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- Please do not use flash photography
- Please shut off all electronic devices
- Please do not leave while the performance is in progress
- After the evening show, all students will return to their classrooms to change their costumes, please wait in the Cafetorium for your child to return.



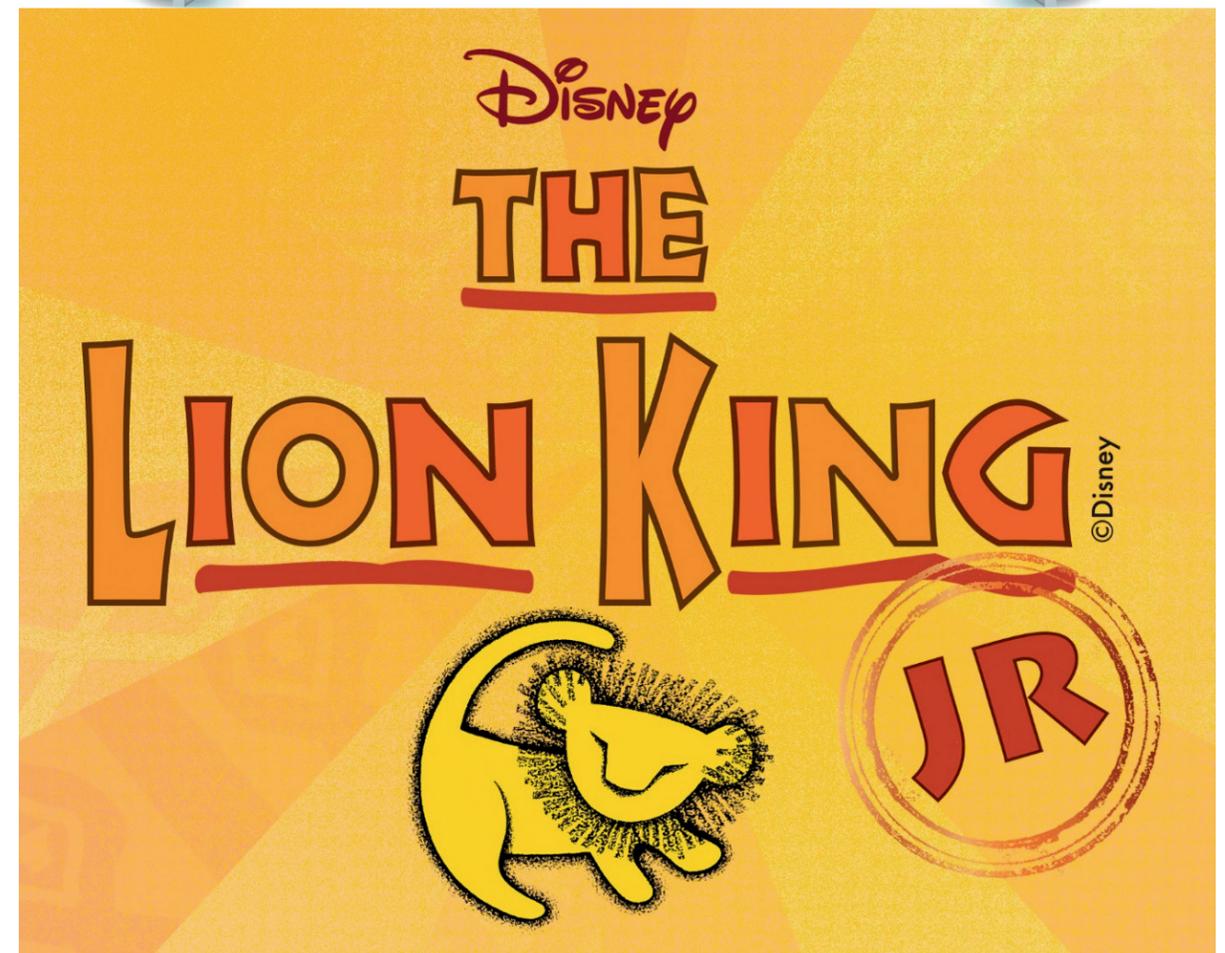
The Lion King Jr. Is presented by arrangement with MTI.



# The Fostertown Follies



Presents.....



Music & Lyrics by

**Elton John & Tim Rice**

Additional Music & Lyrics by

**Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, Hans Zimmer**

Book by

**Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi**

Based on the Broadway Production Directed by  
**Julie Taymor** Book by **Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi**



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# Shout Outs

Congratulations Elizabeth!  
Another great performance, you were  
**AMAZING!**  
Keep up the great work.  
Your Loving Village

Mia,  
Good luck in  
your play! Have  
a wonderful  
time.  
We love you,  
Mom, Dad,  
Sophia, & Bella

*Charlotte- Keep  
'roaring' your way across  
the stage and dazzling us  
with your passion for dance!  
Break a leg, Char-berry!  
Love, Mom, Dad,  
and Nora*

To our brave Matthew,  
Continue to ROAR!  
Love, Mom and Dad

Fostertown ETC Magnet School's



Drama Direction ..... Amy Kosturik  
Musical Direction ..... Star Sanderson  
Choreographer..... Amy Kosturik  
Guest Choreographers ..... Adrianna Ochang  
Alexandria Crawford  
Costuming .....Amy Kosturik  
Playbill ..... Jenn Pugliese  
Stage Managers ..... Michelle Delgado  
Terri Colon  
Set Design ..... Amanda Minard  
Michelle Delgado  
Nicole Lancaster





# Shout Outs

Gabi, estamos muy orgullosa de ti! Te amamos, mama, abuela y abuelo

*Alyssa,  
You have prepared!  
Now it's Time to Shine!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad*

**GABRIELLA,  
GOOD LUCK IN YOUR  
FIRST FOSTERTOWN  
SPOTLIGHT! WE ARE  
SO PROUD AND EXCITED  
FOR YOU!  
LOVE, MOM, DAD,  
AND BUDDY**

*Jase,  
"Be Prepared"  
We are so proud of you and  
your evil laugh!  
40-50-1  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Anna, Jack,  
and Joey*

# Cast

Young Simba.....Camila Pena  
Adult Simba.....Matthew Answer  
Young Nala.....Lylia Gonzalez  
Adult Nala.....Mattingly Riglioni  
Mufasa.....Camryn Hines  
Scar.....Jase Horton  
Rafiki.....Alyssa Vargas  
Zazu.....Ian Sanchez  
Timon.....Ella Morales  
Pumbaa..... Cadence Fuentes  
Banzai.....Kyle Graham  
Shenzi.....Ilona Orris  
Ed.....Henry Gogerty  
Sarabi.....Sophia Orduna  
Sarafina..... Dominique Jerume

## Musical Theater Dance Ensemble

Zoey Torres- Dance Captain  
Avery Way  
Genesis Nieto  
Gabriela Brito  
Alaysha Rivera  
Charlotte Carlson  
Emmelyn Vargas  
Kayliz Jackson  
Zoe Alvarado  
Kaitlyn Stanwyck  
Sanai Freckleton  
Elizabeth Sutton

## African Dance Ensemble

Reyah Reynolds- Dance Captain  
Julianna DeFrancesco  
Jazline Acosta  
Emma Brehaut  
Kristen Santiago  
Sarai Hobbs  
Grace Sukhai  
Giana Freemon  
Elise Pinkett  
Yonnalee Rosa  
Kendre Walker  
La'Teriah Williams

## Chorus

Jasmine Noisette • Marquis Henry • Paris Ruffin • Mia Pacheco • Gabriella Rodriguez  
Athena Maslatzides • A'Lauren Spooner • Valayja Frazier • Aridiana Hernandez • Jacianna Rodriguez  
Gabriella Johnson • Marina Hernandez • Camila Orduna • Liam Lopez  
Nicholas Santiago • Lillie Hinds



# Shout Outs

*Camila, congratulations on your part as Young Simba. Go on and rock the stage! Enjoy every moment and love every part of it! Smile always. Never forget we love and we are so proud of you. Break a leg, our little love. Oh we just can't wait for you to be "king"! LOL  
Love Always, Mom, Dad, Valentina, and your furry sister Luna!*

*Emmelyn,*

*We are excited to see you perform! We love you,*

*Mami, Papa, Anneliese, & Camila*

## Cast Bios



Camila Pena (Young Simba) is a 4th grader at Fostertown ETC Magnet School. She has previously starred as Mulan in the production of Mulan. She currently attends New Windsor Music Academy, where she takes piano and voice lessons. She is a member of the Science Club. She would like to dedicate this performance to her mom, dad, sister, dog Luna and best friend Zoey. She thanks family and friends for supporting her along the way.



Lylia Gonzalez (Young Nala) has appeared as the goat in The Sound of Music. Lylia has taken acting classes at the Newburgh Performing Arts Academy and would like to thank her parents, brother, and her closest friends for all their support and courage they give her!



Camryn Hines (Mufasa) is in 4th grade. He sings in chorus. He has also sung in plays. He would like to thank his mom, his aunt, his grammy, and pop pop. He would also like to recognize his teachers Ms. Delgado, Ms. Lazarski, Ms. Kosturik, and Ms. Star for inspiring him.



Alyssa Vargas (Rafiki) is a 5th grade student at Fostertown School. She plays Rafiki in The Lion King Jr. Alyssa takes karate and enjoys it a lot. She would like to thank her friends and family for all of their support.



Ella Morales (Timon) is a fourth grade scholar who is thrilled to be part of the show. She is currently playing a lead role as Timon in the production of The Lion King Jr. Her previous role includes a performance as Mulan in the third grade production of The Legend of Mulan. She is really excited to entertain the audience with her role as Timon. In her spare time, she likes to be active and participates in a variety of sports. Ella would like to thank her mom, dad, brother and teachers for their continued support in everything she does.



Ilona Orris (Shenzi) is in 5th grade in Ms. Colon's dual language class. In Fostertown, she has been involved in The Sound of Music as Marta. She takes viola classes at New York School of Music. She loves participating in extra activities in school; her favorite is acting. She is very proud and happy to be playing Shenzi, the girl hyena. She would like to thank Ms. Kosturik, Ms. Star, her teacher at New York School of Music, and her extra activities instructors for helping her reach for the stars. She would also like to thank her parents and siblings for always supporting her along the way. She would also like to thank her friends and members in the cast for making her chuckle along the way.



Sophia Orduna (Sarabi) is in 5th grade and has done many plays. Last year, she got a lead role as Geetle. Sofia also has been in two movies when she was young. She was in Pine Hill Masicrit. Sofia has also been on television many more times like when she got interviewed. She was also at the US Open and flipped the coin on television too!



Matthew Answer (Adult Simba) is a 4th grader in Mrs. Marini's class at Fostertown Elementary. On weekends, he takes a performing arts class at the Newburgh Armory. Matthew appeared as the cumulonimbus cloud in The Weather Show. Most recently you might have also recognized him as Momo from Mulan. Matthew enjoys playing funny parts in plays but with the help from his drama teacher, Mrs. Kosturik, he is now ready to play the serious role of Simba in The Lion King Jr. He would like to thank his parents and both Mrs. Star & Mrs. Kosturik for their guidance.



Mattingly Riglioni (Adult Nala) is a fifth grade scholar at Fostertown Elementary School. She was in The Sound of Music as Frau Schmidt and was also in The Tricksters and The Reluctant Dragon.



Jase Horton (Scar) is in fourth grade at Fostertown School. He has appeared as a weather man in The Weather Show and as Momo in Mulan. He plays the trumpet and is in Science Club. Jase would like to thank his mom, dad, his brothers and sister for all their support.



Cadence (Pumbaa) is a 4th grader and goes to Fostertown School and is an actor. She plays Pumbaa in The Lion King Jr. and also played Mulan in Mulan. She thanks her mom and dad for supporting her every play she does and she really enjoys acting.



Kyle Graham (Banzai) is a student in 4th grade. While in 3rd grade, he performed in the Mulan performance as the emperor. He also performed in The Weather Show in 2nd grade as Joey. He gets a lot of support from his family.



Henry Gogerty (Ed) is in 4th grade at Fostertown School. He made his acting debut in second grade when he was the producer in The Weather Show. Henry appeared as Captain Cheng in the 3rd grade performance of The Legend of Mulan. Henry likes to sing. He would like to thank his mom, dad and friends for all their support.



Dominique Jerume (Serafina) is a lead in The Lion King Jr. production this year. She is very happy and excited about having a lead role. She is grateful for the courage that her parents and teachers have given her because it has made this process easy for her. She would like to thank her mom for encouraging her so hard and telling her to do well. She would also like to thank all of her family, friends and teachers. She is proud of the work and has done her best while preparing for this role.

## Musical Theater Dance Ensemble



Zoey Torres (Dance Captain) is a fourth grader who was in the dance ensemble last year for The Legend of Mulan, and is the dance ensemble this year too. She also loves to do gymnastics.



Avery Way is a competitive gymnast. Avery is also a really good singer and is in chorus. Avery wants to thank her family for everything they have done for her.



Genesis Nietois in 4th grade and she has a bit of experience in the performing arts from school and from home. She is thankful for her friends and family.



Gabriela Britos is a 4th grade student at Fostertown School. She has appeared in Mulan as an elder and as Carla McCloud in The Weather Show. Gabi takes piano, violin, African drumming and ballet at Newburgh Performing Arts. She also takes an acting class at the Newburgh Armory. She would like to thank her mom, abuela and abuelo for their support.



Charlotte Carlson is a 4th grade student at Fostertown School. She has been taking dance lessons at Yanarella School Of Dance for six years. She has appeared as the mother in The Weather Show and Pika in Mulan. She would like to thank her mother and father for getting her into dance..



Alaysha Rivera is a 4th grade student. Alaysha has many good experiences from Fostertown School and she has learned by practicing dancing with songs. She is thankful for her teacher Ms Coleman because she supports her. She is especially thankful for her mother, dad and nana.



Kayliz Jackson is happy to be a part of this production!



Zoe Alvarado is a 4th-grade student in Ms. Marini's class at Fostertown School. She is very excited and happy to be part of the musical theater dance ensemble. She appeared in the play, Mulan, as an ancestor. She enjoys dancing and singing. She would also like to be an artist or a dancer when she grows up. She also used to play the piano, recorder, and guitar. She would like to thank her family: Marcela, Victor, Judith, and Abigail Alvarado and her friend, Ian. She would also like to thank her teacher, Mrs. Marini, for supporting her.



Emmelyn Vargas is happy to be a part of this production!



Kaitlyn Stanwyck is a fourth grade student at Fostertown School. She has appeared in the play Mulan. She also participates in band and chorus. Kaitlyn takes dance lessons at Footworks Dance Center. She would like to thank her family and all her teachers for their support.



Sanai Freckleton is happy to be a part of this production!



Elizabeth Sutton has a lot of dancing experience since she was 3 years old. She danced for 9 years and is thankful for her family.

## African Dance Ensemble



Reyah Reynolds (Dance Captain) is a fifth grade student at Fostertown School. She has appeared in The Sound of Music. Reyah takes dance lessons at the Newburgh Performing Art Academy. She also takes ballet, tap, and jazz. She is also on a competitive team! She would like to thank her mom, dad, sister and little cousin.



Julianna DeFrancesco is in 5th grade. Last year, she was in the chorus for the play The Sound Of Music. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support.



Jazline Acosta is in 5th grade and 10 years old. She is in the African Dance scene in the Fostertown School's Lion King Junior performance. She would like to thank her mom and step dad for telling her to keep going and believing in her.



Emma Brehaut is a 5th grade student at Fostertown School. She was in The Sound of Music in 4th grade and performed at NYPAC, Mad Hatter Gym Competition and Sweet Heart Gym Competition in 5th grade. Emma now plays softball for the Town of Newburgh Little League and gymnastics with All Around Gymnastics. She would like to thank her family and friends for all the love and support!



Dear Shining Leaders,



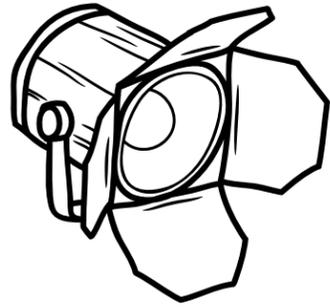
To say we are proud of you is not enough!  
 We have watched you grow this year in so many ways and seeing you shine on stage is the highlight of our year ! As they say on Broadway to say good luck, “Break a Leg”!  
 Thank you to Mrs. Kosturik and Ms. Sanderson for working with our leaders and teaching them the beauty of the arts. Thank you to Mrs. Minard, Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. Delgado and Ms. Allen for your talents with our sets and costumes, and to all who donated their time to create this masterpiece. It is truly an honor to watch our community come together to celebrate our leaders in The Lion King Jr.



Love,  
 Dr. Vazquez and Mrs. Cameron



# Why Teach Theatre in Our Schools?



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Theatre is taught in schools

Not because you are expected to major in theatre,  
 Not because you are expected to perform all through life,  
 Not so that you can relax,  
 Not so you can have fun,

But

So you will recognize BEAUTY  
 So you will be SENSITIVE  
 So you will be closer to an INFINITE BEYOND THIS WORLD,  
 So you will have more LOVE,  
 More COMPASSION,  
 More GENTLENESS,  
 More GOOD,  
 in short,  
 More LIFE.



Of what value will it be to make a prosperous living unless  
 you know how to live?

That is why theatre is taught in our schools.

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## African Dance Ensemble



Kristen Santiago is a 5th grader this year in African Dance Ensemble. Last year she did lighting on stage crew. This year she wanted to dance, and got in! She wants to thank her family, friends, choreographer, and teachers. She would not be able to do it without these people so once again Kristen thanks them!



Sarai Hobbs is happy to be a part of this production!



Elise Pinkett is a 5th grade student at Fostertown ETC Magnet School. She has been in dance ensemble in the The Sound of Music and is now in African dance ensemble in The Lion King Jr. Elise takes piano lessons with Ms. Kathy and violin lessons with Ms. Analise. She is also in chorus, Science Club and Newspaper Club. She also enjoys helping and encouraging others. She would like to thank her parents and younger sister for all their love and support.



Kendre Walker is happy to be a part of this production!



Grace Sukhai is in 5th grade and she used to do ballet at the Newburgh Performing Arts Academy. She is currently in karate at Hong's Karate. She is in the African dance ensemble for The Lion King Jr. this year at Fostertown School.



Gianna Freeman is happy to be a part of this production!



Yonnalee Rosa is a 5th grade student at Fostertown. She takes gymnastics classes at All Around Gymnastics and is on level bronze. She has also been a ballerina in the past. She is so grateful to be in this play. She has been wanting to get into dance ensemble since fourth grade and now she finally has the opportunity to be in it. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for the love, support, and the motivation to keep going and follow her dreams.



La'Teriah Williams is happy to be a part of this production!

## Chorus



Jasmine Noisette is very excited to be in the chorus of Lion King Jr. She would like to thank her friends for all their help.



Marquis Henry is a 4th grader in Mrs. Delgado and Mrs. Lazarski's class. Marquis loves to dance especially to Michael Jackson songs! Marquis also sings in the school chorus. He would like to thank all of his teachers, his family and his friends.



Paris Ruffin is in the 4th grade. She loves to try new things and that's why she joined the play. She has sang in front of an audience many times. She wants to thank her mom and grandma. She would also like to thank Ms. Star for helping her and supporting her.



Mia Pacheco is a 4th grade student in Fostertown School. She has appeared as Mulan's grandmother. Mia takes gymnastics lessons at Gym Kids Gymnastics. She would like to thank her mom and dad for supporting her.



Gabriella Rodriguez is a 4th grade girl who goes to Fostertown School. She has appeared in many types of plays, sings in chorus and performs with the dance ensemble. She's really good at singing, dancing and much more!



Athena Maslatzides is happy to be a part of this production!



A'Lauryn Spooner is a 5th grade student at Fostertown School. She has been in all the plays at her school. She has been an actor and she has mostly been in the chorus. A'Lauryn loves to sing. She does not take singing lessons but she always practices at home. A'Lauryn would love to thank her little sister and her parents for all the support they give.



Valayja Frazier is a 4th grade student at Fostertown School. She is a chorus member and in The Lion King Jr. production. She would like to thank her mom and sister for supporting her.

## Chorus



Aridiana Hernandez is a 4th grade student at Fostertown School. She has appeared as a chorus member. She likes to sing and she would want to thank her parents and sibling for supporting her.



Jacianna Rodriguez is a 4th grade student at Fostertown School. She is appearing as a chorus member in the The Lion King Jr. show. Jacianna likes to sing at Fostertown School. She would like to thank her mom and dad for supporting her.



Gabriella Johnson is a 4th grade student in Fostertown School. She was the weather lady in her 2nd grade play and Mojo in her 3rd grade play, Mulan. When she is not in a play, she can be found ushering Fostertown scholars, teachers, and families to their seats at other Fostertown productions. She enjoys playing basketball on her AAU team and going to the beach in the summer. She wants to thank her parents, her brother, her grandparents and her aunts for all their support.



Marina Hernandez is happy to be a part of this production



Camila Orduna is a 4th grade student that has performed and participated in every play in Fostertown School. She has performed as a lot of important parts in the plays.



Liam Lopez is in chorus. He likes to sing because his voice is good. Liam's favorite sport is soccer. His teacher inspired him to sing.



Nicholas Santiago is a 5th grader at Fostertown School. Nicholas loves music and dancing, and takes piano classes with their grandfather. Nicholas has been in the Tricksters, The Sound of Music, and multiple songswaps. Nicholas would like to thank their family, friends, teachers, and many more for helping them grow and learn.



Lillie Hinds is happy to be a part of this production

## Stage Crew



Ariel Campbell is in 5th grade at Fostertown School. Ariel is involved in several different school activities which are Science Club and Newspaper Club. She is the student stage manager in stage crew for The Lion King Jr. She would like to thank her family for all their support.



Evan Hannigan is a 4th grade student at Fostertown School. He has been involved in stage crew before. He would like to thank his family for their support.



Jack Dabroski was in the stage crew in last year's The Sound of Music. He has been part of every play in school. He also plays baseball and has played many other sports. He has a brother, dog, and a big family. He would like to thank his mom, dad, and grandmother.



Oland Townsend is in 5th grade and likes to go by "Obee". At Fostertown, Obee played Anansi, the spider. At Compass Arts in Beacon, Obee has played the role of a knight, a dog, and a bat in various theater productions. Obee has experienced working with synths and mixing music. He enjoys building things, understanding how things work, and problem solving to fix things. Obee is also a student of the guitar and plays trombone. Obee is happy to be a part of the stage crew and the inner workings of The Lion King Jr. production. Obee would like to thank his entire family for their love and support.



Alejandro Cedenois is in 5th grade and he is in Ms.Colon's class. He likes to be in stage crew. He would like to thank his mom and his dad for all the support they give him.



Mason Blanco is in 4th grade. He likes to play wallball at recess. In the play last year, *The Legend of Mulan*, he was Mulan's father. His favorite subject is math. In gym, his favorite game is Ghostbusters. Mason's role in the play is stage crew.



Enda Fontaine is a 5th grade student who participated in The Sound of Music working the doors in stage crew. He is a really good listener and can manage things by himself.



Connor Radford is in 4th grade. He is in stage crew. He loves to play soccer and is a fast learner. He loves brownies and chocolate. He is also really funny.

## Stage Crew



Masai Melvin is happy to be a part of this production and very willing to work!



Agnes Patella is a 4th grade student at Fostertown School who has participated in all of the school plays as an actor. Agnes does not take singing lessons or dance lessons. She would like to thank her parents for all the support they continue to give her.



Makhi Hobbs' role in The Lion King Jr. is stage crew. He has performed dances and sang at church.



John Brown is in stage crew and is very happy and excited to be a part of The Lion King.



Sophia Torres is happy to be a part of this production!



Theo Miller is in 5th grade at Fostertown School. He was stage crew last year in the play The Sound Of Music. He would like to thank his family for getting him this far.



Katerina Urban is a 5th grade student at Fostertown School. She does swimming practice after school. She would like to thank her parents for their support.



Brennan Kavanagh is in 5th grade. He is in The Lion King Jr. He has been in stage crew. His job was to open and close the curtain in The Sound of Music. He is in stage crew again for The Lion King Jr. and he is controlling the curtains again. He would like to thank his parents and brother.



Reese Townsend is a 4th grader at Fostertown School. She has played one of the workers in The Weather Show. She has been in Mulan as one of the dancers and she dances at Footworks Dance Center. She would like to thank her parents and her best friends.



Alanna Page is a 5th grade student at Fostertown School. Alanna enjoys drawing and playing her flute during her free time.



Mason Sullivan is happy to be a part of this production!



Ethan Iturralde is a 4th grade student in Ms. Marini's class at Fostertown School. He has also been in stage crew in the 3rd grade play. Ethan has sang in church. Ethan would like to thank his parents and brothers.



Haamee Rehman is happy to be a part of this production!



Allie Esposito is a 4th grade student in Fostertown School. She has been in The Weather Show play and the Mulan play in Fostertown School. She would like to thank her mother for being by her side and supporting her.



Rolando Magana is a 4th grade student at Fostertown School. He has appeared as Captain Cheng in Mulan. He sings at St. Francis Church. He would like to thank his family for supporting him for all he has done.



Carmelo Anariba is happy to be a part of this production!



Cole Murphy is a 4th grade boy. He played in The Weather Show as Hot and in Mulan as the dad. He takes singing lessons at School of Rock in Beacon.

