

## DIRECTORS NOTE

It's hard to believe all of our hard work has led us to this! We've had a wonderful summer, filled with memories, laughter, and determination.

Tonight you get to see a fun, silly, delightful, wonderful story about love and acceptance... about looking inside a book, rather than making judgments on what's on the outside cover.

It's funny isn't it... that we all have something about ourselves that we wish was just a little different. "Gosh, if my nose were just a little thinner... or I was just a little taller... then I would be perfect."

Perfect. What a funny word. It's just so subjective, isn't it? Regardless of our confidence, or prowess, or fortitude, there lives a little voice inside all of us that reminds us in those quiet moments of self doubt... that we are not perfect. It plays the "if only" soundtrack in our heads... clouding our hearts to what is already wonderful and unique about us. The very things that make us already... perfect.

While on the surface, Shrek seems to be just a children's story, but it features so many moral messages. One of the morals that really spoke to us as a cast and crew was learning how to accept ourselves and others for their differences. This is our story.

In many ways we are just like the characters in Shrek. During the production of this show, these students had to overcome many challenges, namely producing an Off Broadway like show in a matter of weeks. Let's just say - they've worked hard. Most importantly, they've shown heart, dedication, talent, diligence, and enthusiasm, exemplifying everything that a Performing Arts education can provide.

On behalf of the Shrek Directing Team, it has been our greatest joy to see this show come to life with these kids! We were so grateful to work with this cast and crew.

Mr. James, Ms. Mandy, and I would like to personally thank the Oswegoland Park District and staff for their support while assisting our show. We would also like to thank our cast's amazing parents for their dedication and support for this production. Most of all, we would like to thank the cast and crew for all their heart, talent, and inspiration. Thanks for showing us the beauty that is inside of all of us. Enjoy the show!

Shrek Jr. Directing Team

Ed Perry, James Anderson, Mandy Duran

## the limelight theatre company



June 28-July 1, 2023  
Bednarcik Jr. High

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the Book by William Steig  
Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire 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

# THE CAST

**Shrek:** Grayson Fisher, Mason Gullett  
**Donkey:** Payton Hatzinger, Adrael Rivera  
**Princess Fiona:** Brooklyn Hatala, Ashlynn Pulfer  
**Teen Fiona:** Ava Perreault, Hallie Anderson  
**Young Fiona:** Naomi LaBrosseur, Zoey Anderson  
**Lord Farquaad:** Blake Slodki, Owen Hayes  
**Pinocchio:** Benjamin Kornelik, Brianna DeStefano  
**Gingy:** Nova Surges, Josie Beiler  
**Captain of the Guard:** Hayden Hoover, Mason Moe  
**Big Bad Wolf:** Autumn Moe  
**Peter Pan:** Hattie Young  
**Storyteller/Pig 1:** Olivia Testa, Brookelyn Medows  
**Storyteller/Pig 2:** Kenna Dunbar, Julia Anders  
**Storyteller/Pig 3:** Mariah Vaughn, Eva Ramirez  
**Wicked Witch:** Theo Lapidus, Ava Burkhardt  
**Ugly Duckling:** Kerrigan LaBrosseur, Reagan Killham  
**Pied Piper:** Emily Kmiec  
**Puss in Boots:** Brooklyn Kornelik, Ryenn McKeown-Robbie  
**Mama Ogre:** Adelina Chavarria, Shelby Van Kley  
**Papa Ogre:** Phoenix Surges, AJ Rowley  
**Little Ogre/Dwarf:** Brody Stadtherr  
**Mama Bear:** Kylie Moore, Ashlyn Jacobs  
**Papa Bear:** Barack Moustafa, Mason Cole  
**Baby Bear:** Emmy Ferrin, Avery Buckels  
**Dragon:** Alisia Quach, Madeline Haynes  
**Knight 1:** Emma Camacho (Bishop), Olivia Tufano  
**Knight 2:** Ruby Szostak (Bishop)  
**Knight 3:** Teagan Davis, Brooke Ades  
**Knight 4:** Garrett Chamness  
**Woodland Creatures:** Kendra Ahlquist, Zoey Anderson, Naomi LaBrosseur, TJ Camacho, Keegan Clark, Josie Howell, Dakota James, Ava Perreault, Gianna Savaglia, Rylann Sibbitt  
**Duloc Townspeople:** Francis Abecia, Claire Balder, Alyssa Evans, Madeline Haynes, Ryan Perreault, Emily Schwarz, Sadie Sewart, Brody Stadtherr, Shelby Van Kley, Olivia Zdan  
**Bo Peep's Sheep:** Adeline Blay, Riley Buckels, Lilia Grigas, Elodie Haynes, Jayse Ingram, David James Jr., Joaquin Maldonado, Mikaela Maldonado, Brynn O'Toole, Ella Savaglio, Emma Villalba, Brynn Yi

Actor listed first performs Wednesday/Friday, actor listed second performs Thursday/Saturday

# CREW

**Directed** by Ed Perry & James Anderson  
**Music Directed** by Mandy Duran  
**Set Design** by James Anderson  
**Lighting Design** by Jeff Ford  
**Light Board Operator** - Sean Tait  
**Sound Chief and Board Operator** - Alex Janis  
**Sound Crew** - Nicole Anders  
**Stage Manager** - Samantha Anders  
**Student Directors** - Samantha Anders, Sedona DeBolt, Jacob Howell, Jack Kremer, Ava Messina, Ruby Zawadzki  
**Stage Crew** - Lilly Orr  
**Tap Choreography** - Emily Kmiec  
**Set Construction/Painting** - Nicole Anders, Samantha Anders, Kelly DeStefano, Terri Jacobs, Jack Kremer, Ally Lewkowski, Cori Veverka  
**Dragon Painting** - Laila Green

Special Thanks to Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, Bednarcik Jr. High, and Traughber Jr. High for lending us props, costumes, set pieces, and additional tech equipment.

Many thanks to Terri Jacobs and Kelly DeStefano for their amazing painting skills! Also to Nicole Anders for stepping in and being an amazing addition to the production team in her multiple facets. A huge thanks to Jeff Ford and Alex Janis for making our show look and sound great!! Last special thanks to Ms. Cori for making this all possible for these kids and the many hours spent behind the scenes!

**This show runs approximately 90 minutes with a 15 minute intermission.  
No Flash Photography or Video Allowed.**

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