

The logo for 'Shrek: The Musical Jr.' features the word 'SHREK' in a large, green, stylized font with a small green dragon-like creature integrated into the letter 'S'. Below it, the words 'THE MUSICAL JR.' are written in a smaller, orange, serif font.

Youth Theatre Northwest presents

# **SHREK: THE MUSICAL, JR.**

Book and Lyrics by:

**DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE**

Music by:

**JEANINE TESORI**

Directed by: **ZOE WILSON**

Musical Direction by: **NATHAN SHIU**

*Shrek: The Musical, Jr.*

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Hello, audience members!

I hope you are cozy and safe at home ready to enjoy a fantastic performance of *Shrek Jr.*! This production has been in the works since March of 2020. Last summer we met outdoors and via Zoom to create *Shrek* fan videos. Moving forward into this summer, we reduced risk by pre-recording all the ensemble vocals. This production of *Shrek Jr.* has jumped over each obstacle with gusto. Gathering with this group of students this summer has been one of the most special theatre experiences of my career. This cast has so much love for performance, each other, and the act of sharing stories. They have persevered through each setback with optimism and hope. I couldn't be prouder of this group of young people! Behind the camera is an incredible artistic team that has flexed even more than our students to make this production come to fruition.

*Shrek Jr.* fractures the fairy tales we've been told over and over. In this show, the ownership of the story is in the character's hands (or hooves). This production is our story. This is our moment of hope, joy, and expression. Thank you so much for joining us today. And let your freak flag fly!

Zoe Wilson, Director



YTN's 2013 production of *Shrek*.

Including 2021 *Shrek Jr.*'s production team members:  
Annika Evens, Gwen Brewer, and Sophie Otness.

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## CAST LIST (Alphabetical by first name):

Fiona/Ensemble	Abby W.
Papa Bear/Papa Ogre/Ensemble	Adam F.
Teen Fiona Singing Voice	Anya V.
Pinocchio/Duloc Dancer/Knight/Rat	Claire S.
Wicked Witch/Duloc Dancer/Knight/Rat	Esha S.
Big Bad Wolf/Duloc Dancer/Deer/Bishop	Jones S.
Gingy/Teen Fiona/Storyteller 2/Ensemble	Kiseki B.
Shrek	Kyle G.
Fiona/Mama Bear/Mama Ogre/Duloc Dancer	Lucy H.
Storyteller 1/Pig 2/Knight/Ensemble	Kenzie H.
Mama Bear (Understudy)	Megan H.
Baby Shrek/Baby Bear/Dwarf/Ensemble	Rachel S.
Lord Farquaad/Peter Pan/Woodland Creature	Robby H.
Captain of Guards/Young Fiona/Ensemble	Sara M.
Donkey	Sidh S.
Dragon/Pig 3/Storyteller 3/Rat	Sofia M.
Ugly Duckling/Rooster/Duloc Dancer	Sofia W.

## ACTOR'S BIOS (Alphabetical by first name):



**Abby W. (Fiona/Mama Bear/Mama Ogre/Duloc Dancer)** is 16 and going into her junior at Mercer Island high school. Her other hobbies include dancing with MIHS drill team, spending time with friends and listening to music. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Adam F. (Papa Bear/Papa Ogre/Pied Piper/Duloc Dancer)** is an up-and-coming eight grader, and a native to Mercer Island. His favorite hobbies are riding his scooter, drawing Anime characters, and hangin' with the "boiz" while playing video games together over Discord. His less favorite things to do are math and practicing the piano, but he does them both diligently anyway. *Shrek* is Adam's third production at YTN' and he hopes he will have many more.





**Anya V. (Teen Fiona Singing Voice)** is super excited to help present *Shrek Jr* this summer! This is her 13th production she has done at YTN. You might have seen her as Zazu in *The Lion King*, Chef Louis in *The Little Mermaid*, or Malcolm in *13*. When she isn't working on productions with YTN, she is singing with the Island Choral Experience, playing guitar and violin, or just nerding out on music history. Anya hopes you enjoy the show!

**Claire S. (Pinocchio/Duloc Dancer/Knight/Rat)**, age 12, is happy and thankful to celebrate that *Shrek* is her 5th summer performing in a YTN summer show! She is grateful to her castmates, the production teams and Director Zoe Wilson for the impact they have had on her growth on and off stage. She would like to give a shout out to the young adult members of the production team this year who were student performers in *The Music Man* 5 years ago, thanks for making rehearsals feel like a family reunion.



**Esha S. (Wicked Witch/Duloc Dancer/Knight/Rat)** is 11 years old and going into 6th grade at Islander Middle School. Outside of theatre, she likes to bake, play soccer, sing, and play water polo. She hopes you enjoy the show. Flowers are accepted ;)

**Jones S. (Big Bad Wolf/Duloc Dancer/Deer/Bishop)** Jones is very excited to be a part of the *Shrek* production here at Youth Theatre Northwest. This is Jones' 4th show at YTN! Jones is 14 years-old and in 8th grade at Islander Middle School. When not at the theatre, Jones can be found at the nail salon or taking his French bulldog, Wasabi, for a walk. Thank you for coming!



**Kiseki B. (Gingy/Teen Fiona/Storyteller 2/Rat/Knight)** Kiseki is excited to be taking the stage in *Shrek Jr.*! Favorite roles include: *The Princess and the Frog* (Frieda the Frog), *Flora and Ulysses* (William Spiver) and *The Wizard of Oz* (the two good witches) at Youth Theatre Northwest, *Godspell Jr.* (Disciple Ensemble) and *Aladdin Jr.* (Jasmine) at Village Theatre. When she's not performing, Kiseki can be found reading, cooking and rewatching *Stranger Things*! She hopes you enjoy YTN's production of *Shrek Jr.*!

**Kyle G. (Shrek)** is honored to be performing in his 13th show at YTN. Recently, you may have seen him in *13 (Brett)*, *The Wizard of Oz (Cowardly Lion)*, or the grocery store (Actor Neutral). When not on stage, Kyle loves writing comedy songs, working on the creative team of productions, and obsessing over Bo Burnham. He hopes to encounter this amazing cast in many more productions to come.



**Lucy H. (Fiona/Mama Bear/Mama Ogre/Duloc Dancer)** loves working with YTN. She has been seen in previous shows such as *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Mary Poppins*. When she is not onstage, she loves reading outside, snuggling with her dogs, Max and Charlie and dancing at the British Dance Academy. She's had so much fun and laughter with this cast. Totally worth the smoke and heat!

**Kenzie H. (Storyteller 1/Pig 2/Knight/Duloc Dancer/Woodland Creature)** is an eighth grader on Mercer Island. She is excited to be debuting in her first YTN production. You may have seen Kenzie in one of the many Island Girls' Choir productions over the years. Kenzie enjoys spending time on the lake, gymnastics and hanging with friends. She is enjoying performing with her brother Robby (Lord Farquaad) and hopes to continue his legacy performing with YTN.



**Megan H. (Mama Bear/Student Crew)** is 14 years old and in 8th grade at Islander Middle School. She is overjoyed to be in her 5th show at YTN! When Megan isn't acting you can find her reading, walking her dog, and performing in the Island Girls' Choir! She hopes you enjoy the shows as much as she has enjoyed working on it!



**Rachel S. (Baby Shrek/Baby Bear/Dwarf/Duloc Dancer/Rat/Puss in Boots)**, age 9, is having so much fun being part of *Shrek Jr.* She's loving the challenge of playing 6 small parts in 1 show. Rachel's favorite part is Little Ogre because she looks sweet like a Baby Bear or Mouse but she is proud of her fierce inner ogre, she can be a beast playing ice hockey. She would like to thank the cast and creative team for their efforts to create a memorable, positive experience in these challenging times. Rachel's life goal is to pet all the dogs.

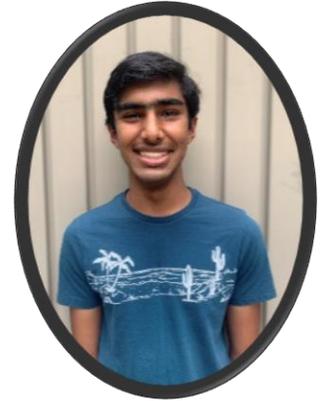
**Robby H. (Lord Farquaad/Peter Pan/Woodland Creature)** is a Junior at MIHS and has been a student of YTN for over 10 years. He is excited that he has finally lost count of the number of performances he has been a part of. Robby has thoroughly enjoyed embracing the role of Lord Farquaad! Robby loves having his sister perform with him in her first YTN mainstage performance. He is excited to be back with his theatre friends and sharing the joy of performing with others.



**Sara M. (Captain of Guards/Young Fiona/Woodland Creature)** is excited to finally be performing in *Shrek Jr!* This is her 3rd show with YTN as she had prior roles in *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Sidekick Island*. Besides acting and singing, Sara loves competing in horseback competitions with the team at Capstone Farms, playing tennis and piano, and spending time with her horse, Snoop, and hamster, Cloudy. She's especially looking forward to starting at a new school this Fall - Forest Ridge - as a 5th grader.



**Sidh S. (Donkey)** is incredibly excited to be a part of *Shrek Jr.* at Youth Theatre Northwest. He is 15 years old and an incoming sophomore at Mercer Island High School. Outside of YTN, you can find Sidh composing music, playing tennis, or talking on the MIHS radio station, 88.9 the Bridge. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he's enjoyed acting in it.



**Sofia M. (Dragon/Pig 3/Storyteller 3/Rat)** Sofia, 16, is a junior at Mount Si High school and is super excited to be in her fifth musical at YTN. Past shows include *Les Miserables* at Studio East, *13* at Village Theater and *Lion King* at YTN. When not performing, Sofia enjoys spending time with her two dogs. Big thanks to her family and friends for all their support. She hopes you'll wanna "stay forever" on this live stream!



**Sofia W. (Ugly Duckling/Rooster/Duloc Dancer)** is 11-years-old entering sixth grade in September 2021 at Islander Middle School on Mercer Island. She loves being part of the YTN family! *Shrek Jr* is her 7th show, having performed in *Little Mermaid*, *Mary Poppins*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *The Music Man, Jr*, *Rikki Tikki Tavi*, and *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales*. She is an avid reader and loves fantasy books. In addition to reading, she loves listening to books too. One of her happy places is being in the kitchen baking cookies and cupcakes while listening to audiobooks. She likes playing Roblox and Minecraft with her friends. Her little sister Sarina is always close by. At present, she would like to be a teacher when she grows up.



## PRODUCTION TEAM:

Director	Zoe Wilson
Music Director	Nathan Shiu
Assistant Music Director	Sophie Otness
Choreographer	Jenny Hall
Set Designer	Brian Jackson
Costume Designer	Jocelyne Fowler
Lighting Designer	Trina Wright
Prop Designer	Robin Macartney
Sound Designer	Troy Lund
Stage Manager	Annika Evens/Trina Wright
Assistant Stage Manger	Gwen Brewer/Maria Villegas
Student Stage Manager	Justin S.
Sound Board Operator	Bryce Bogar/Elizabeth P.
Stage Crew	Kiseki B./Maggie P.
Stage Crew	Megan H.
Production Assistant	Gwen Brewer
Marketing Intern	Mai N.
Technical Director	Brian Jackson

## PRODUCTION TEAM'S BIOS:

**Zoe Wilson (Director)** is an educator and theatre artist passionate about creating spaces of community and transformation through theatre. Zoe is the drama teacher and leader of the arts team at Open Window School in Bellevue. In addition, Zoe is the Assistant to the Estate of the legendary playwright August Wilson. Youth Theatre Northwest is Zoe's creative home and it's her favorite place to work. This is Zoe's seventh production she's directed at Youth Theatre Northwest. Recent youth directing credits include *Honk Jr.*, *Madagascar Jr.*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*, *The Music Man Jr.*, and *Robin Hood and his Merry Band*. Zoe holds a BA in Theatre Arts with a minor in Youth Studies from the University of Minnesota. Next month she will graduate from Concordia University Nebraska with a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a minor in Community Engagement in Education.

**Nathan Shiu (Music Director)** In this, his 5th show as Music Director with YTN, Nathan continues to bring his knowledge about teaching the singing voice from childhood through puberty (his Master's Degree focus). It has been a joy working with this amazing cast of dedicated young people as they not only give their all to produce a well-crafted show, but they do so under unusual circumstances. Nathan is proud to share in this crazy new experience with them and is excited to spread the true message of *Shrek, Jr.* -- learning to genuinely accept yourself and others.

**Sophie Otness (Assistant Music Director)** Sophie is one of YTN's summer interns and is a alumni of YTN. Sophie was also Assistant music director for this summer's production of 13. She is currently going into her second year of college at Central Washington University. She is apart of the music program earning her undergraduate degrees in Music Education (Choral Specialization) and Vocal Performance. During when she was a student at YTN, she was apart of the summer 2013 production of Shrek. She found it amazing to do this show again, but to work on the music part of the show at

YTN. Thank you to the cast and crew for such an creative and kind space to be a part of. ENJOY THE SHOW!!!

**Jenny Hall (Choreographer)** adores choreographing summer shows with Zoe, Nathan and your children! Each year she comes back for more. When she is not in a pandemic or choreographing for YTN, Jenny is an actor who works around town. She will start rehearsals at Taproot Theatre in the fall with the lovely play, *Babette's Feast*.

**Brian Jackson (Set Designer, Technical Director)** has been with Youth Theatre Northwest since 2003 as the Technical Director and a set designer. He has also worked with Seattle theater companies such as Seattle Scenic Studios, The Group Theatre, On the Boards, The Bathhouse Theatre, 14/48, Northwest Actors Studio, and Theatre Schmeater. He is grateful to be a part of an amazing YTN staff and production company. He'd like to thank the production team, crew, and the talented cast for their hard work.

**Jocelyne Fowler (Costume Designer)** has designed for Youth Theatre Northwest (*Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Sound of Music*, and more), Shakespeare Company (*Arms and the Man*, *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, *Titus Andronicus*, *Richard II*), Taproot Theatre (*Steel Magnolias*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *A Civil War Christmas*), Book-It Repertory Theatre (*Howl's Moving Castle*, *Jane Eyre*, *Treasure Island*, *Emma*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Frankenstein*, *Anna Karenina*), ArtsWest (*Head Over Heels*, *The Last World Octopus Wrestling Champion*, *Office Hour*), Harlequin Productions, Vashon Opera, SecondStory Repertory, Bellevue College, Overlake School and others.

**Robin Macartney (Prop Designer)** is a freelance set and props designer who has been fortunate to work with a large number of the theatre companies in Seattle. She is the resident set designer at Theatre Off Jackson as well as the scene shop supervisor for the University of Puget Sound's Theatre Department. This is her seventh year with YTN!

**Trina Wright (Stage Manager/Lighting Designer)** has been having more fun than thought she would with tv/video lighting during this covid season at YTN. Recent Before Times designs include *RENT*, *Flora and Ulysses*, *Ragtime*, *Mary Poppins*, and *The Rules of Comedy*. When not at YTN, she can be found swimming with her family, walking her dog, and regaining her roller-skating skills.

**Troy Lund (Sound Designer)** has been designing sound, producing music and voice acting around the PNW for 25 years. He is the voice of Dr. Edgar Zomboss in the upcoming *Plants vs. Zombies 3*.

**Annika Evens (Stage Manager)** is thrilled to be back at YTN as the Stage Manager on *Shrek Jr.* Past shows at YTN include ASM on *13*, *The Princess and the Frog*, and *Lily's Purple Plastic Purse*, as well as many shows as a student both on and off stage. She is currently going into her senior year at Carnegie Mellon University where she is pursuing a BFA in Stage and Production Management.

**Gwen Brewer (Asst. Stage Manager/Production Assistant)** is so excited to be back at YTN and to be a part of the team for *Shrek Jr.* She is an alumni of YTN and could be seen recently in *Little Mermaid* (Ursula) and *Men on Boats* (Powell). Gwen is studying to be an actor at Western Washington University! When she isn't acting, she likes to play video games and play with her cat Hercules and dog Penny. Gwen thanks you for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.

**Justin S. (Student Stage Manager)** is a rising senior who is very excited to be a Student Stage Manager at YTN for the second time. In addition to working behind the scenes, Justin has also been in several YTN shows on stage. You may have seen him as Mark in *RENT* or Mr. Banks in *Mary Poppins*. He is very proud of all the actors in the show but even more proud of himself because he finally gets to boss them around and they have to listen. He hopes you enjoy the show!

**Bryce Bogar (Sound Board Op)** is a student at Bellevue College and is working towards becoming a sound engineer. Bryce appreciates the opportunity to be part of this production and learn about sound equipment. He has always loved Youth Theater Northwest.

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