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Music by
JEANINE TESORI

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals
and Neal Street Productions

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford.
"I'm a Believer" by Neil Diamond

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DIRECTOR: Bruce Jacklin
STAGE MANAGER: Serra Barrett
PRODUCER: Janis Stone and Caroline Pletcher
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Corey Strinka
CHOREOGRAPHY: Megan Bell
COSTUME DESIGN: Leah Miller
WORKSHOP DIRECTOR: Christan Sears



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Director's Note



With SHREK THE MUSICAL JR., beauty is in the eye of the "OGRE." Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and the fantastic Broadway musical, the world of SHREK JR. comes to artsIQ. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre leads a cast of fairytale misfits on an adventure to rescue a princess and find true acceptance. Part romance and part twisted fairy tale; SHREK JR. is an irreverently fun show with a powerful message for the whole family. I am so very proud of all that have made this play happen, but I am even more gratified to say that during these couple of months of rehearsal and throughout my 40 years of teaching children, I have seen theater change

the hearts of children and families from a sense of insecurity to knowing that they can rise to a challenge and overcome an obstacle. Theater builds self-assurance, confidence, and a sense of belonging to something bigger than yourself.

Shrek is much more than a child's silly fairy tale; it drives home the same message that artsIQ is built on. If a person is different - like Shrek and Fiona, they should not be hidden away and isolated. Instead, they should be included, befriended, loved, and accepted. The show ends with a truth that makes the impossible possible, "What makes us special, makes us strong!" Thanks for coming and experiencing the outcome of hours of rehearsal, of personal commitment and the labor of love that make this show possible. Our reward is watching parents, friends, and family smile with immense pride as they experience the next generation take the stage in SHREK THE MUSICAL JR. ENJOY!

Bruce Jacklin
Artistic Director, MTVarts

BRUCE JACKLIN has directed and acted in over 150 productions. This includes professional, summer stock, collegian, and community theater productions. He has received awards in acting and directing at both regional and state festivals. Bruce has appeared in national and local television films and commercials. He won Best Supporting Actor at the San Francisco Actor's Film Festival for the film NIETZSCHE ATE HERE. He is the recipient of the 2014 Red Cross Education Hero Award. PCG Talent and Docherty Casting Agency represent Bruce. He holds a bachelors and a master's degree in art education and curriculum instruction. Bruce is the artistic director for MTVarts and the Alcove Dinner Theater.

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Shrek Jr. Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

"Big Bright Beautiful World".....Storytellers, Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Shrek
 "Story Of My Life".....Captain of the Guards, Fairytale Creatures
 "What's Up, Duloc?".....Duloc Performers, Lord Farquaad
 "I Know It's Today".....Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Princess Fiona
 "Travel Song".....Donkey, Shrek
 "Forever".....Dragon, Knights
 "This is How a Dream Comes True".....Princess Fiona

ACT TWO

"Morning Person".....Princess Fiona
 "I Think I Got You Beat".....Princess Fiona, Shrek
 "Make a Move".....Donkey
 "Morning Person" (Reprise).....Princess Fiona
 "Freak Flag".....Full Company
 "Big Bright Beautiful World" (Reprise)".....Shrek
 "Finale".....Full Company
 "I'm a Believer".....Full Company

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STORYTELLER 2	Isabella Oster	BISHOP	Dorothea McCoy
STORYTELLER 3	Nora Gotschall	HEAD PUPPETEER	Maggie Richardson
MAMA OGRE	McKinley Figurski	GUARDS	Deyvon Hall, Owen Cook, Simon Ryals
PAPA OGRE	Kale Oswald	KNIGHTS	Sadie Ryals, Elizabeth Shull, Gwen Brady, Gabrielle Fuller, Jillian Snow
LITTLE OGRE	Charles Arrigo	DULOCS	Charlee Clinedinst, Isabella Cook, Owen Cook, Zach Cramer, Gabrielle Fuller, Clara Hauenstein, Dorthea McCoy, Camilla Witt, Jillian Snow, Brooklyn Fullington
SHREK	Jackson T. Barrett	WOODLAND CREATURES	Rinoa Beard, Rosie Bernicken, Evelyn Brandenburg, Marley Carrico, Eleanor Cramer Lily Farmer, Charlee Foley, Julia Foley Brooklyn Fullington, Maddie Graham, Ava Hoobler, Mira Jedlinsky Anna Miletic, Andrew Petersen, Elizabeth Shull, Anneliese Scott Annie Stemen, Josie Snyder, Amelia Wells, Ryder Witt, Gwen Brady
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS	Antonio Rojas		
PINOCCHIO	Ashlynn Scott		
BIG BAD WOLF	Peyton Hauenstein-Cline		
PIG 1	Ady DeCosky		
PIG 2	Briggs Swallow		
PIG 3	Zell Pastor		
THREE BLIND MICE	Reese Ferenbaugh Kailee Foreman Gabrielle Fuller		
WICKED WITCH	Auralie Yoder		
PETER PAN	Carter Skillman		
UGLY DUCKLING	Kiersten Clinedinst		
MAMA BEAR	Rosie Stemen		
PAPA BEAR	Ben Stemen		
BABY BEAR	JoJo Lobdell		
DONKEY	Logan Montgomery		
LORD FARQUAAD	Drew Caton		
GINGY/SUGAR PLUM FAIRY	Esme McDonald		
GRUMPY FARMER/DWARF	Will Stemen		
TROLL	Avery Sears		
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD	Corra Griffith		
TINKER BELL	Madison Sichina		
LEPRECHAUN	Kiarah Smith		
YOUNG FIONA	Kate Gottke		
TEEN FIONA	Kate Marhefka		
PRINCESS FIONA	Minda Bates		
PRINCESS FIONA OGRE	McKinley Figurski		
PUSS-IN-BOOTS	Lanah Andrews		
DRAGON	Kiarah Smith		

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 Assistant Stage Manager.....Michael Sears
 Assistant to the Choreographer...Caroline Pletcher
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 Costume Co-Lead.....Mary Harris
 Costume Assistant.....Ainsley Sweeney
 Costume Team.....Tish Roginski, Jodi Pursel, Cheryl Pursel, Amy Steman, Debbie's Costume Shop, Susan Brown
 Wigs and Hair Lead.....Ruth Frady
 Wigs and Hair Team.....Bella Doyle, Nikki Freeman, Amy Ferenbaugh, Emily Hammond, Abigail Lanzer, Susan McDonald
 Makeup Lead.....Kerri Mahan
 Makeup Team.....Luna Moreland, Aaron Moreland, Norita Hissong, Erin Skillman
 Carpenters.....Michael Sears, Bill Szucs, Steve Stone

Painters.....Allison Smith, Bruce Jacklin
 Props.....Kelly Lauth, Maura Lauth
 Stage Crew.....Vicki Bates, Dawn Hall, Megan Snow, Christan Sears, Chloe Skillman, Will Stemen, Joslin Frazier
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LANAH ANDREWS (Puss-in-Boots) is a 7th grader and is excited to be in her second artsIQ production. Lanah was previously in the ensemble for FROZEN JR. and also played "Baby Cinderella" in MTVarts' 2011 production

of CINDERELLA. Lanah enjoys playing the flute, horseback riding, drawing, animating, and spending time with her cat, Mickey.



CHARLES ARRIGO (Baby Ogre; Woodland Creature) is thrilled for his acting debut with SHREK JR.! He is 8 years old and attends 3rd grade at St. Vincent de Paul School. His favorite things include piano, learning, and singing!

When he grows up he wants to be a pianist in the MTVarts orchestra. He wants to thank all of the MTVarts volunteers for all of their hard work to make this play happen.



JACKSON T. BARRETT (Shrek) is thrilled to be back with MTVarts in his second artsIQ production. He has always loved SHREK and has truly enjoyed being a part of this show! His first show with MTVarts was WILLY WONKA JR.

as "Mr. Salt." He is a Senior at Mount Vernon High School where he wins regularly in Chess Club. Jackson also enjoys writing fiction and is working on his first novel. He would like to thank his family for supporting him and hopes you all enjoy the show!

MINDA BATES (Human Fiona) is a senior in high school and is currently taking dual enrollment classes at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. She enjoys theatre, music, and participating in moot court and mock trial at Danville High School. Some of her favorite roles include "Princess Anna" in



MTVarts' FROZEN JR., "Pepper" in MTVarts' ANNIE JR., and a chorus member in MTVarts' THE WIZARD OF OZ. She would like to thank everyone who has helped her pursue theatre including all of her family and

friends and hopes you enjoy the show!



RINOVA BEARD (Woodland Creature) is 9 years old and goes to Pleasant Street elementary, this is her 2nd show with artsIQ and she is excited to be in SHREK JR. She enjoys playing with her cat Creampuff and playing Roblox.



ROSIE BERNICKEN (Woodland Creature) is excited to be back on stage having participated in FROZEN KIDS last year. She is a very creative fourth grader who loves making art and writing stories any chance she gets. Rosie would like

to thank everyone who makes artsIQ and MTVarts possible, especially Mr. Jacklin.



GWEN BRADY (Knight; Woodland Creature) This is Gwen's fourth show with MTVarts. Previous stage credits include "Nipper" in OLIVER!, "Gretl" in THE SOUND OF MUSIC, and a small role in WELCOME HOME.

She also played "Tiny Tim" in A CHRISTMAS CAROL with Community Family Players. Gwen is a third grader at East Elementary and enjoys singing, fighting with her brother, and playing Roblox in her spare time. She's excited that you're here and hopes you enjoy the show!

EVELYN BRANDENBERG (Woodland Creature)



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is a seventh grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. This is her first show with MTVarts. She enjoys singing, playing trombone, drawing, and unicycling around her house. While she has never been in a production, her favorite musicals are HEATHERS, LEGALLY BLONDE, MEAN GIRLS, and FALSETTOS. She is also a part of the song and dance group TaVací. She is very excited to be in SHREK JR., and she hopes you enjoy the show!



MARLEY CARRICO (Woodland Creature) Marley Carrico is extremely excited about being in this year's production of SHREK JR.! Marley is 13 years old and she previously performed in WILLY WONKA KIDS and FROZEN KIDS. In her free time, she enjoys playing the violin, riding her four-wheelers, and spending time with family and friends. She looks forward to future productions and would like to thank everyone for all of their support.



DREW CATON (Lord Farquaad) is a junior at Newark Catholic High School and this is his second show at MTVarts, but his first artsIQ production. He most recently appeared here at MTVarts in the 2022 summer production of OLIVER! He has performed in many youth and community shows, one of his favorite roles being "Sebastian" in THE LITTLE MERMAID at Newark Catholic. He is so excited to be a part of this production, and wants to thank the cast and crew for making it an amazing experience.



KIERSTEN CLINEDINST (Ugly Duckling; Rat Tapper) is in the 6th grade at Saint Vincent de Paul School. Kiersten caught her acting bug when she earned a role as a Lullaby League munchkin in MTVarts summer production of THE WIZARD OF OZ. She has since appeared as a candy kid in WILLY WONKA, snow chorus in FROZEN KIDS, and an ensemble member in OLIVER! She loves reading, writing, acting & gymnastics. Kiersten would like to thank her friends and family for their support. Enjoy the show!

CHARLEE CLINEDINST (Duloc Performer) is in the 3rd grade at Saint Vincent de Paul School. This is her second show, and she is really enjoying



the experience. Last year, she appeared as "Young Elsa" in FROZEN KIDS. She loves school, her family & friends, playing soccer and all her pets. She hopes to be a zookeeper one day. Charlee wants to thank you all for coming and hopes that you enjoy the show!



ISABELLA COOK (Rat Tapper; Duloc Performer) is excited to be a part of the SHREK JR. cast. This production is her third with MTVarts. Previously in OLIVER! and FROZEN KIDS, she was cast as kids ensemble and snow chorus respectively. Isabella enjoys crafts, swimming with SERF, golfing, and skiing. She would like to thank the leaders and volunteers of MTVarts along with the entire cast and crew! Enjoy the show!



OWEN COOK (Guard; Puppeteer; Duloc Performer; Rat Tapper) This is Owen's first show with artsIQ. He has enjoyed meeting new people and the camaraderie that takes place on set and behind the scenes in SHREK JR. Owen swims with SERF at Kenyon College, runs cross country and track for MVMS, and enjoys the occasional bit of skiing. Additionally, he loves reading and watching movies. Owen would like thank all of the MTVarts staff and give a special shout out to Mr. Corey for all his help with singing.



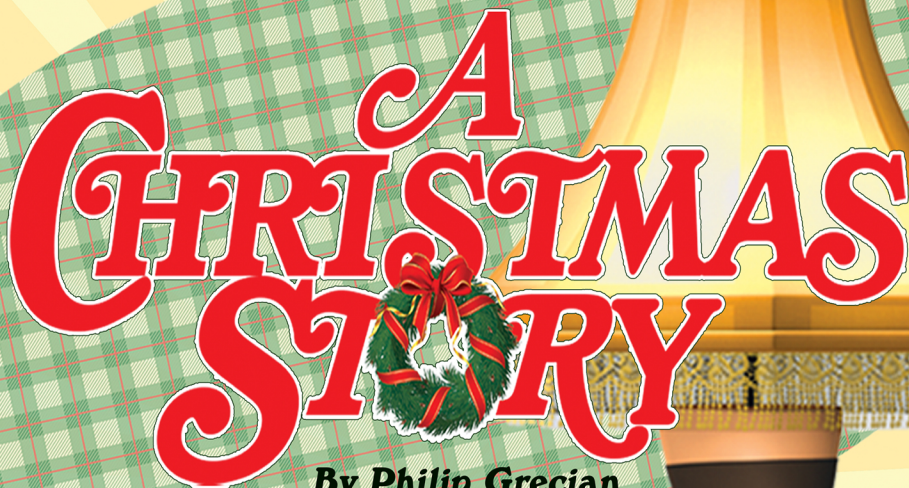
ZACH CRAMER (Rat Tapper; Duloc Performer) is a 6th grader at Mt Vernon Middle School. Outside of theater, Zach enjoys soccer and anime. Zach started acting as "Young Harry" in IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE. Since then he has acted several shows including MTVartsIQ's WILLY WONKA and FROZEN, CHARLOTTE'S WEB with Orange Barrel Productions, and OEDIPUS REX with Kenyon College. He is excited to participate in SHREK JR. and hopes you enjoy the show!



ELEANOR CRAMER (Woodland Creature) is a 4th grader at Wiggín St. Elementary School. Eleanor loves dancing, tumbling, and spending time with friends. This is Eleanor's 2nd production with MTVarts IQ. Outside of acting, Eleanor is a member of the Bradford Academy of Dance competition team. She is grateful for this

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experience and so proud to be part of this cast with her older brother.



ADY DECOSKY (Pig 1) is thrilled to be performing in this production of SHREK JR. She has previously performed in both WILLY WONKA and FROZEN. Ady is from Howard, Ohio and is an active 5th grader at East Knox Elementary. She enjoys art, reading, movies, nature, and spending time with her family. She would like to thank all of the amazing people responsible for making her role in SHREK possible.



LILY FARMER (Woodland Creature) is a homeschool student in the 4th grade. She loves cooking, crafts, singing and dancing around the house with her siblings. Lily is so excited to be performing in her first MVarts production as a Woodland Creature in SHREK JR.



REESE FERENBAUGH (Blind Mouse) is an 8th grader at East Knox Jr/Sr High School. SHREK will be the 4th MTVarts production that she has been a part of including the artsIQ production of FROZEN last year where she played "Elsa." She couldn't be more grateful for her amazing crew and castmates. Her hobbies include cheer, softball, and theater. Reese would like to give a special thanks to her friends and family for always asking her how rehearsals are going and supporting her dreams/ talents.



MCKINLEY FIGURSKI (Mama Ogre; Bride Ogre) McKinley, a junior at MVHS, was born to perform! This includes: on stage, in the classroom, and in robotics tournaments. Her dream is to make it to Broadway. Her hobbies include dancing, singing and playing her ukulele. This is McKinley's 4th time being part of an MT-Varts production. She knows you'll enjoy the show. She's a believer.



CHARLEE FOLEY (Woodland Creature) attends seventh grade at Mt. Vernon Middle School. He is involved in band and choir. Charlee loves theater, drawing, sewing, crocheting, capybaras and clowns. Charlee has been

in previous MTVarts productions including WILLY WONKA and FROZEN. Charlee hopes you enjoy the show!



JULIA FOLEY (Woodland Creature) attends fourth grade at Dan Emmett Elementary School. She loves theater, singing, playing Roblox, basketball and softball. Julia has been in the MTVarts production of FROZEN KIDS.

She hopes you came here to laugh and fall in love with theater like she has!



KAILEE FOREMAN (Blind Mouse) is a eighth grader at Centerburg. This is her fifth production with MTVarts. She loves to perform and is excited to be one of the "Three Blind Mice" in SHREK JR. Kailee enjoys golfing, horseback

riding, hanging out with friends and spending time with her family. She wants to thank all that work countless hours to make theater possible in our community. She also wants to thank all that support her and local theater and hopes you enjoy the show.



GABRIELLE FULLER (Blind Mouse; Knight; Duloc Performer) is a sophomore at Mount Vernon High School. This is her sixth show with MTVarts. Some of her favorite roles include "Louise" in PLAY ON! at Mount Vernon High

School and "Ms. TeeVee" in WILLY WONKA KIDS with MTVarts. Gabrielle enjoys singing in the Choir at MVHS and will be joining Drama Club in the fall. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



BROOKLYN FULLINGTON (Woodland Creature) is excited to participate in her third MT-Varts show! Brooklyn's first MT-Varts show was WILLY WONKA and her second show was FROZEN. Brooklyn is in sixth grade at

Mount Vernon Middle School. She also participates in Mount Vernon Colt Cheer as a captain and is in a local girls troop of BSOA. Brooklyn would like to thank her Mom, Dad, Step-Dad, and Grandma Amy for helping her get to all of her practices and their love and support. She would also like to thank everyone that helped put the play together, especially Bruce Jacklin.

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NORA GOTSCHALL (Storyteller 3) is a seventh grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. She adores making cards, writing, reading, ballet, violin, hanging out with friends and family, and theater. She has taken ballet at the Spotlight for nine years. This is her fourth MTVarts production. She was most recently in OLIVER!, as "Queen Iduna" in FROZEN KIDS, and was "Belinda Cratchit" in Community Family Player's A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Thank you for coming! Enjoy the show!



KATE GOTTKE (Little Fiona; Woodland Creature) This is Kate's first show with MTVarts. She is excited to play "Young Fiona" in her stage debut as a part of SHREK JR. Kate is a 3rd grader at East Elementary. She also enjoys gymnastics, reading, and doing lots of crafts. She fell in love with theater at a young age and hopes someone out there watching catches the bug too. Enjoy the show!



MADDIE GRAHAM (Woodland Creature) is in 3rd grade at Twin Oak Elementary. This is her first theater experience! She enjoys singing, dancing, playing piano, animals, and spending time with her friends and family. Enjoy the show!



CORRA GRIFFITH (Little Red Riding Hood) is excited to retake the stage, after a wonderful experience performing in WILLY WONKA JR. (2019). A sixth grader at Centerburg Middle School, Corra enjoys playing basketball for the Lady Trojan Teams. In addition, she loves to play golf, lake recreation, and hanging out with her friends. Corra also loves to eat veggie sushi and has a collection of erasers, bouncy balls, and blankets. Corra would like to wish all of the SHREK JR. cast and friends a great weekend of shows!



DEVYN HALL (Guard; Puppeteer) This is Devyn's fourth show with artsIQ. He has been in other shows such as ANNIE JR. as "Dog Catcher," WILLY WONKA KIDS as "Mr. Salt," and FROZEN KIDS as "Weselton." He is a 7th grader that likes Pokemon, Baseball and Minecraft. He

would like to thank his family and friends for being supportive and he would also like to thank Ryder for being such a good friend. Enjoy the show!



CLARA HAUSTEIN (Rat Tapper; Duloc Performer) This is Clara's third year with MTVarts and she is super excited to be in SHREK JR.! She previously danced at Patty's Dance Center in Newark for several years and performed in WILLY WONKA KIDS and FROZEN KIDS! Clara is a sixth grader at MVMS and is eleven years old. Clara is grateful for this awesome experience!



PEYTON HAUSENSTEIN-CLINE (Big Bad Wolf; Rat Tapper) loves dancing and singing. He is sixteen years old and is a Sophomore at MVHS. He has had eleven years of dance at Patty's Dance Studio in Newark. This will be his seventh production with MTVarts and is super excited to be a part of SHREK JR. Peyton has been in numerous productions including ALADDIN JR., ALICE IN THE WONDERLAND JR., LION KING JR. (as "Young Simba"), WILLY WONKA KIDS (as "Willy Wonka"), FROZEN JR., and OLIVER! He is very grateful to be part of the MTVarts family.



AVA HOOBLER (Woodland Creature) is excited to participate in her first artsIQ show, as one of the Woodland Creatures. She loves watching movies with family, reading a good book and writing short stories. She is also active on her cheerleading team. Ava would like to thank her family for their support and is excited for everyone to enjoy SHREK JR.!



MIRA JEDLINSKY (Woodland Creature) is very excited for her first show. A fifth grader at Twin Oak Elementary in Mount Vernon, Mira enjoys playing piano, reading, making people laugh, and spending time with her family and friends. She'd like to thank her family and the cast and crew for their support in her first performance. She hopes you like the show!

MADelyn JONES (Storyteller 1) is 14 years old and in 8th grade at Mt. Vernon Middle School. This is her 4th production in MTVarts. Her previous roles were: "Annie" in ANNIE KIDS; "Charlie"

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in WILLY WONKA KIDS; and “Young Elsa” in FROZEN JR. When she is not on the stage, she is playing basketball for MVMS and Ohio Futures travel basketball team. Her favorite food is fried pickles. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her. Enjoy the show!



JOJO LOBDELL (Baby Bear) Shrek is JoJo’s first experience with theater and she enjoyed the new adventure as “Baby Bear.” JoJo is a voracious reader and enjoys creating art with whatever she can find. She loves spending time with friends and traveling to new places. JoJo hopes you enjoy the show!



KATE MARHEFKA (Teen Fiona; Rat Tapper) This is Kate’s third show with MTVarts and she is so excited to be back on stage for SHREK JR. playing “Teen Fiona.” Her past roles were “Candy Kid” in WILLY WONKA KIDS and “Bulda/Snow Dancer” in FROZEN KIDS. Kate is going to be a sixth grader at Saint Vincent De Paul. When not on stage Kate enjoys playing basketball, volleyball, and hanging out with her friends. She wants to thank everyone who put their time into the show and hopes you enjoy the show.

DORTHEA MCCOY (Bishop; Duloc Performer; Rat Tapper) This is Dortha’s very first show with MT-Varts. She is very thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the wonderful cast of SHREK JR. She has



done acting with Fredericktown High School before, appearing as “Grandma” in THE ADDAMS FAMILY, and as “Jane Hathaway” in BEVERLY HILLBILLIES: THE MUSICAL. While she enjoys acting, she is also a part of her high school choir, and likes to spend her free time writing. She would like to thank her parents and friends for their support, and encourages you to relax and enjoy the show!



ESME MCDONALD (Gingy; Sugar Plum Fairy) is a senior at Mount Vernon High School. She has been doing theater since she was 8 years old with LITTLE MERMAID JR. At school, she is the editor of the Jacket Journal and swims. She has had roles like “Violet Beauregarde” in WILLY WONKA JR. and “Sven” in FROZEN JR. She has also stage managed shows in MTVarts productions like WELCOME HOME. She hopes you enjoy the show!



ANNA MILETIC (Woodland Creature) This is Anna’s 1st show with artsIQ. She is very excited to to play a Woodland Creature. This is just the beginning to many more adventures in the theater. While she’s not in the theater, Anna loves to play the piano, guitar, and spend time with her family. She is excited to have you all here and wants you all the enjoy the show!

LOGAN MONTGOMERY (Donkey) is extremely excited to be playing donkey in SHREK JR. “Donkey” has always been one of Logan’s dream roles



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that he finally gets to bring to the stage. Logan's most recent production was OLIVER, and he played "Captain." Logan works for MVAC and absolutely loves his job. He hopes that you all enjoy the show, and he hopes you

remember that a travel song will always make the time go by faster.



ISABELLA OSTER (Storyteller 2) is thrilled about her 6th production with MTVarts. The youngest of 4 sisters, she is homeschooled and loves to perform. Her role as "Violet Beauregarde" in WILLY WONKA KIDS was one she could

really chew on. She also had roles in FROZEN JR., WIZARD OF OZ, ANNIE KIDS, and LION KING JR. When she's not on stage, she endeavors to do anything artsy and creative! Her and her family have been adopted by a stray peacock named King George.



KALE OSWALT (Papa Ogre; Guard) This is Kale's first show with artsIQ. He is excited to participate in SHREK JR. as "Papa Ogre" and a guard. He is a MVMS honor roll student and is on student council. Kale loves singing

and has an old soul when it comes to music. His favorite musicians are Janis Joplin, Mama Cass Elliot, and Fleetwood Mac. Kale also enjoys bowling, playing volleyball, gardening, hiking/camping, and spending time with his friends and family. He would like to thank everyone that makes this show possible and hopes you enjoy it!



ZELL PASTOR (Pig 3) is a 7th grade student at MVMS and this is his 3rd artsIQ production. Previous shows include FROZEN KIDS and WILLY WONKA KIDS (as "Grandpa Joe"). He is excited to be involved in SHREK JR.! Zell

likes to play video games and spend time with his siblings.



ANDREW PETERSEN (Woodland Creature) is excited to be "a believer" in his first show with MTVarts! He is a third grader at Wiggin Street Elementary School. Offstage, Andrew enjoys reading and playing piano. He's grateful

to have the opportunity to entertain you and be a

part of this great cast!



WILL PLETCHER (Pied Piper) This is Will's second show with artsIQ but his 6th show overall. His favorite role was "Kristoff" in FROZEN KIDS. Will is a 7th grader at Fredericktown. He is currently running Cross Country and planning to participate in Track. Will enjoys playing video games with his friends in his free time. He would like to thank his mom for encouraging him to join theater.



MAGGIE RICHARDSON (Lead Dragon Puppeteer) is 15 years old and is a sophomore at Newark Catholic High school. In her free time she enjoys playing golf, baking, and playing the guitar. Her past roles include "Ms.

Hannigan" in ANNIE KIDS, "Little Red" in INTO THE WOODS JR., an Oompa Loompa in WILLY WONKA JR., "Olaf" in FROZEN JR., and "Flounder" in LITTLE MERMAID. She also enjoys speeding down the ice during the winter for team USA Luge. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad, siblings, friends, the whole SHREK JR. cast and crew for such a great show to be apart of! Enjoy the show!



ANTONIO ROJAS (Captain of the Guard) is glad to be back on stage for his fourth MTVarts production. He is currently a freshmen at Fredericktown High School, was recently signed by PCG Talent Agency, and loves to act.

He was previously seen in 2016's JUNGLE BOOK KIDS ("Kaa"), 2018's ANNIE JR. ("Dogcatcher" & ensemble), and 2021's FROZEN JR. ("Hans"). He also participates in his school's drama club - 2021's BEVERLY HILLBILLIES: THE MUSICAL (ensemble), 2021's BOYFRIEND BY BLACKMAIL ("Noah Tyler"), 2022's TURKEY IN THE STRAW ("Ted Hoskins").



SADIE RYALS (Knight; Rat Tapper) is thrilled to perform in her third production and second artsIQ performance with MTVarts! She has previously appeared in FROZEN KIDS as "Young Anna," OEDIPUS REX as "Ismene,"

student film FEW AND FAR BETWEEN (directed by Matt Harrington) as "Noel Miller" and OLIVER! as ensemble. In her spare time she loves cooking, reading, and hanging out with her friends. Sadie would like to thank Bruce for helping her develop

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her acting skills!



SIMON RYALS (Guard; Puppeteer) This is Simon's first show. In his spare time you'll find him making movies, playing the trumpet with the 7th grade band, and destroying all at bible quizzing. He wants you to enjoy the show.

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ASHLYNN SCOTT (Pinocchio) is a 17 year old homeschooling Junior who most recently appeared in the MTVarts productions of THE SOUND OF MUSIC and OLIVER!, and portrayed "Elsa" in last year's presentation of FROZEN JR. She

continues to be grateful for these opportunities and is excited to portray "Pinocchio" on stage with so many talented friends--and that's no lie!



ANNELIESE SCOTT (Woodland Creature) is a 12-year-old homeschooling 7th grader who has appeared in several MTVarts productions including FROZEN KIDS, WILLY WONKA JR., ANNIE JR., and this summer's OLIVER!

She is excited to be joining her friends on stage once again for SHREK JR.



AVERY SEARS (Troll) and her friend Ainsley Sweeney watched SHREK THE MUSICAL when they were four years old and it has always been a favorite. This is a musical that Avery has always wanted to be in. Her

on-stage theater performances include OLIVER! (orphan/ensemble), FROZEN KIDS ("Storyteller"), ANNIE JR. (orphan), and WILLY WONKA KIDS (Oompa-Loompa). She also performs with Tavaci Performing Arts and Mt. Vernon Middle School Choir. She love singing, theater, playing volleyball, hanging out with friends, and relaxing at home with her dog Sophie.



ELIZABETH SHULL (Knight; Woodland Creature) is 14 Years Old and is in 8th Grade at Mount Vernon Middle School. Lizzie started with MTVarts in 2nd grade (BEAUTY & THE BEAST, ANNIE JR., WILLIE WON-

KA). This year is her first speaking part as a Knight and a Woodland Creature. She very much enjoys

soccer, volleyball, and singing. She has been an ongoing member of the Knox County Children's Choir/ Now: Knox Youth Choirs for 8 years. She started dance at age 3 with ballet and tap. She won a chance to see and even get on stage with Idina Menzel ("Elsa"/FROZEN) in a singing contest when she was 6. Lizzie wants to wish good luck to everyone and that we wish her good luck too.



MADISON SICHINA (Tinker Bell) is 15 years old sophomore at Utica High School. She's in her school's Kantorian's choir. In her schools drama club, she's been part of WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY ("Charlie"),

GODSPEL, ANNIE, SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE!, SISTER ACT ("Mary Patrick"), MURDER IN THE WINGS! ("Doris"), and coming up, THE LITTLE MERMAID. She has been in MTVarts productions such as THE SOUND OF MUSIC, FROZEN JR., and OLIVER! Madison is also in TAVACI school of performing arts. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support. She is stoked to be "Tinker Bell and hopes you enjoy the show!



CARTER SKILLMAN (Peter Pan; Rat Tapper) After watching his sister be involved in MTVarts for years, Carter was so excited to join a year ago with FROZEN JR.. He could not be more excited to take on another role in

SHREK! Carter also enjoys art, wrestling, baseball, and hanging out with his friends and family. He would like to thank his family for all of their support. He hopes you enjoy the show!



KIARAH SMITH (Dragon; Leprechaun) This is Kiarah's first show with artsIQ and she is excited to be the "Dragon" in SHREK JR. She has been acting for 8 years around the Newark/Heath area with some of her favorite roles

as "Lady of the Lake" in SPAMALOT, "Ariel" in THE LITTLE MERMAID and "Sandy" in GREASE. She is obsessed with all things musical theater and hopes to study it in the future. She would like to thank MTVarts for this opportunity to perform in this beautiful theater and hopes you all enjoy the show!

JILLIAN SNOW (Knight; Duloc Performer) is excited to be back on stage with artsIQ. Her first show was ANNIE KIDS, and she has performed in many shows since then. She most recently appeared

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as “Oliver Twist” in the MTVarts summer production of OLIVER! Other favorite roles include “Marta Von Trapp” (THE SOUND OF MUSIC) and “Susan Waverly” (WHITE CHRISTMAS). When she isn’t performing or rehearsing, Jillian likes to swim and be goofy with her brothers. She plays french horn in the band at Mount Vernon Middle School where she is in 7th grade. Jillian thanks you, the audience, for supporting community theater here in Mount Vernon. Enjoy the show!



JOSIE SNYDER (Woodland Creature) started her career last year with artsIQ in FROZEN KIDS! She is thrilled to be back for her second performance in SHREK as a Woodland Creature. Josie is in the fourth grade at Columbia Elementary where she enjoys math and art. She loves her cat “Cupcake,” theatre and singing! She would like to thank you for supporting the arts program and hopes you enjoy the show!



ANNIE STEMEN (Woodland Creature) is a 3rd grader from Mount Vernon. She is excited to join her 3 older siblings in her first MTVarts production. Annie loves gymnastics, playing Roblox, and spending time with friends.



BEN STEMEN (Papa Bear) is really excited to be in his third MTVarts show and is happy to be a part of this community. He is an 8th grader from Mount Vernon. He enjoys interacting with his pets, playing video games, and hanging out with his friends. He’s really happy to be in this production of SHREK, and he hopes you enjoy the show!



ROSIE STEMEN (Mama Bear) is from Mount Vernon and just entered 7th grade. She has performed in many MTVarts shows including the recent production of OLIVER! and her role of “Anna” in FROZEN KIDS. She loves exploring art, playing volleyball and playing french horn. She’s so happy you’re here to see SHREK JR.

WILL STEMEN (Farmer; Dwarf) is a high school



junior from Mount Vernon. He has acted in many shows with MTVarts, including recent roles as “Kristoff” in FROZEN JR. and “Tommy ‘Trigger’ Marucci” in WELCOME HOME. He enjoys expressing himself through music and acting and is excited to be a part of this year’s production of SHREK JR. He hopes you enjoy the show!



BRIGGS SWALLOW (Pig 2) is thrilled to be part of MTVarts’ production of SHREK as one of the “Three Little Pigs”. This is Briggs’ fifth MTVarts production, having previously been cast in WILLY WONKA (Chorus), THE SOUND OF MUSIC (“Kurt Von Trapp”), ALL MY SONS (“Bert”), and Oliver! (Gang of Thieves). Briggs is a sixth grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. He loves music, reading Brandon Sanderson books, and playing video games. He would like to thank Mr. Bruce, Miss Megan, Mr. Corey, and all the other volunteers who make these productions possible and so much fun to be in!

AMELIA WELLS (Woodland Creature) Amelia’s first time on the stage was playing the “Yellow Crayon” in the show THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT. Amelia loved being on the stage and acting for everyone!

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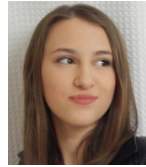


CAMILLA WITT (Rat Tapper; Duloc Performer) is a fourth grader at Licking Valley Intermediate School. Her favorite activities are singing, theater, softball, and gymnastics. This is Camilla's second MTVarts show, she performed as part of the ensemble in FROZEN KIDS. Her favorite part of theater is all of the wonderful friends that she's made! She wants to thank all of the volunteers with MTVarts, and hopes everybody enjoys the show!



RYDER WITT (Woodland Creature) is an 8th grader at Licking Valley Middle School. His favorite subjects are science and art. He loves playing golf, participating in robotics club, and dinosaurs. His favorite activity though is theater. This is Ryder's 6th MTVarts performance. His roles have included "Augustus Gloop" in WILLY WONKA KIDS, and "Sven" in FROZEN KIDS. He wants to thank all of the volunteers who make the

artsIQ program possible, and hopes you all love the show!



AURLIE YODER (Wicked Witch) is a current Senior at Mount Vernon High School. Since she fell in love with performing at age eight, Auralie has been in her school choir and numerous school productions. Her most

recent school roles have been "Bailey/Mara" in the MVHS Forum Show and "Phyllis" in PLAY ON! She's also been a part of eight previous MTVarts shows, a showcase at the Alcove (directed by Courtney Decosky), and has sung in the Music & Arts Festival. As it is her last Jr. show, Auralie would like to say to the cast and crew: *Thank you to everyone who has touched my life in ways I never thought possible. The Warehouse was always a safe space for me during rough times, but you all made it a second home. I will never forget the amazing memories I've made here in the Memorial Theater; you guys will forever and always be my family <3*



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SERRA BARRETT (Stage Manager) has an MA in Theater and has been involved with theater productions—onstage and backstage— for over 25 years. She most recently stage managed for the MTVarts production of

OLIVER! She is thrilled to once again be working with artsIQ and is beyond proud to watch her son Jackson take on the title role of the show. Serra would like to thank her husband of 19 years for his unwavering love and support in all she takes on.



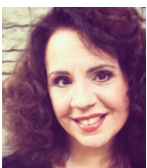
MEGAN BELL (Choreography) is currently pursuing her M.A. at Lesley University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Expressive Therapies. She holds a BFA in Studio Arts and Pre-Art Therapy from Ohio Northern

University. Megan has been active in MTVarts and other Mount Vernon productions with her family for years, performing in and choreographing for many shows. She is excited to join them for their 2022 season as their production manager in addition to choreographing such a fun show with these kiddos! She thanks her family for their continued support and sends her love to all who helped bring this production to life. Enjoy!



CHRISTOPHER HARTMAN (Assistant to the Director) is a classically trained artist who was most recently seen onstage in MTVarts' production of OLIVER! He has also entertained audiences as "Howard Bevans"

in William Inge's PICNIC, "Kapila/Devadatta" in HAYAVADANA by Girish Karnad, "Romeo" in Shakespeare's ROMEO AND JULIET, "Etches" in TITANIC THE MUSICAL by Maury Yeston and Peter Stone, "Chris Keller" in Arthur Miller's ALL MY SONS, and he originated the role of "Joe Rupp" in Yianni Papadimos and Ben Chavez's ELYSIUM: AN AMERICAN FABLE.



RUTH FRADY (Wig Mistress) is proud to serve as wig and hair advisor for the talented cast of OLIVER. She has been wig mistress of MTVarts for the past eleven years, managing an inventory of over 500 wigs and hairpieces. Ruth has also performed as an

actor/singer on stage and in film, as well as a wig designer, makeup artist, and costume dresser for numerous productions over the years. She and her musician husband, Jim Frady, reside in Mount Vernon. They have three grown children and a Frady cat named Clara.



MARY ELIZABETH HARRIS (Production Manager; Co-Costumer) is a recent graduate of The Ohio State University where she earned a B.A. in Arts Management. Previously this year, she helped with sewing costumes

for OLIVER! When she is not managing the arts, Mary Elizabeth enjoys crafting, climbing, and hanging out with her friends. She'd like to say a huge thank you to her family and friends for supporting her crazy schedule.



LEAH MILLER (Costumer) is the Assistant Director of HR at Kenyon College. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Ashland University and a Masters of Science from LSU. Leah is excited to be costuming this wonderful

group of performers! She assisted with costuming for FROZEN JR and has previously been involved with several MTVarts productions. She is excited to share this experience with her daughter Lanah and is thankful for her husband, Chris's support.



CAROLINE PLETCHER (Producer; Assistant to the Choreographer) is excited to be working behind the scenes again with artsIQ. She has been seen teaching choreography, helping with wigs and costumes, and

generally any job that needs to be done. Caroline teaches math and coaches track at Fredericktown Middle School.



CHRISTAN SEARS (artIQ Workshop Director) is a 5th grade teacher at Danville Local Schools. This is Christan's first show with being a part of the production team, however she is no stranger to MTVarts.

Christan has always been an involved parent volunteer behind the scenes in many past artIQ shows. She is extremely excited to be helping with this performance and working with all the

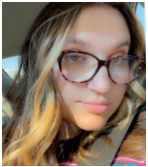
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children in the cast, especially her daughter Avery. She loves being a part of the theater family here at MTVarts and is a “BELIEVER” that arts education is essential for our younger actors/ac- tresses to thrive. She hopes you enjoy the show and become a supporter and “BELIEVER” in arts education for children here in Knox county.



MIKE SEARS (Assistant Stage Manager) After Mike’s daughter, Avery, was in an artsIQ produc- tion with MTVarts, he began helping as part of the stage crew and with set pieces for the productions of **WILLY WONKA**

KIDS/JR., **FROZEN KIDS/JR.**, and **OLIVER!** Mike says *“If you enjoy learning new things, taking on unique challenges (like building Shrek’s out- house), and being on a team with great people, then you should consider spending some time working with MTVarts.”*



CHLOE SKILLMAN (Technical Assistant) is going to be a junior at The Ohio State University this year and is more than honored to have been able to perform with MTVarts on over a dozen amazing shows. She

is so excited to turn in her character shoes for her Converse to help everyone put this show on stage from backstage so you can sit back and enjoy the show.



COREY STRINKA (Music Director) has been working as a middle and high school music teacher since 2008. Currently employed at Highland Local Schools, he directs the vocal music program and teaches

piano, guitar, history of rock and roll, and middle school general music classes. He also serves as an accompanist at Kenyon College and has experience as a worship leader and piano instructor. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. Corey has served as an accompanist for numerous MTVarts summer productions, including **THE MUSIC MAN**, **SHREK**, **MARY POPPINS**, **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**, and **BYE BYE BIRDIE**. Corey is excited to be a part of the music team at MTVarts, and is thankful for all of the people who continually support the arts in our community. He lives in

Mount Vernon with his wife, Juliet, and their three sons.



SCOTT SWINGLE (Technical Director; Lighting Designer) has enjoyed electronics from a very young age. He enjoys learning new innovations and technolo- gies as he has moved into vide- ography. He owns and operates

Westie Productions and Derr Designs in Mount Vernon, and works with the technical team at the Mount Vernon Arts Consortium.



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