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Karibuni and Welcome to The Lion King with KidsAlive!

Our journey into this production began a little over a year ago, when I walked down to one of the after school classes at Special Care to pick up a couple of our performers and a young man met me at the door. "Are you the Director of Aladdin?" he asked. When I replied in the affirmative he continued, "When are you going to do Lion King?" I explained that although I loved the show I wasn't sure that we had the right students to make it happen. "Well, when you decide to do Lion King, I'll do it with you." he announced. Then he turned and walked away.

I'm pretty sure that I RAN without passing go to Pam's office and breathlessly explained that we wanted to do Lion King at Special Care next Spring for Rey. And so it began.

It has been a momentous journey that has brought so much laughter, so much joy, and yes, so many tears. As it turns out, we have not only learned to sing, sign and dance in 5 African languages, but the story of The Lion King has had much to teach us about life, about loss, and about the value of connecting with those around us.

When we first created this organization we call KidsAlive! I had no idea that this program would take the direction that it has. All I can do is run behind trying to keep up with the momentum and reveling at the connections and miracles that happen every day. We are all learning so much...and the top of the list seems to be that its not only OK, but VITAL to share what is in your heart. That it not only helps you as an individual, but it draws you closer to others and helps them too.

Most of us love Disney's Lion King, and our first thoughts often center around that fun-loving pair, Timon and Pumbaa, and their classic motto: "Hakuna Matata - No Worries!" Everyone adores singing along to this catchy tune and we often use the phrase to put people at ease. And yet there is another, deeper meaning to this saying that goes far beyond the concept that everyone should be free to dance through life on their own terms.

This phrase is connected to Ubuntu, an African humanistic philosophy that places an emphasis on the connectivity of humans: "A person is a person through other people." One of the most important lessons Simba learns is that Hakuna Matata isn't centered around having "no worries for the rest of your days." Instead, it focuses on the "no worries" that comes from the understanding that everything is not in your control. Life doesn't always go as planned, but don't worry, because the people who love you are there to help you through.

Our journey through Lion King rehearsals has given us opportunities to take a look at some of the harder moments in life and re-format our understanding. As you'll notice from the audience, Simba and Nala are faced with some tough situations, and yet they find their way through - together. We encourage our students to take big risks and allow the music and the story to move freely through their hearts. This can bring to light some challenging emotions at times, and our young performers with special needs (our Gems) often wear their hearts on their sleeves more than anyone else.

One rehearsal, we noticed that one of our Gems was crying as we staged the number "They Live in You." I put my arm around her and asked what was wrong. "This song makes me sad sometimes," she told me. Yet even as she said it, you could tell that she was adamant about continuing in the number. I responded that "Yes, it does." and we kept going. I would suspect that an outsider looking in might have wondered if this was OK... and yet it felt not only OK, but absolutely healing for everyone. She needed to continue right there in the midst of that number with all those kids and let the sorrow come out until it was gone. It is marvelous that she felt safe enough to do so. Yet the thing I thought was most profound about this whole incident is that most of her castmates were not totally uncomfortable with her crying. They managed to not only accept it, but kept going around her and the strength of that decision allowed them all to experience something that is pretty beautiful and hard to understand sometimes. It's OK to be sad, it's OK to hurt, it's OK to grieve...and better yet, it's absolutely essential to our well being. There was no judgement on anyone's part. It just was. And that's enough.

I'd been where she was myself the day before and didn't have the strength of that group around me. It is so incredibly hard to be broken and alone. There is definitely something special about the relationships that are developing between all of these kids. It's different. It's real. It's what the world needs more of. I am absolutely humbled and honored to be a part of it.

Today, this incredible group of young performers are prepared to share their hearts with you. May you relish every moment. In the words of Rey Tabé, who started this whole adventure:

"May all your days be awesome and powerful."



Founder and Executive Director



Act I

Circle of Life with Nants' Ingonyama.....	Rafiki, Ensemble
Grasslands Chant.....	Ensemble
The Lioness Hunt.....	Lionesses
I Just Can't Wait to be King.....	Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu Ensemble
Be Prepared.....	Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Hyenas
They Live In You.....	Mufasa, Ensemble
The Stampede.....	Ensemble
The Mourning.....	Sarabi, Nala, Rafiki, Lionesses, Hyenas

Act II

Hakuna Matata (Part 1).....	Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Ensemble
Hakuna Matata (Part 2).....	Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Ensemble
Shadowland.....	Nala, Rafiki, Lionesses
Can You Feel The Love Tonight.....	Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala, Ensemble
He Lives In You.....	Rafiki, Ensemble
Luau Hawaiian Treat.....	Timon, Pumbaa
Finale.....	Ensemble
Bows.....	Ensemble

Role	Swahili	Zulu	Kaleidoscope
Rafiki.....	Mia Lashley	McKinley Rowton	Bradleigh Taylor (Gem) & Halle Manuel (Mirror)
Mufasa.....	Crayton Haney	Marisa Scott	Bonnie Camp (Gem) & Joe Kelley (Mirror)
Sarabi.....	Halle Manuel	Isabelle Harris	Alayna Pasillas (Gem) & Mia Lashley (Mirror)
Zazu.....	Joe Kelly	Sawyer Schultheis	Hannah Koeper (Gem) & Olivia Ritchal (Mirror)
Scar.....	Truitt Campbell	Colton Anderson	Rey Tabe (Gem) & Tyler Dunkleberger (Mirror)
Young Simba.....	Emma Degerness	Jacob Wade	CJ Jackson & Quinlynn Spearman (Mirror)
Simba.....	Carter Haney	Crayton Haney	Parker Case (Gem) & Carter Haney (Mirror)
Young Nala.....	Hallie Welker	Aubrey Zmalia	Crishyah Jackson, Elizabeth Maimo (Mirror) & Anya Zmalia (Mirror)
Nala.....	Kennedy Vanover	Caroline Martin	Jada Hill (Gem) & Maisy John (Mirror)
Sarafina.....	Erika Cummins	Kelly Briseno	Kinley Greenhaw (Gem) & Chloe Fisher (Mirror)
Banzai.....	Tyler Dunkleberger	Pierce Carsey	Danielle Robinson (Gem) & McKinley Fulton (Mirror)
Shenzi.....	Jules Reed	Gwen Ritchal	Emily Nelson (Gem) & Jules Reed (Mirror)
Ed.....	Jackson Alexander	Gentry Wright	Jackson Alexander
Timon.....	Chloe Fisher	Ellie Ritchal	Dax Batchelder (Gem) & Truitt Campbell (Mirror)
Pumbaa.....	Maisy John	Kennedy Day	Christian Shelton (Gem) & Crayton Haney (Mirror)
African Dance Ensemble.....	Luisa Brito	Luisa Brito	Luisa Brito
	Gedoreia Cosby	Gedoreia Cosby	Gedoreia Cosby
	Yajanela Cosby	Yajanela Cosby	Yajanela Cosby
	Hannah Duckworth	Hannah Duckworth	Hannah Duckworth
	Elizabeth Maimo	Elizabeth Maimo	Olivia Ritchal
	Olivia Ritchal	Olivia Ritchal	Audrey Sondag
	Audrey Sondag	Audrey Sondag	
	Quinlynn Spearman	Quinlynn Spearman	
The Tribe.....	Colton Anderson	Jackson Alexander	Lizzie Case
	Stella Behrens	Stella Behrens	Erika Cummins
	Kelly Briseno	Truitt Campbell	Abigail Rogers (Gem) & Kate Decker (Mirror)
	Lizzie Case	Lizzie Case	Kinzey Shirazi
	Kennedy Day	Annie Cassidy	Kennedy Vanover
	Kate Decker	Leo Cassidy	Hallie Welker
	Chance Degerness	Erika Cummins	Kaden White
	Kennedy Degerness	Kate Decker	
	McKinley Fulton	Emma Degerness	
	Isabelle Harris	Chance Degerness	
	Caroline Martin	Kennedy Degerness	
	Ellie Ritchal	Tyler Dunkleberger	
	Gwen Ritchal	Chloe Fisher	
	McKinley Rowton	McKinley Fulton	
	Sawyer Schultheis	Carter Haney	
	Marisa Scott	Maisy John	
	Kinzey Shirazi	Joe Kelly	
	Jacob Wade	Mia Lashley	
	Kaden White	Halle Manuel	
	Aniah Wilson	Jules Reed	
	Anya Zmalia	Kinzey Shirazi	
	Aubrey Zmalia	Elleigh Taylor	
		Kennedy Vanover	
		Hallie Welker	
		Kaden White	
		Aniah Wilson	
		Anya Zmalia	

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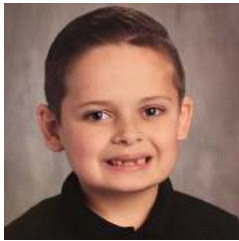
Jackson Alexander

Jackson has performed with KidsAlive!, Nichols Hills Elementary School and St. Luke's United Methodist Church. He is 13 years old and is in the seventh grade at Classen School of Advanced Studies. His hobbies are reading, traveling and playing with his brothers and friends. He would like to thank Ms. Shawna for everything that she does. Enjoy the show!



Colton Anderson

Colton is in 3rd grade and has loved calling KidsAlive! home since playing Thomas O'Malley in The Aristocats. He has played Uncle Henry (Wizard of Oz), Michael (Elf JR.), Wee Willie Winkie (Doc, Doc Goose), and a dwarf (Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs). He is excited to be a villain in The Lion King. When not acting, Colton loves practicing magic, reading, swimming and dabbling in ventriloquism.



Dax Batchelder

Dax Batchelder has been a student at Special Care since 2012, he is 8yrs old and in the 2nd grade. This is Dax's second performance with KidsAlive! Last year he played the Genie in Aladdin, Jr. Dax loves making people laugh, so getting to play Timon is a dream come true for him. In his free a, Dax enjoys hanging out with his cousins, playing with his new kitten Max, and reading comic books.



Stella Behrens

Stella is 8 years old and attends Clegern Elementary in Edmond. She began acting at age four with Ms. Shawna at Poteet Theatre where she was a princess in The Little Mermaid. Other productions include Mulan, Aladdin and Into the Woods. Her most recent role was Toulouse in Aristocats with Kids Alive! Stella loves adventure and being outdoors. She is passionate about protecting animals and nature.



Kelly Briseno

Kelly is 10 years old and in the 4th grade. She performed in her first show at 3 years old and is now performing in her 18th show. Some of her favorite roles have been Amelia in Aristocats and a guard in Aladdin JR. Kelly loves to play with slime and squishees when she is not at theatre. Her favorite song is Naughty from Matilda.

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Luisa Brito

Luisa Camila is 8 years old. She was born in Mexico City and loves to dance and sing. It was at a library performance in Moore that she found a group of dancers and asked to join. She's been dancing ever since! Luisa is excited to make her theatre debut in the Lion King, Jr!



Bonnie Camp

Bonnie is 10 years old and attends Putnam City Will Roger Elementary. Playing Mufasa in The Lion King is Bonnie's first major experience in musical theatre. She has been an active dancer with Aspiring Attitudes dance studio since she was 3 years old. In her free time, she enjoys playing with her Legos, spending time with her "brother dog" Kyro and hanging out with her family.



Truitt Campbell

Truitt Campbell is ecstatic to play Scar and is ready to "Be PREPARED" for this role! Some of his prior roles include Mr. Tumnus in The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe and Schroeder in You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown as he also co-directed the show at Christian Heritage Academy. He played Mr. Trotter in James and The Giant Peach at KidsAlive! Truitt wants to thank his family for their support!



Pierce Carsey

Pierce is 6 years old and in the 1st grade at Rosary School. Pierce has loved learning more about theatre with KidsAlive! as Toulouse in Aristocats and the Tiny Centipede in James and the Giant Peach. In his spare time, he loves to read, draw, or build with Legos.



Lizzie Case

Lizzie is a 6th grader at Sequoyah Middle School in Edmond. The Lion King is Lizzie's second performance with KidsAlive!. She also performed in the 2017 Summer performance of High School Musical JR. Lizzie loves being a part of KidsAlive! and looks forward to many future performances with this awesome group of kids and instructors!

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Parker Case

Parker is a senior at Edmond North High School. He loves all things music and Disney and is so excited to play Simba in the Kaleidoscope production of The Lion King. Parker rocked the stage as Aladdin in the Spring 2017 Kaleidoscope production of Aladdin JR and as Ripper in the 2017 summer production of High School Musical JR. Many thanks to Shawna and Chad for this amazing ride!



Annie Cassady

Annie, 4, has been singing since she began speaking. She dances ballet & tap & relishes any opportunity to be in front of an audience. She loves dolls & princesses, playing with her dog, & singing at the top of her lungs. Annie is in pre-k at Oklahoma Christian Academy in Edmond. She is excited to be in The Lion King. Annie would like to thank Mommy, Daddy and Leo.



Leo Cassady

Leo, 7, is so excited to be a part of The Lion King! He absolutely loved his experiences in The Aristocats. Leo is in kindergarten at Oklahoma Christian Academy in Edmond. Leo loves running races, playing dinosaurs, being a Power Ranger, watching movies, and playing with his little sister. He would like to thank Mommy, Daddy and Annie for their love and support. Power Ranger Teamwork!



Gedoreia Cosby

Gedoreia is a 5th grader at Sooner. Hobbies include dancing, drawing, & traveling. She has performed at the Arts Festival, State Fair, Destined 2 Dance Awards in Atlanta, Memphis, Miami & OK, Drumbeats Festival. She has also competed Baila Oklahoma & Talent on Parade Pageant & Dance competition. She has danced 2 years in Hip-Hop & Ballet.



Yajaneia Cosby

Yajaneia attends Moore West High School as a Straight A student. She recently performed at Oklahoma Arts Festival, OK State Fair, Destined 2 Dance Awards Shows in Atlanta, Memphis, Miami, & OK, Drumbeats Festival, Dancers Against Cancer, RACE Dance. She also competed Baila Oklahoma & Talent on Parade Pageant & Dance competition. Styles include African, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip-Hop, jazz, latin.

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Erika Cummins

Erika is excited to be in her first KidsAlive! production. Erika is 13 years old and a 7th grader at Sequoyah Middle School. This is Erika's fifth musical, including roles as Deb in Elf JR, and Kate in Legally Blonde JR. She has experience in dance, including jazz and ballet. Erika thanks her parents for always believing in her, and Chad and Shawna for this opportunity.



Kennedy Day

Kennedy is 9 years old and attends fourth grade at Cross Timbers Elementary School. She previously performed with Oklahoma Children's Theatre and is thrilled to be a part of KidsAlive! She loves music, dancing, theatre, and playing with friends.



Kate Decker

Kate is in 5th grade at Deer Creek Intermediate School and attends Church of the Servant. Kate has been a member of KidsAlive! since summer of 2015 and has a deep appreciation for being on this stage. She feels blessed to work with such a talented cast. Huge thanks to Shawna and Chad for giving her this opportunity and for the support of her parents and family.



Chance Degerness

Even though this is his theatrical debut, KidsAlive! has brought out a true showman in Chance Degerness! Everyone is thoroughly entertained when Chance starts singing and dancing to all the songs in The Lion King, but his favorite has to be Hakuna Matata. A HUGE Thank You to everyone at KidsAlive! for helping Chance find his voice!



Emma Degerness

This is Emma's second production with KidsAlive! and she's found a fantastic fit for her personality. This spirited 10 year old enjoys singing, reading, doing art and being a force on the soccer field. While she's found many great roles in other productions, she just can't wait to be King in The Lion King. She also still feels awkward talking about herself in third person.

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Kennedy Degerness

Kennedy Degerness is a busy soccer playing, big sistering, rock collecting, cat loving, art painting kindergartener. She has loved her time in the KidsAlive! production of The Lion King. Singing and dancing is what makes this girl's heart smile. Thank you KidsAlive!



Hannah Duckworth

Hannah is 13 and attends CNP schools. Some of her favorite roles include Ladahlord in James and the Giant Peach, Iago in Aladdin, Duffy in Annie, Matchmaker in Mulan, and Max in Little Mermaid. She is excited to be in the dance ensemble for her 4th KidsAlive! production! She has attended Junior Theater Festival for the last 4 years and was chosen as an All-Star in 2017 and 2018.



Tyler Dunkleberger

Tyler is 13 and in 7th grade at Cheyenne Middle School. Previous roles include: Troy (High School Musical JR), Jake McGowen (Leap of Faith), and Dauntless (Once Upon a Mattress). He enjoys running cross-country, school choir, and performing. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this production happen. He would also like to give a special thanks and congratulations to his Gem, Rey.



Chloe Fisher

Chloe, 8th grader on Head Master's Honor Roll at OCS, has been a part of KidsAlive! since its start. She loves being with Kaleidoscope and traveling to the Junior Theater Festival with her theatre family. Whether here or in cheer, leadership, church or home w/ her 3 brothers, Chlo has a beautiful way of loving life, serving others and using her internal drive to make a positive difference!



McKinley Fulton

McKinley is 10 and in 4th grade at John Ross Elementary. She has performed in Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins, Wizard of Oz, Aristocats, and James and the Giant Peach. She has gone to the Junior Theater Festival for two years. Her other hobbies include reading, golf, dance, and basketball. McKinley would like to thank the directors and the staff for this amazing opportunity.

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Kinley Greenhaw

Kinley is thrilled to be a part of The Lion King! As a first time cast member, she has enjoyed new friendships while gaining skills and on-stage confidence. She is a freshman at Edmond Santa Fe High School and enjoys social time, loving on her friends, and singing in the choir. Kinley would like to thank KidsAlive!, Special Care and her family and friends for supporting her on this adventure!



Carter Haney

Carter is 13 and in the seventh grade. He has played piano for 8 years. Some of his favorite roles include Troy Bolton (HSM Jr), Aunt Sponge (James and the Giant Peach/ JTF '18), and Jafar (Aladdin Jr). Carter has been selected for the iTheatrics Junior Theatre Academy in New York City the past two years. Thank you to Chad, Shawna, Alex, Athena, and everyone who has made this show possible.



Crayton Haney

Crayton is 14 and has played piano for eight years. Some of his favorite theatrical roles include Grasshopper (JTF 2018), Aladdin/Aladdin Mirror (Aladdin Jr), Sir Joseph Porter (H.M.S Pinafore). He has been in two iTheatrics Choreography DVDs, and has been in the Broadway Academy's Aladdin, Jr and Sister Act, Jr. Crayton is so proud to be apart of KidsAlive! and this Kaleidoscope program.



Isabelle Harris

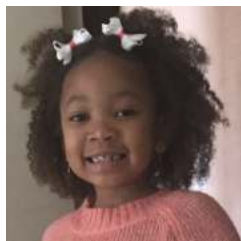
Isabelle has been with KidsAlive! since the beginning and is blessed to be a part of another show! She is taking on the role of Sarabi in The Lion King and is excited to show her talents. In her spare time, she enjoys all aspects of the arts including painting, sketching, singing, and dancing. She is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll and is involved with Girl Scouts and choir through her school.



Jada Hill

Jada Monique Hill, 14, loves to dance, sing, and be a "big sister". Jada is an honor-student 8th grader at John Marshall, in Girl Scout Cadet Troop 17, and in her church, Amos Memorial. This is Jada's 4th musical. After being cast as Jasmine, she was bitten by the theatre bug. She plans to attend Oklahoma Christian University. We thank Chad and Shawna for showing her a whole new world.

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Crishyah Jackson

Crishyah is 6 years old and attends Nichols Hills Elementary. She is thrilled to be debuting in KidsAlive! The Lion King. She loves to dance and sing. In her spare time, she enjoys hanging out with friends and family!



CJ Jackson

Christopher, aka CJ, is 11 years old. He enjoys theatre, art, and dancing. In his spare time, he loves to construct Legos, reading, and drawing comics. He is very excited to be a part of KidsAlive! The Lion King. His greatest attributes are his gentle and caring heart for others, his creativeness, and his overall love of life.



Maisy John

Maisy is a sophomore in high school. She is incredibly thankful to Shawna and Chad for giving her the opportunity to use her talents for the good of the community. Alongside theatre, Maisy enjoys drawing and painting, as well as hanging out with her friends and family.



Joe Kelley

Joe is in 7th grade at Cimarron Middle School. His favorite roles have been Earthworm (James and the Giant Peach), Ryan Evans (HSM JR.), Michael Banks (Mary Poppins), Petey Fisk (Greater Tuna), Charlie Brown (A Charlie Brown Christmas), and Aaron Shultz (Legally Blonde). Joe thanks his voice teacher, Susan Mogilka, his parents for their love and support, and Shawna and Chad for this opportunity.



Hannah Koeper

Hannah is thrilled to be in the KidsAlive! production of The Lion King. She loves to sing and dance! She especially loves to be with her KidsAlive! family. Hannah will graduate from high school with honors on May 5, 2018.

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Mia Lashley

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.



Elizabeth Maimo

Elizabeth is excited about performing in The Lion King with Shawna, Chad and the rest of her theatre family. She's enjoying her time as a Mirror to a terrific Kaleidoscope Gem and as a tribal dancer for all 3 casts. She's in her 7th year of musical theatre and loving every minute! Thank you to all that make this group such a wonderful, nurturing and safe experience for all kids. Hakuna Matata



Halle Manuel

Halle is 14 and an 8th grader at DCMS. This is Halle's 4th production with KidsAlive! and she is so excited to continue learning from Shawna, Chad and all of the talented Creative team. Her previous roles with KidsAlive! include: Narrator, Aladdin JR; Ms. Tenney, High School Musical JR, and Mrs. Trotter, James and the Giant Peach. She enjoys reading, playing the piano and the ukulele.



Caroline Martin

Caroline's love for musical theatre began at a young age. Instead of a princess party, she wanted Christine and the Phantom to celebrate there! Being Molly in the CHS production of Annie provided her the confidence and drive to pursue theatre. Outside of performing, Caroline enjoys summers at Lake Tenkiller and traveling to NYC with her family. She is excited to be Nala in The Lion King!



Emily Nelson

Emily is thrilled to be a part of KidsAlive!. The unique theatre experience KidsAlive! offers has been invaluable to her. She has been a part of the Kaleidoscope productions Aladdin JR. and High School Musical JR. Emily studies dance, participates in Special Olympics, and plays on several sports teams, but there is not a single place she would rather be than with her KidsAlive! friends performing!

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Alayna Pasillas

Alayna is 9 years old and so excited to perform in her very first KidsAlive! show! She loves being a big sister and loves to go play with the kids in the neighborhood. She's intelligent, intuitive, spunky, and is becoming more confident with everything she accomplishes. Alayna loves with all her heart (that's what she always says) and has a light that shines so bright!!



Jules Reed

Jules Reed is a 5th grader at Heritage Elementary. She has loved performing in community theatre since she was five. Jules is super excited to be in The Lion King!



Ellie Ritchal

Ellie Ritchal (Zulu cast Timon) is thrilled to participate in The Lion King this spring with KidsAlive! Ellie is a 2nd grader at Angie Debo in Edmond and is sharing the stage with her two sisters. When she is not playing with Ms. Shawna and Mr. Chad, Ellie enjoys tumbling, playing roblox, creating Lego masterpieces, and making an extreme obstacle course out of every surface imaginable!



Gwen Ritchal

Gwen Ritchal (Zulu cast Shenzi) has had a blast with KidsAlive! this spring. Gwen is in kindergarten at Angie Debo in Edmond. When she is not at rehearsal for herself or one of her sisters, Gwen enjoys taking dance and acting classes, playing dolls, and tumbling. Ms. Shawna and Mr. Chad, thanks so much for letting play and helping me grow!



Olivia Ritchal

Olivia Ritchal is so excited to be joining KidsAlive! for The Lion King. Olivia is a 6th grader at Summit Middle School. When she is not onstage, Olivia enjoys playing the flute, drawing, and binge reading series of all kind! Thanks to my family and friends as well as Ms. Shawna, Mr. Chad, and Ms. Athena for all you do!

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Danielle Robinson

Danielle is 17 and a student at Edmond Santa Fe HS. She has always loved performing and is excited to join KidsAlive! in another production. She would like to thank Shawna, Chad and her friends at KidsAlive! for their love, support and visits when she was hospitalized and as she continues her battle against leukemia.



Abigail Rogers

Abigail is in 8th grade at Trinity. She's thrilled to be in Lion King! She began theatre at 8 in OCCC's Bug'z Life. She has been in Cimarron Opera's camp for 5 years, was in The Wizard of Oz, & is a member of the Edmond Youth Chorus. She loves listening to music, reading, & watching movies. She will attend Mount St Mary High School in the fall. Her family is so proud of her.



McKinley Rowton

McKinley is a 6th grader at Nicoma Park Middle School. Her love of musicals began 3 years ago when she attended theatre camp at Choctaw High School. A few months later, she was cast as July in CHS' production of Annie. She is in the student praise band at Choctaw Road Baptist Church, and she enjoys taking jazz and tap lessons. McKinley is thrilled to be joining KidsAlive! this season.



Sawyer Schultheis

Sawyer is 9 years old and attends St Mary's Episcopal School in Edmond. In addition to musical theater, she is active in archery, chess, choir and sewing at school. In her free time, you will find Sawyer making slime, practicing make up tutorials from YouTube or enjoying playdates with friends. Thank you to KidsAlive! for the opportunity to learn, grow and flourish with the KA Tribe!



Marisa Scott

Marisa is a 5th Grader at John Rex Charter Elementary School. She has had a love for the theatre since age 5. She participated in several productions with Poteet Theatre. She loves singing and dancing and play acting with her fur babies Charmin and Pepper! Marisa has a generous heart and caring nature. Her joy for life shines through with everything she does.

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Christian Shelton

Christian attends John Marshall Middle School. Loves being outdoors, his friends & family, zoos, & movies. KidsAlive! gives him the chance to share his jovial self. He loves to swim, soccer, walking & running. He has finished four 5Ks at the OKC Marathon, 5K at John Marshall & multiple Down Syndrome Association Buddy Walks. He initiates prayer, gives endless hugs & demonstrates unyielding love.



Kinzey Shirazi

Kinzey Shirazi is thankful to be spending the spring with her KidsAlive! family learning all aspects of the theatre. Kinzey is in 7th grade at Deer Creek Middle School. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, spending time with family and friends, playing with her dogs, crafting and reading. She would like to thank the directors, cast, and crew of The Lion King for such a fun experience.



Audrey Sondag

Audrey is proud of her work with KidsAlive! which includes performing in the 2017 JTF West trip and this year's James and the Giant Peach. She has been accepted into this summer's Kristen Chenoweth Broadway Boot Camp and also looks forward to participating in her fourth year with Cimarron Summer Opera. Audrey enjoys drama club at Alcott M.S., classes at Modern Dance Arts, and piano lessons.



Quinlynn Spearman

Quinlynn is excited to work again with Shawna, Chad, and the cast to bring Lion King to the KidsAlive! stage. She starred in her first show with Shawna at age 5 in 101 Dalmatians as Penny. She followed that with Annie, Seussical the Musical, Aladdin, High School Musical, and James and the Giant Peach. Quinlynn also enjoys dance classes, playing violin in her middle school orchestra and YoungLife.



Rey Tabe

Rey Tabe is in 8th grade at Cimarron Middle School and will be attending Santa Fe High School this Fall. This is Rey's first year with KidsAlive! Kaleidoscope. Rey has been obsessed with the story of The Lion King, has a toy of almost all the animals that live in the Pride Lands, and researches information about The Lion King every chance he gets. He is very grateful for the honor to play Scar.

WHO'S WHO



Bradleigh Taylor

Bradleigh Taylor is very excited to be an Rafiki in her 4th performance. She has had parts in Wizard of Oz JR, Aladdin JR, and Aristocats. Bradleigh is 10 years old and enjoys dancing, swimming, camping and being a big helper. Her favorites include going to the movies, singing to loud music at the top of her lungs, and being the center of attention. Thanks to everyone who's helped B.



Elleigh Taylor

Elleigh Taylor is 7 years old. This will be her 3rd performance, she was also in Aladdin JR and was Marie in Aristocats. She has worked really hard in doing something new. She loves putting makeup on, dressing up, and playing with legos and hot wheels. Elleigh has been working hard to make team in gymnastics and loves reading. KidsAlive has helped Ell open up so much and we are so thankful.



Kennedy Vanover

Kennedy's debut was Tiny Tim in Lyric's A Christmas Carol. Some of her recent roles have been Sam the Snowman (Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer), Princess Fiona (Shrek Jr), Young Fiona (Shrek), Alice (Best Christmas Pageant Ever), Cinderella (Into the Woods), Mazzie (Suessical), and Vivian (Legally Blonde). She has LOVED her KidsAlive! experience and is thrilled to be a part of The Lion King!



Jacob Wade

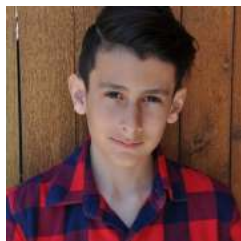
Jacob is 9 and in the 3rd grade. Some of his past roles have been Milky White (Into the Woods Jr), Oliver Warbucks (Annie Kids), and Linus (You're a Good Man Charlie Brown). He hopes to one day be cast in Newsies, direct a show, and appear in film/TV. He wants to thank all of his directors/voice coaches who have supported him and continue to develop him as he works towards his dreams.



Hallie Welker

Hallie Welker is 9 years old and in 3rd grade. Hallie loves to act, sing, dance, play soccer and explore outside. She started acting on stage with Ms Shawna when she was three years old and has been in love with it ever since!

WHO'S WHO



Kaden White

Kaden White is 11 years old, in 6th grade, and attends Crossings Christian School. Kaden enjoys playing outside with his friends, playing sports and camping. In his downtime, he likes to read and play computer games. Kaden would like to thank KidsAlive! for the many opportunities he has had in performing arts and his family and friends for all their support.



Aniah Wilson

Aniah is new to theater and soaking in all the new life experience. Aniah's passion is competitive cheer; she is a beast on the mats with the strength of an ox! Aniah is a funny and quiet soul. In her spare time, she can be found creating...she loves to craft and draw. Aniah is excited to join the ensemble this year as she continues to gain experience. Aniah, you are a star!



Gentry Wright

Gentry Wright is 5 1/2 (the half is important) and is in kindergarten at Choctaw Elementary. Gentry has been a part of KidsAlive! since last summer with Aristocats and has since enjoyed being in James and the Giant Peach as well! She loves theatre and recently started learning violin. When she isn't acting, she enjoys playing with her pet goat, Rocket and her kitten, Rey.



Anya Zmaila

Anya is excited about The Lion King! Anya has many years of experience in the performing arts, but has recently taken up new interests, including band, gun club and cheer. She is an avid gardener and loves to spend time with her Papillion Cullen and all her brothers and sisters. Anya loves working with special needs children and feeding the homeless. She has a heart of gold.



Aubrey Zmaila

Aubrey is full of fire! She has a contagious energy and a love of life. Aubs prefers to spend her time loving on her dogs Jax and Riley. She has an incredibly nurturing soul, with a passion for the four legged. In addition to theatre, she loves dance and competitive cheer. She is so excited to play young Nala and honor the Animal Kingdom. Keep your light shining little girl!

CREATIVE TEAM

Shawna Linck: Director and Choreographer

Chad Haney: Music Director - Swahili and Kaleidoscope

Mervin Tay: Music Director - Zulu

Alex Prather: Assistant Director - Swahili and Kaleidoscope

Suzanne Ritchal: Assistant Director - Zulu

Athena Cosby: Choreographer: African Dance Ensemble

Jennie Higgins: ASL Interpretations

Ibis Maimo: Costumes

Tom Linck: Set Construction

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(Thank you)

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We are also proud to announce that in February of 2018 KidsAlive! was awarded an Education Outreach grant from Allied Arts of Oklahoma City. This grant will help provide scholarships to Gems performing in our Kaleidoscope program. We appreciate their support.



Alyna, Bonnie, CJ, Christian,
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Jada, Kinley, and Rey

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Keep letting that
light inside you
shine bright!!
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y toda tu familia!





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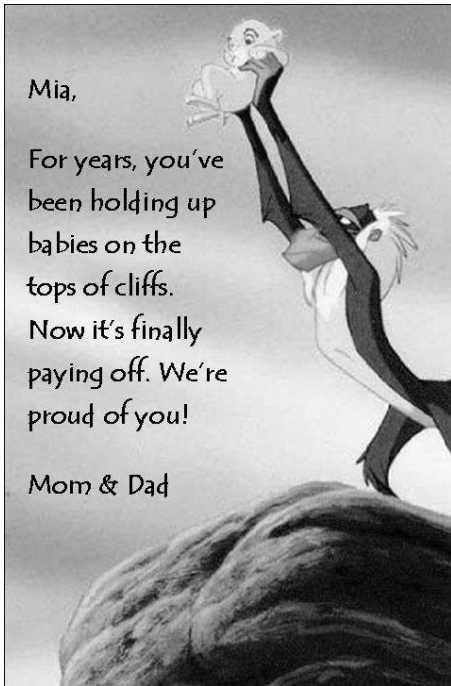
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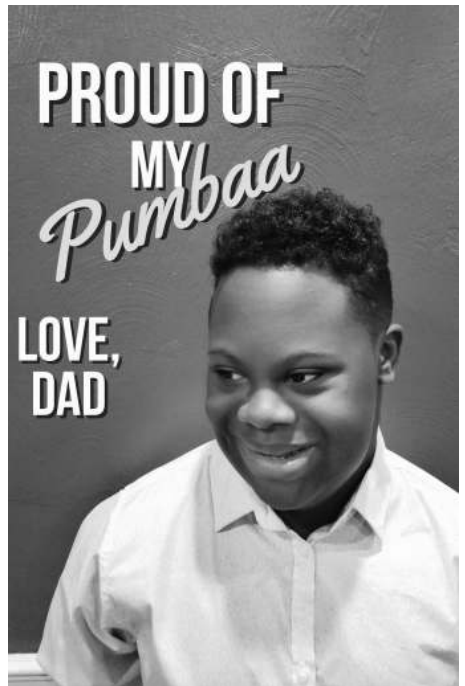
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Auditions at KidsAlive! Studio

Rehearsals:

All rehearsals will be held at
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Monday - Friday June 25 - July 19: 9am - 5pm
Friday, July 20: 9am - 12pm
Tech rehearsals: Wednesday and Thursday
July 18 and 19: 6:30 - 9pm
May 5: 3pm to 6pm
May 5: 7pm to 10pm - Callbacks

Materials Fee Deposit (non-refundable) \$50
Tuition - \$350

Performances:

July 20: 7:00pm
July 21: 2:00pm
July 21: 7:00 pm
July 22: 2:00 pm

Kaleidoscope

Our production of Fiddler will incorporate a Kaleidoscope cast which partners children with Special Needs (GEMS) with more experienced young musical theater performers (MIRRORS.) If your child is interested in being a GEM in Fiddler they will need to attend the Fiddler Kaleidoscope Auditions on Friday, May 4 from 5 to 6 pm. (Potential Mirrors will need to attend the Kaleidoscope auditions on Friday as well as the primary Fiddler auditions on Saturday at 3 pm.) The director will meet briefly with parents of Gems at 6 pm on Friday after the Kaleidoscope Auditions.

Kaleidoscope Auditions at KidsAlive! Studio
May 4: 5pm to 6pm

Kaleidoscope Rehearsals:
Monday - Friday June 25 - July 19, 3:30 - 5pm
Friday, July 20: 10:30am - 12pm

Tech rehearsal: Thursday, July 19: 6:30 - 8pm

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Ages 4 to 14 June 25 to July 15

Rehearsals:

All morning rehearsals will be held at the KidsAlive! Studio - 600 N. High
Monday - Friday June 25 - July 19: 9am - 12pm
July 2 - 6: 9am to 12pm (off July 4)
July 9 - 13: 9am to 12pm
Evening Tech week rehearsals and performances will be held at Jewel Box Theatre - 3700 N. Walker
July 9 - 13: 6:30pm to 9pm

Performances:

July 14: 10:00 am
July 14: 2:30 pm (Kaleidoscope Performance)
July 14: 7:00 pm
July 15: 2:30 pm (Kaleidoscope Performance)

Auditions at KidsAlive! Studio

May 5: 9am to 12pm
May 6: 2pm to 5pm - Callbacks

Materials Fee Deposit (non-refundable) \$50
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Kaleidoscope

Our production of Junie B. Jones, Jr. will incorporate a Kaleidoscope cast which partners children with Special Needs (GEMS) with more experienced young musical theater performers (MIRRORS.) If your child is interested in being a GEM in Junie, Jr., they will need to attend the Junie Kaleidoscope Auditions on Saturday, May 5 from 1 to 2 pm. (Potential Mirrors (ages 11 and up) will need to attend the Kaleidoscope auditions on Saturday afternoon as well as the primary Junie auditions on Saturday at 9 am.) The director will meet briefly with parents of Gems at 2 pm on Saturday after the Kaleidoscope audition.

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