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THEATRE INC.



SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the
Book by William Steig

BROADWAY JUNIOR COLLECTION®

Book and Lyrics by
David Lindsay-Abaire

Music by
Jeanine Tesori

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President's Report

Welcome one and all, fairy tale creatures, princesses, ogres and humans alike, to our electrifying production of Shrek Junior. We are absolutely thrilled to be bringing this magical musical to stage with our exceptionally talented cast of junior Fab Nobians, capably led by our amazing production team at the helm. We are absolutely delighted to welcome our junior performers and their families to our family and to be staging our second junior production.

Staging a show like Shrek Junior in our factory space is a creative and practical challenge which I think that our production team have done with style and flair. I would like to thank our director Amy Bryans for her innovative vision and tireless passion in bringing Shrek to life. Amy's exceptional direction has been seamlessly supported by the other two wonderfully talented members of the production team, musical director Katelyn Anitema and choreographer Maeghan McKenzie. The production team have of course, also been supported by our team of behind the scenes helpers whom we cannot forget and without whom we could not be here. We would like to sincerely thank Caroline Leavey and Steven McKenzie (production managers), Graham Andrew and his crew (sets), Mush Brassler (lighting), Peter Philp (sound), and Beth Girardi our stage manager for their wonderful work. And no less important are our committee and extended helpers who look after our venue, staff front of house and bar and brainstorm about how to help our company go from strength to strength year after year.

Finally, but most importantly, we want to thank you, our amazing patrons who support our shows and create the final chapter of the story, for without an audience, there is no show, no Fab Nobs and no magic. We thank you most sincerely and we are always so happy to see you! So now all that is left to do is to enjoy a platter, a drink and take your seats to be transported to the fairy tale world of Shrek Junior and be enchanted by magical quests, villains, heroes and heroines and a loveable cast of characters.

Production Credits

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Production Team

Director	Amy Bryans
Musical Director	Katelyn Anitema
Choreographer	Maeghan McKenzie
Production Managers	Caroline Leavey & Steven McKenzie
Lighting Design	Mush Brassler
Sound Design	Peter Philp
Sound Operation	Katelyn Anetima, Lindsay Owen
Stage Manager	Beth Girardi
Rehearsal Pianist	Owen James
Make-up Design	Louise Jenkins with Louise Graham
Set Design	Amy Bryans
Costume Design	Manna Ly, Amy Bryans, Helen Anetima
Set Construction and Painting	Graham Andrew, Steve McKenzie, Maeghan McKenzie, Jennifer Pacey, Amaris Andrew, Mia Marmburg, Jonathon White, Amy Bryans, Suzanne Barr, Keith Stublely, Katelyn Anitema, Bethany Reynolds
Props	Steven McKenzie
Poster Design	Nick Kong
Publicity	Owen James, Lindsay Owen
Photography	Maeghan McKenzie
Programme Design	Owen James
Backstage Assistants	Shrek Jr. Parents
Ticket Secretary	Annie King

Committee - Elizabeth Matjacic (PRESIDENT), Lindsay Owen (VICE PRESIDENT), Colin Morley (TREASURER), Owen James (SECRETARY), Steven McKenzie, Graham Andrew, Sally McKenzie, Jen Pacey, Maeghan McKenzie, Caroline Leavey, Keith Stublely, Bethany Girardi, Katelyn Anitema and Emma Sutcliffe





Amy Bryans - Director

Amy has had a life full of the performing arts thanks to her family and directing is what she is truly drawn towards. In 2013 Amy assistant directed Oxagen's West Side Story and has directed several shows since, including: Ragtime (Waterdale Theatre, 2015), The Producers (Viewbank College, 2015) and A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum (UMMTA, 2015), The Australian premiere of Catch Me If You Can (Williamstown Musical Theatre Company 2016), Electricity (Fab Nobs, 2016-writer and director), The Pajama Game (OsMAD, 2016- Assistant Director). Amy returns to Fab Nobs' Jnr program this year, her heart bursting full of joy to spend her time amongst such beautiful young souls once again!

Katelyn Anitema - Musical Director

Katelyn is a 24-year old nursing student at ACU, and hopes to one day become a music therapist. Katelyn has previously performed in 'Ragtime' (Waterdale), and will be playing Ronette in 'Little Shop Of Horrors' (SLAMS) in September. She loves the heart and magic of Fab Nobs, and is very grateful to her mentor Sally McKenzie for her help and guidance over the years, and for bringing her to the company. Earlier this year, Katelyn worked on '9 to 5' as Assistant Musical Director and Assistant Stage Manager, and is so excited to be Musically Directing her first musical. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Maeghan McKenzie - Choreographer

This is Maeghan's second time choreographing for Fab Nobs Theatre, after choreographing Fab Nobs' 2016 inaugural junior production Electricity, and helping backstage on multiple productions as a committee member, set builder, painter, and behind the bar. She has worked as a dance teacher at Kim Annette Dance School for 3 years now, and has performed as a Storyteller in Children of Eden, a Soloist in Variety High and as Dot in Honk!, all with PEP Productions, and as ensemble, a dancer, and a variety of cameo roles in Hairspray with CPAC and Ragtime with Waterdale.

Michael Syme - Shrek

Michael is thrilled to be joining Fab Nobs for the first time, portraying one of his childhood heroes. Michael has worked with other theatre companies such as Babirra Music Theatre, Players Theatre Company and Park Orchards Theatre Company, as well as continuing with his passion for the Performing Arts in his school's productions at Ringwood Secondary College. These roles have included Simba (The Lion King), the Tinman (The Wizard of Oz) Billy Crocker (Anything Goes) and most recently Billy Flynn (Chicago). Michael hopes you enjoy the show and would love to thank the company for this incredible opportunity.



Guillaume Gentil - Donkey

Guillaume is currently in year 12, finishing off his last year of high school. He's no stranger to the musical theatre scene with amateur credits including 'Ragtime', Cameron in 'Bring it on!', Tyrone Jackson in 'Fame', Tin Man in 'The Wiz' and now Donkey in Shrek Jr. His profession credits include Grady in the Australasian premiere of 'The Color Purple'. He's currently entering the film and TV industry doing short films, ads and tv shows. He enjoys playing the role of Donkey being inspired by Eddie Murphy. His favourite things include food and napping when he has homework to do.



Chloe Horrabin - Princess Fiona

Chloe (16 years old) has been performing for what seems like forever! She has been part of many school productions with her favourites being 'The Lion King Jr' and 'Oliver'. Chloe has performed as a Principal Vocalist in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular for the last 6 years and just loves it. Last year Chloe was thrilled to be part of Fab Nob production 'Electricity' and is over the moon to be playing Princess Fiona. Chloe is also a huge sci-fi nerd. She loves Star Wars and X Files and spends her spare time catching up on her favourite shows.

Lachlan Rae - Lord Farquaad

Lachlan (14 years old) plays the role of Farquaad, and has previously performed in 'Legally Blonde' (Carlos) and 'Aida' (ensemble) at Vermont Secondary College. In addition to Shrek and his VSC school musical Honk, music plays an enormous role in Lachlan's life. He is currently preparing for his AMusA diploma in piano, and plays French horn and trumpet in several bands and orchestras both inside and outside school.



Tayla Allan - Little Pig

Tayla is 8 years old. This is her first performance with Fab Nobs but she certainly isn't a stranger to the stage! She has been entertaining audiences since she was just 3 years old in various productions and concerts. Tayla also excels in her favourite sport as a flyer in cheerleading (even though this gives her mum heart palpitations). Tayla is proud to be playing one of the three little pigs in Fab Nobs production of Shrek Jr!

Amaris Andrew - Mumma Ogre

Amaris, 16 and a member of Slytherin House at Hogwarts (also VCE student at Blackburn High School), and has been singing since before she could talk. A self-confessed Musical Theatre Geek and 'drama kid', Amaris will take on any opportunity to showcase her four octave range and horror movie scream abilities. She has slithered on stage as The Caterpillar in 'Alice', is a member of The Chamber Choir at Blackburn, has been the Narrator in 'Joseph' at Upwey High and recently made the third round on The Voice Kids.



Erin Barden - Little Pig

Erin is thrilled to be involved with her second Fab Nobs production. She is loving catching up with old friends, meeting new ones and learning heaps about musical theatre. Erin is 9 and was born to perform, she has been singing and dancing her whole life and absolutely comes to life on stage.

Kiamba Briscoe - Dragonette

Kiamba is a dedicated, passionate and hard-working young lady who has decided her world must revolve around musical theatre. Following her role as Vivienne in Vermont Secondary's 'Legally Blonde' (2016), she increased her commitment to developing her talent by adding dance and professional singing lessons to her busy schedule. Currently in Year 10, Kiamba is excited (and a little nervous) to be doing VCE Drama. She is also thoroughly enjoying rehearsing for her role as Ida in VSC's 2017 production of 'Honk!'. Shrek Jr is her first production outside of school and she is enjoying being part of Fab Nobs.





Summer Bush - Young Fiona

Eight-year-old Summer is a huge fan of musical theatre. She does dance and acting at Dance Empire, ballet at The Australian Ballet School and private singing lessons. Summer has appeared in television commercials and short films, and has recently been cast in the pilot episode of a sitcom, but her real passion is musical theatre. She played 'Baby Kangaroo' in Players Theatre Company's production of 'Seussical Jr', and in 2016 she played an orphan in Peoples' Playhouse Theatre Company's 'Annie'. This is her third show and Summer is really excited to be involved in such a fantastic production.

Tiana Carbone - Dragon

Tiana, who is playing the role of Dragon, is absolutely thrilled to be joining Fab Nobs.

She is twelve years old and has been singing and dancing since the age of five. Tiana has a passion for all things music, playing the piano, euphonium and trombone.



Mali Davies - Peter Pan

Mali was thrilled to be cast as Peter Pan for her second Fab Nobs show. She was excited to take the challenge of Peter and play a boy. After 'Electricity' last year, Mali was delighted to try out for Shrek Jr. She has previously played the role of Tracey Turnblad in 'Hairspray Jr', showing off her bubbly personality. Mali loves to sing, dance and enjoys meeting new people. Now 13, she is loving her journey into musical theatre.

Amy Elliott - Mumma Bear

Amy is 16 years old and is currently in Year 11. She performed in a few small shows when she was younger but it was playing the role of Morticia in her school's 2016 production of 'The Addams Family' that reignited her love for performing. Amy is thrilled to be cast in Fab Nobs' Shrek Jr and hopes this is the first of many theatre productions she will be involved in.



Ben Hamilton - Big Bad Wolf

Ben is a 12 year old and loves to perform. He is thrilled to return to Fab Nobs for a second time and the second time in a dress! Ben has been lucky enough to perform in a number of musical theatre shows over the last few years, including 'Oliver' with OSMaD, 'The Little Mermaid' with Eltham Little Theatre and most recently 'Wizard of Oz' with CPAC. Ben cannot wait to wave his Freak Flag high with Fab Nobs for Shrek Jr.

Claire Haeusler - Teen Fiona

Claire is very excited to be joining Fab Nobs and playing the role of Teenage Fiona. She loves performing and has been dancing since she was five and singing since she was eight. This year Claire is a member of the Year 7 Performing Arts Music stream at Luther College. She was a part of the children's ensemble in 'Joseph' with MDMS in 2016. When she's not singing, or dancing you'll find Claire wearing odd socks or a raincoat inside. Or both.



Rebecca Johnstone - Gingy

Beck is very excited about her first musical production and playing the role of Gingy. She has been taking singing lessons for two years and has just started dance lessons earlier this year. Beck is in grade 6 at Holy Spirit Community School and turns 12 on the day of the closing performance. She loves anything to do with singing and acting and also enjoys playing netball.

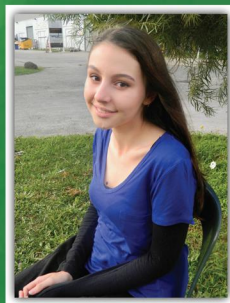


Ella Leavey - Little Red

Ella is in Grade 6 and is so excited to be playing Little Red Riding Hood in Shrek Jr. This is Ella's third musical following Waterdale's 'Ragtime' (playing Little Girl; for which she received a Guild Commendation) and Catchment's 'Annie' (Orphan). Ella is a huge fan of Fab Nobs and is thrilled to be performing with them. Ella considers herself uniquely differently so she is very glad to wave her 'Freak Flag'. She is so thrilled to meet such amazing people during this production who are all now lifelong freaky friends.

Charli Lewis - Dragonette

Charli (17 YO), is in Year 12 at Viewbank College and has been singing since she could talk. She trained with Callisthenics before discovering her love of musical theatre in Young Australian Broadway Chorus. She is currently performing with Stage School Australia in Senior Show Chorus and after ten years with them, she has performed a huge repertoire of musical theatre. She has been involved in school productions in featured roles for 'How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying' and 'Hairspray', and was Wednesday Addams in 'The Addams Family'. She is excited to be playing her first role with Fab Nobs as a dragonette.



Amon Prete - Pinocchio

After Amon's most recent stage performance in Opera Australia's 'Carmen', he is excited to be playing 'Pinocchio'. Amon has been singing and performing since he was 8 years old (now 11) and has been a part of 6 productions including The Australian Shakespeare Company's 'The Wind In The Willows'. Amon has worked with our Director Amy Bryans 3 times ('Ragtime' and 'Electricity') and Amon credits her for his ever developing talents, as well as Maeghan McKenzie for her dance instruction and Sally McKenzie for singing lessons and amazing support. Amon brings a spark to the stage in a way that only he can.

Sienna Rowe - Ugly Duckling

Sienna loves performing on stage. Her ability to get into character and performing alongside other talented children is very exciting for her. This is Sienna's second show for Fab Nobs theatre after the success of 'Electricity' last year. Sienna has a passion for entertaining. Her credits also include multiple TV commercials, modelling and stage performances. She brings out her competitive nature when playing rep-Basketball but really melts into the fun loving and quick-witted drama girl, the minute she gets a chance to do so. The smile really tells it all.



Jonathan Sioukas - Pied Piper / Captain of the Guard

Jonathan is a year 8 student at Mount Waverly Secondary College. In 2016 he performed as Chip in 'Beauty and the Beast' and in 2017 he played a Wickersham Brother in the show 'Seussical Jr.' Jonathan enjoys playing guitar, drawing with a tablet and is learning violin. He has a passion for singing, dancing and performing. Jonathan also enjoys dancing at Citrus where he does Jazz and Lyrical. He is ecstatic to be performing as 'Captain of the Guard' and 'Pied Piper' in Shrek Jr.

Eden van Twest - Wicked Witch

Eden is 11 years old and in Year 6 where she is a member of the Year 5/6 Choir, Harmony Choir and is Dance and Drama Captain. She loves reading, maths, drama, sport and plays the bagpipes. Eden enjoys creative drama and musical theatre classes and is also taking dance. Past credits include; 2017 'Alice in Wonderland Jr' (Queen of Hearts), 2016 'Falling Feathers' - Original Musical (Soloist), 2015 'The Snow Queen' - Original Musical (Soloist), 2014 'Snow White and Friend's' (Featured Role), 2013 'Tiny Thumbelina' (Ensemble). Eden is looking forward to performing with Fab Nobs for the first time.



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