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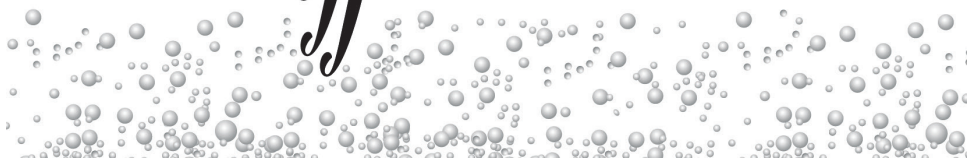
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# A Note From The TPP Education Team



The Premiere Playhouse's Summer Theatre Camps are a great way for aspiring young actors to learn more about what it takes to put on a theatrical production and beat the heat. Here they learn the ins and outs of acting, production, set building and more while making friends and expanding their talents!

This group of young actors have a bright and colorful future ahead as young leaders, innovators, teachers, and those who push the boundaries. This is what defines theatre. Here at TPP we never set a limit for anyone and we always want to push it to the next level. Those here will be seen, heard, and valued that supports the confidence in their abilities and exceed their own expectations.

You too can be a part of the wonderful experiences within The Premiere Playhouse! Join us this season to learn more about theatre in our upcoming workshops, shadow program, and main stage productions.

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# Meet The Cast



## **Ainsley Niederauer** / *Mama Bear*

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Ainsley (She/Her) portrays Mama Bear in *Shrek Jr.* She is a 13-year-old attending Edison Middle School, headed into the 8th grade. *Shrek Jr.* is Ainsley's Premiere Playhouse debut! You may recognize her from being in *Go Fish*, *White Christmas*, *Giants in the Rain*, and *Wright*. Besides theatre, Ainsley enjoys playing soccer, doing voice lessons, and art!



## **Alexa Martinell** / *Baby Bear*

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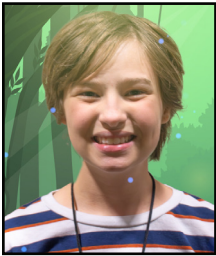
Alexa is doing her first ever Premiere Playhouse. This is her second time playing *Baby Bear*. Alexa has done 3 shows and loves to read and write in her free time. She would like to thank her family and her friends. Now sit back and enjoy the show (or relive it in your memories).



## **Avianna Steen** / *Fiona*

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Avianna is thrilled to be back on the Orpheum stage once again, but this time performing as Princess Fiona in *Shrek Jr.* Following her main stage debut in *Young Frankenstein* (ensemble) you may have seen her in *A Christmas Carol* (Martha Crachit), *Cinderella* (featured ensemble), or last year in *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Mary Poppins). Throughout her nine years of theater experience, she has loved sharing the joy and magic of theatre with everyone around her. She would like to give a special thanks to her family, teachers, directors and friends for supporting and encouraging her. More specifically her parents and school friends Leah, Skylynn, and Lola.



## **Beckett Kustak** / *Peter Pan*

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Beckett (They/Them) lives to do shows. They were in *Cinderella* at the Playhouse in April. They like to sing. It's their dream to be Peter Pan in a show. They're so happy to do this again. They have done 8 shows.



## **Caroline Boehrns** / *Pig 1*

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Caroline is thrilled to be a part of *Shrek Jr.* this is her first time performing at the Orpheum. She has also performed in *Honk Jr* at the pavilion with Dana. Caroline would like to thank her aunt Lynn, uncle Zane, grandma Ann, papa Dave for being so loving and supporting. She would also like to thank her dog Blue and her cat Lexi for being the cutest pets in the world.

# Meet The Cast



## **Coen Engebretson** / *Big Bad Wolf*

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Coen (he/him) is playing The Big Bad Wolf in this production. He was last seen in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. He is going to Mickelson Middle School. In his spare time, he spends time with family and doing things he loves. Coen plans to be in more plays and musicals and hopefully share his passions with the world!



## **Collin Tebben** / *Lord Farquaad*

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Collin is back, baby! And this time, he's back as the big man himself, Lord Farquaad! You may have seen Collin in *Twas The Week After Christmas* as Peppermint. He's excited to be in his 10th play.



## **Eleanor Baumgarten** / *Dragon*

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Eleanor is really excited to play Dragon in the Premier Playhouse's *Shrek Jr.* She was last seen in *Mary Poppins Jr.* She loves to sing and dance in her free time! She would like to thank her sister for helping her get her to this point! Eleanor hopes you thoroughly enjoy the show!



## **Elliana Bill** / *Story Teller 2*

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Elliana (she/her) is very excited to play the role of Storyteller 2 in *Shrek Jr.* She is honored to work with such a talented cast and crew for her second show with the Premiere Playhouse. She is very grateful to be working with other talented actors from previous shows. She has been doing musical theatre for 5 years. She would like to thank Premiere Playhouse for this amazing opportunity.



## **Ellie Shershen** / *Mama Ogre, Duloc Performer, Mouse*

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Ellie (she/her) is a fun-loving stage girl. She loves singing and dancing. In her free time, she likes to rock climb, sing, and swim. She would love to thank her friends and family for believing in her and encouraging her to follow her dreams. She has done many musicals such as *Sound of Music*, *Snow White*, and many more. She is so excited for her future other shows.





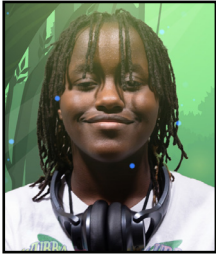
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## **Emerson Weiland** / *Little Ogre, Duloc Performer, Mouse, Puss In Boots*

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Emerson (she/her) is happy to be back in the theater. She has been in *Mary Poppins*, *Snow White* and *A Christmas Carol*. She enjoys singing, drawing, and acting! She is playing the parts of Little Ogre, Duloc performer, Puss in Boots and also one of the Three Blind Mice in *Shrek Jr.*



## **Espy Vincent** / *Pig 2*

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Espy is playing one of the Three Little Pigs! She likes to draw, sing, and cook. She loves to spend time with her cat (Erwin), and she really likes animals. This will be her first performance debut. She'd like to thank everyone who helped her to get her where she is today!



## **Eva Bertsch** / *Young Fiona, Mouse*

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Eva is excited to make her first debut here with the Premiere Playhouse playing Young Fiona. She lives in Brandon, SD. This year she is going to be attending Brandon Valley Intermediate. She will be participating in band, orchestra, and choir. Her hobbies are singing, drawing, talking, hanging out with friends, and being silly. She cannot wait to be performing for you!



## **Grayson Traphagen** / *Papa Bear*

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Grayson is portraying Papa Bear in *Shrek Jr.* He likes to since and dance. This is Grayson's debut with The Premiere Playhouse! He has also been in some DAPA shows over the years. He hopes you like the show!



## **Hannah Merkouris** / *Pied Piper, Duloc Performer, Mouse*

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Hannah has been ready for this moment since she signed up for this exciting production! She has been in many different productions including *The Jungle Book*, *Pinocchio*, *The Claw*, *Aladdin*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and many more. She is inspired by her mother to sing and act on stage! Her hobbies include making bracelets, hanging out with family and friends, and going shopping! Hannah hopes you enjoy the show!



# Meet The Cast



## **Jameson Vaca** / *Papa Ogre, Duloc Performer, Mouse*

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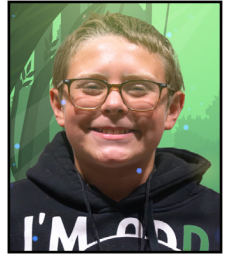
Jameson (he/him) is debuting at the Orpheum Theatre. In his free time, he likes to draw, read, or play video games. Jameson will play a Blind Mouse, Papa Ogre, and a Duloc Performer. Jameson has 4 siblings and is the oldest. He also has two dogs. He would like to thank his counselors for helping him throughout the play.



## **Jaxson Boen** / *Donkey*

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Jaxson is delighted to play the role of Donkey in *Shrek Jr.* Jaxson recently was Maurice in *Beauty and the Beast* and also performed in *A Christmas Carol*. He loves being in theatre and he also loves the people in it too! He loves making friends and playing video games! He is excited for his future plays! You better get ready for your lovable, annoying donkey to give you a headache for 3 days straight!



## **Jordan Haberman** / *Story Teller 3*

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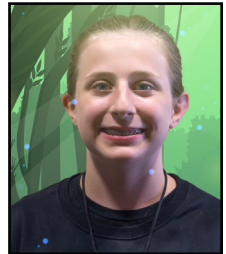
Jordan makes her debut at the Orpheum playing the role of a Storyteller. Although she has never performed at the Orpheum, she played in the ensemble at Edison Middle School's performance of *Cinderella* and loves to sing in her choir. Her hobbies include reading, and singing loudly to annoy her brother.



## **Layna Duffy** / *Knight, Guard 1*

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Layna is making her debut Premiere performance as Knight/Guard 1! She enjoys singing in choir at Edison Middle School. She also enjoys playing the viola in orchestra and this the All City Orchestra Festival! Layna would like to thank her mom, Elizabeth for signing her up for this camp. She would also like to thank her dad, Ryan, for being so supportive!



## **Lily Westergard** / *Dwarf, Duloc Performer, Mouse*

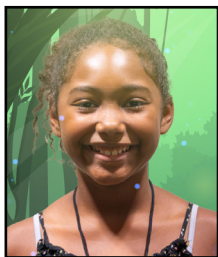
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Lily has been in a multitude of different productions, one being *Mary Poppins* where she played Winifred Banks. She plays a Duloc dancer, a mouse, and the dwarf in *Shrek Jr.* Her hobbies include drawing, reading, singing, and learning different dances.





# Meet The Cast



## **Lluvia Landry** / *Wicked Witch*

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Lluvia is thrilled to be performing once again at the Orpheum theatre playing the Wicked Witch. She has been in three plays prior to *Shrek Jr.* including *Frozen Jr.* as Elsa, *Mary Poppins* as Police Woman, Bird and other ensemble characters, and *The Wizard of Oz* where she played Gatekeeper. Lluvia enjoys sleeping with her dog Raven, singing, drawing, and designing clothes. In *Shrek Jr.* Lluvia is playing the Wicked Witch. Lluvia would like to thank her rottweiler dog, Raven for being awesome, and her entire family for supporting her all the time. Lluvia has much dance experience since she has been doing dance for 5 years. And once again Lluvia is so extremely excited to be a part of *Shrek Jr.* this year!



## **Lydia Boehrs** / *Captain of the Guards*

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Lydia (she/her) is excited to be back in the Orpheum for The Premiere Playhouse's production of *Shrek Jr.* She is happy to be playing the role of Captain of the Guards. This is her second appearance here at TPP. Lydia's hobbies consist of drawing, writing, acting, costuming, and really just creating. She is honored to continue at TPP, and give thanks to her aunt Lynn and uncle Zane, her grandparents Bonnie and Dave, her uncle Greg, and cousins Vivvian, Emmett, C.C, and Graham. She also thanks her sisters, Maddie and Ellie.



## **Nicholas Marrow** / *Gingy*

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Nicholas is starring as Gingy in *Shrek Jr.* This is his debut at the Orpheum! He has performed all over Sioux Falls and Harrisburg before. While off stage, Nicholas enjoys gaming, building legos, playing his cello, and drawing. *Shrek Jr.* will be his 14th production!



## **Penelope Kustak** / *Ugly Duckling*

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Penny (she/her) is playing Ugly Duckling. She has always enjoyed theatre! She has been in multiple productions and enjoyed every one of them! The last show she was in was *Cinderella* with The Premiere Playhouse. Currently, Penelope is working with The Penguin Project, which is showing *Suessical Jr.* next week! In her free time, Penny loves to draw. She loves all the support she receives from her family and can't wait for them, and everyone to see *Shrek Jr.*!



## **Perrin Boraas** / *Pinocchio*

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Perrin is excited to perform as Pinocchio in *Shrek Jr.* Previous roles of his have been Patch (*101 Dalmation Jr.*), Big Mike (*The Tale of Snow White*), Young Scrooge (*A Christmas Carol*), Robertson Ay (*Mary Poppins Jr.*), Robo-Pet (*The Claw*), Ensemble (*Newsies Jr.*), and Security Guard (*Spongebob the Musical*). Perrin would like to thank his parents for getting him into theatre. Without them he never would have been in any of these shows. He will be attending Edison Middle School in 6th grade this coming school year. Perrin hopes you enjoy the show!



# Meet The Cast



## **Rachel Row** / *Knight, Guard 2*

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Rachel is ecstatic to be in *Shrek Jr.* playing Knight/Guard 2! This is her debut at the Premiere Playhouse but she has been in 5 other shows outside the Playhouse! She would like to thank her friends and family for helping for rehearsal. Everyone here is so welcoming and kind. Now, let your FREAK FLAG FLY!



## **Sam Maddox** / *Story Teller 1*

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Sam is appearing on stage as one of the Storytellers in *Shrek Jr.* He likes pizza and likes to talk. He is excited for the play and he even made an acquaintance during this process!!



## **Simon Cole** / *Shrek*

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Simon is here to be the character with a whole play named after him! He's green, he's mean, so get used to it. Simon is amused to be back with The Premiere Playhouse for the 4th time. Previously you might have seen him in *Mary Poppins Jr.* as Bert and in *Snow White* as the mirror. When Simon has free time he loves singing, taping, traveling, and knitting. Simon thanks his cat, family, and cast for supporting him in everything he does. Simon hopes you feel the magic and effort the cast has put in the show.



## **Sophia Fette** / *Teen Fiona, Mice*

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Sophia is so excited to be on stage for the performance *Shrek Jr.* playing Teen Fiona. Sophia has been acting since she was six and has been loving it so far. In her free time, she loves to dance, sing, and hang out with friends and family. You might recognize Sophia from *Cinderella* as an ensemble character. She is so excited for you to see *Shrek Jr.* and hopes you enjoy it.



## **Tatyanna Van Voorst** / *Bishop, Duloc Performer, Mice*

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Tatyanna is excited for her first play at the playhouse playing the Bishop. Some of her hobbies are sewing, knitting, and she is in cross country. I have three brothers. She wants to thank everyone who came to the play.





# Meet The Cast



## **Violet Talley** / *Pig 3*

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Violet (she/her) is a 13 year old attending Edison Middle School. This is her 3rd play she has been in. Violet has been in *Aladdin* as Jasmine, and one of the stepsisters in *Cinderella*. She enjoys going on long walks, playing with her dogs, and swimming.



# Production Team

## **Abby Schwedhelm** / *Director*

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Abby (she/her) can't wait to see this magical production of *Shrek Jr.* come to life. You've seen Abby on the Orpheum stage in The Premiere Playhouse's productions of *A Christmas Carol*, *The Premiere Premieres*, and *Grease*. Abby loves teaching children's theater, so she'd love to thank the cast and their families for being involved in this fun filled show. She hopes you all enjoy the show and really let your freak flag fly.

## **Casey Schultz** / *Choreographer*

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Casey (she/her) is so excited to work with the Premiere Playhouse Education program on *Shrek Jr.* You have seen Casey on stage countless times but this time around she is excited to have her dance background shown off on stage! These campers are so amazing and talented! She wants to thank the campers, their families, and the rest of the production team for such a fun two weeks!

## **Hope Dunkle** / *Stage Manager/Head Camp Counselor*

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Hope is honored to be working with Rhe Premiere Playhouse again! She's a junior double-majoring in English and Theatre Studies at the University of Sioux Falls, where you might have recently seen her as the Jester in *Once Upon a Mattress*. Her favorite part of this camp has been watching the kids unlock and develop their storytelling talents. She'd like to thank the Playhouse crew for encouraging and teaching her all summer long, the wonderful kids involved in this camp for their hard work, and her parents for supporting her artistic pursuits.

## **Kevin Wintering** / *Costume Designer*

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Kevin (he/him) you've seen Kevin on stage, and in the tech booth, but now you may not see Kevin himself, but you will see his costumes! Kevin is excited to make his design debut with TPP. His previous designs include *Bye Bye, Birdie* (unrealized), *Junie B. Jones is NOT a Crook* (Assistant), and William Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*. Kevin enjoys bringing characters to life through costume and allowing the audience to know who a character is before they even speak their first line. His design for this show is simple, but he hopes you enjoy it all the same!

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<b>Asst. Stage Manager &amp; Camp Counselor</b>	Carlie Terrall
<b>Camp Choreographer</b>	Casey Schultz
<b>Stage Manager &amp; Head Camp Counselor</b>	Hope Dunkle
<b>Camp Scenic Designer</b>	Jill Clark
<b>Costume Designer</b>	Kevin Wintering
<b>Sound Designer, Engineer, &amp; Projection Coordinator</b>	Malia Lukomski
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