna & Chad for giving her this opportunity & to her friends & family for their support.

**STEVIE WOLERY** is a wonderful 10 year old young lady, who attends Deer Creek Elementary. Her off-stage hobbies include swimming, reading, & horseback riding! She has grown up watching her cousin Malachie perform in many shows throughout high school. Stevie is thrilled to be in her 1st show ever!

**SANDRA ZIEGLER** is excited to perform at Jewel Box as the Cowardly Lion with KidsAlive! Previous performances include *Peter Pan* (Lost Boy Twin One, *Poteet Theatre), Seussical, Jr. (*Mrs. Mayor, Mayzie, KidsAlive!), *South Pacific* (Ngana, Edmond Memorial), and *Cinderella, Jr.* (Lucifer, Poteet Theatre). Sandra is looking forward to 6th grade and enjoys arts & crafts, singing, piano, and tumbling. "Thank you to my Dad for being my King of the Forest and inspiring this character. There's no place like home with my KidsAlive! family-Thank you Shawna, Chad, and Jeremy!"

We are so proud of you,

Kinzey Shirazi. Good luck!

-Love, Mommy and Daddy

## Up Next for KidsAlive!

# Auditions!

Disney's Aladdin JR.

Performances April 28-29, 2017

Auditions for Aladdin will be at Jewel Box Theatre:

October 8 from 9am to 12 pm & November 18 from 2 to 5

## Junior Theater Festival

**KidsAlive!** Is headed to JTF West in Sacramento!
February 9 - 13, 2017

junior theater Festival '17

**Find more information at KidsAliveOKC.com**

**You will always be our All-Star, Ellison**

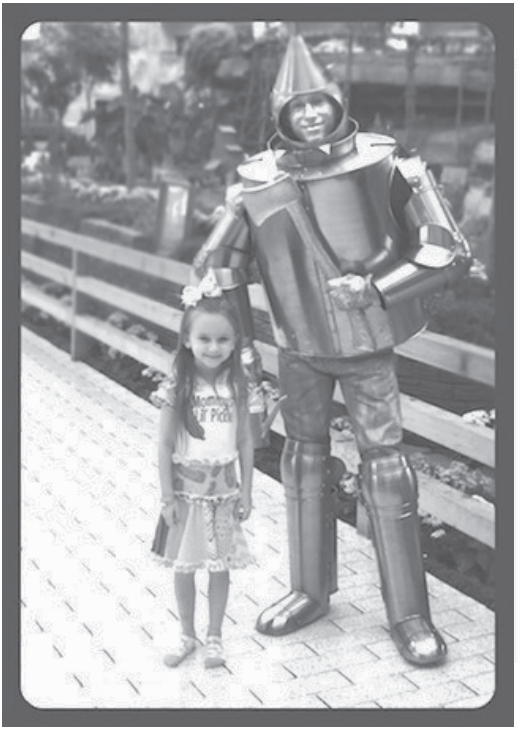
**Love,**
**Mom, Dad and Chandler**

Jackson and Luke,
We're proud of you!
Mom and Dad, Calvin, Nicholas, and all of your grandparents

# Kate

We are so proud of you! Your love and dedication to music theater is incredible! Keep on singing baby girl!!

Love
Mom, Dad, Lauren, Riley, Papa, Grammy & Mimi

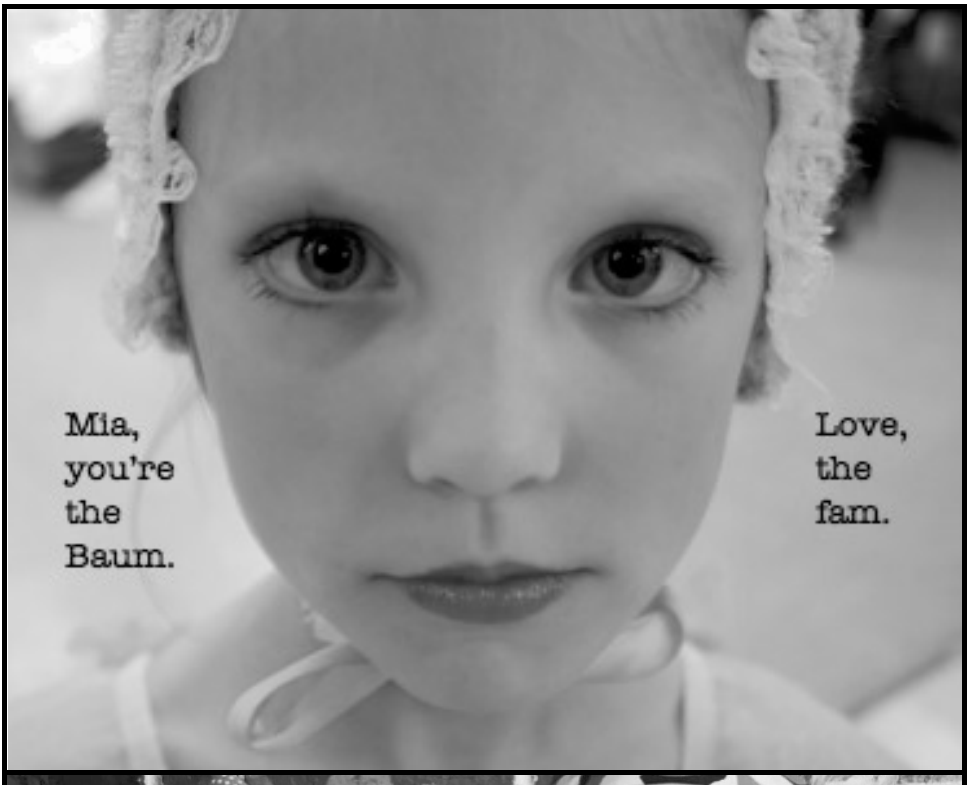


We are so proud of you Dylan! Take us down the yellow brick road.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Jaxton,
Bobi, and Pa-ta

# TESSA

**From Gus Gus to Aunt Em, you always shine on the stage. We are so proud of you and your hard work.**
**Love you - Mom, Dad, Trey, Aunt Teri, & Aunt Nonnie!**



Lots of love & luck
Gracie and Lola!
Love Daddy, Mommy & Pax

Isabelle and Abigale,
We are extremely proud of you and all that you have achieved this summer! Congratulations, on an excellent performance. We love you both to the moon and back!
Love--Mom & Dad

**KK,**
**We are so proud of you! God is doing great things in you and you are working so hard to develop the gifts he has given you. Aways honor him with those gifts and you will be amazing! We are so blessed to have you as our daughter!**
**We love you!**
**Momma and Daddy**

## JAIDYN

Whether you are playing a cattail weed in a pond or a wicked witch with a cackling laugh, you will always be our BRIGHTEST star! We love watching you and are so proud of the work ethic you put forth when preparing for each show.
We love you!
Dad, Mom, Kammi and Abriella

# Break a leg Elizabeth!!

Love, Mom & Dad

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU,

Stella

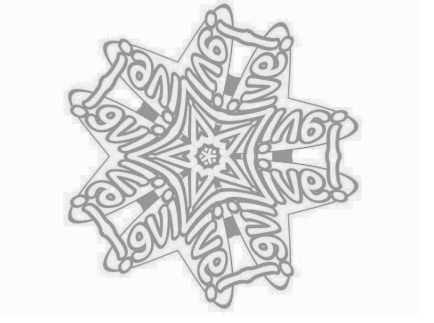
BREAK A PAW!

Love, Dad, Mom, AJ, Ava, & Beck

**Lily, we are so proud of you!**

**Love, Daddy, Mommy & Luca**

This summer marks the beginning of **KidsAlive! Kaleidoscope.** A unique program which brings together experienced young performers (our Mirrors) with children with special abilities (our Gems) to create a musical theatre experience with beautiful patterns and shapes that we couldn't see without the collaboration of the two. Not only have we spent 4 weeks learning together about the power of music theatre, but we have developed a new community of mutual respect, friendship, and love. Eight Gems ranging in age from 4 to 16, and 11 Mirrors will be performing a Pre-Show Medley with some of their favorite songs. In addition, keep your eye out for some of our Gems who will join us in Munchkinland.



## Kaleidoscope performances:

Friday July 22 - 7 pm
Saturday July 23 - 10 am, 2:30 pm
Sunday July 24 - 2:30 pm

## Gems:

Ava Gebhardt, Noah Hatley, Kathryn Irwin, Bethany Livesay, Danielle Robinson, Royce St. John, Bradleigh Taylor, Stevie Woolery

## Mirrors:

Erin Barnard, Cadence Barreda, Tess Barron, Tessa Dorrell, Carter Haney, Crayton Haney, Maisy John, Meg Linck, Quinlynn Spearman, Nolia Sweatt, Meg Williams, Sandra Ziegler

# Quinlynn,

**Break a LEG, not an arm!**

**We love you!**

**Mom, Dad and Chandler**

## We are grateful to our teachers and enrichment speakers!

Tess Barron ●Duncan Brown ●Ali Hendrix ● Madison Linck ● Meg Linck
Jordan Palmer ● Yui Sato ● Bailey Smith ● Kevin Smith ● Dalton Thomas

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Shelley Spearman ● Chuck Tweed

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*Enjoy & be well!*