

Class of 2022
presents...



Thursday, March 24, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 27, 2022
2:00 p.m.



CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Storytellers	Ariel Goodman, Lauren Rosenberg, Sophie Zinder
Mama Ogre	Ella Goodman (S), Emma Vallenilla (T)
Papa Ogre	Logan Hayes (S), Teddy Lampert (T)
Young Shrek	Danny Leff
Angry Villagers	Dean Guttman, Eytan Lanski, Daphne Meadows, Olivia Reis, Jonah Saul, Ian Schwartz, Ariel Shay, Leah Vays
Shrek	Theo Blaustein (T), Jaden Reznick (S)
Forest Animals	Theo Blaustein (S), Ella Goodman (T), Logan Hayes (T), Teddy Lampert (S), Jaden Reznick (T), Isabelle Sager, Emma Vallenilla (S),
Captain of the Guard	Noah Katz (T), Drew Lufrano (S)
Guards	Ari Fayne, Jared Harris, Noah Katz, Drew Lufrano,
Pinocchio	Mitchell Leavitt (T), Charlie Silver (S)
Big Bad Wolf	Blake Ablin
Pig #1	Caylie Kromelow
Pig #2	Emma Skidelsky
Pig #3	Scarlett Solow
Peter Pan	Zoe Kirsh
Mama Bear	Noam Cohen
Papa Bear	Nate Axelrod
Baby Bear	Aviva Rubinfeld
Wicked Witch	Siena Hoke
Ugly Duckling	Noa Bacon
Mad Hatter	Sammy Eydelman
White Rabbit	Liberty Custer
Captain Hook	Max Gilbert
Tweedle Dum	Yonatan Joffe (T), Shai Stevens (S)
Tweedle Dee	Mitchell Leavitt (S), Charlie Silver (T)
Donkey	Tyler Berger (T), Liam Mann (S)
Dulocians	Ella Goodman (T), Dean Guttman, Eytan Lanski, Daphne Meadows, Jonah Saul, Ian Schwartz, Ariel Shay, Emma Vallenilla (S), Leah Vays

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Lord Farquaad	Charlie Greenberg (T), Ian Hecker (S)
Gingy/Puss in Boots	Yonatan Joffe (S), Shai Stevens (T)
Voices	Nate Axelrod, Liberty Custer
Little Bo Beep.....	Noam Cohen
Mary	Zoe Kirsh
Chicken Little.....	Blake Ablin
Young Fiona	Olivia Reis
Teen Fiona	Rachel Feinstein
Fiona	Maya Livni (S), Isabelle Sager (T)
Knights	Sammy Eydelman, Ari Fayne, Jared Harris, Logan Hayes, Noah Katz, Drew Lufrano,
Dragon	Sienna Meyers
Pied Piper	Danny Leff
Dancing Mice	Noa Bacon, Ariel Goodman, Ella Goodman, Siena Hoke, Zoe Kirsh, Caylie Kromelow, Daphne Meadows, Sienna Meyers, Olivia Reis, Lauren Rosenberg, Emma Skidelsky, Scarlett Solow, Emma Vallenilla, Sophie Zinder
Rabbi	Jared Harris
Dwarf	Ari Fayne

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ORCHESTRA

Conductor.....	Josh Mather
Violin.....	Kina Ono*
Flute.....	Anna Jury, Maya Livni, Talia Snyder
Clarinet.....	Max Jury
Bass Clarinet	Caleb Rich
Saxophone.....	Rachel Feinstein, Sam Solow
Trumpet.....	David Nakazono*
Piano	Nick Kabat*
Guitar	Will Phalen*, Jackson Hirsh
Drums	Jamie Gallagher*

**Professional Guest Artists*

PRODUCTION TEAM

Set Design Crew Chief.....	Aviva Rubenfeld
Set Build Crew	Tyler Berger, Noam Cohen, Liberty Custer, Yonatan Joffe, Eytan Lanski, Mitchell Leavitt, Danny Leff, Maya Livni, Ian Schwartz, Emma Vallenilla, Sophie Zinder
Branding Crew Chief.....	Noa Bacon
Branding Crew	Ari Fayne, Jared Harris, Teddy Lampert, Jonah Saul, Charlie Silver
Marketing Crew Chief	Leah Vays
Marketing Crew	Sammy Eydelman, Ariel Goodman, Dean Guttman, Ian Hecker, Drew Lufrano, Ariel Shay
Costume Design Crew Chief ..	Sienna Meyers
Costume Design Crew/Wardrobe.....	Blake Ablin, Theo Blaustein, Rachel Feinstein, Ella Goodman, Siena Hoke
Makeup Design Crew Chief ...	Scarlett Solow
Makeup Crew	Charlie Greenburg, Zoe Kirsh, Daphne Meadows, Isabelle Sager
Prop Design Crew Chief	Emma Skidelsky
Prop Crew	Nate Axelrod, Max Gilbert, Logan Hayes, Noah Katz, Liam Mann, Jaden Reznick, Shai Stevens
Rat Construction.....	Teddy Lampert
Hair/Wig Chief	Olivia Reis
Hair/Wig Crew	Caylie Kromelow, Lauren Rosenberg
Director/Choreographer	Brandon Becker
Scenic Designer and Supervisor	Gili Sherman
Music Director and Supervisor	Josh Mather
Sound Design/Operator	Nikolai Stier
Lighting Designer/Operator...	Chase Barron
Set Construction	Benje Casper
Set Renderings.....	James Becker

Head of School

Gary Weisserman

Head of Middle School

Stephanie Bloom-Washofsky

8th Grade Advisors

Ms. Bernstein, Dr. Ellison, Ms. Sanzenbacher,

Mr. Shapiro, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Steele

Special thanks to:

Joan & James Becker & The Lion's Share, Rebecca Bloom, Eleanor Cory,
Colleen Coyle, Sarah Fornero, Frank Gilberto & the Maintenance Team,
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SCENE/SONG BREAKDOWN

PRE-SHOW

“ALL STAR” | Sibling Cast Video 2022

SCENE 1 — The Forest/Swamp

“BIG BRIGHT BEAUTIFUL WORLD” | Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Young Shrek, Angry Villagers, Shrek

SCENE 2 — The Swamp

“STORY OF MY LIFE” | FairyTale Creatures

SCENE 3 — The Forest

SCENE 4 — Duloc

“WHAT’S UP DULOC” pt. 1 | Dulocians

“WHAT’S UP DULOC” pt. 2 | Lord Farquaad, Dulocians

“WHAT’S UP DULOC” pt. 3 | Lord Farquaad, Dulocians

SCENE 5 — Fiona’s Tower

“I KNOW IT’S TODAY” | Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Fiona

SCENE 6 — The Forest

“TRAVEL SONG” | Shrek, Donkey

SCENE 7 — The Dragon’s Lair/Keep

“FOREVER” | Dragon, Knights

SCENE 8 — Fiona’s Tower/Drawbridge

“THIS IS HOW A DREAM COMES TRUE” | Fiona

SCENE 9 — The Forest

SCENE 10 — The Forest, the next day

“MORNING PERSON” | Fiona, Pied Piper,
Dancing Mice—*Choreographed by Zoe Kirsh*

SCENE 11 — The Forest

“I THINK I GOT YOU BEAT” | Fiona, Shrek

SCENE 12 — The Forest w/Barn

“MAKE A MOVE” | Donkey, Storytellers

SCENE 13 — The Forest

“FREAK FLAG” | FairyTale Creatures

SCENE 14 — The Synagogue

“BIG BRIGHT BEAUTIFUL WORLD (REPRISE)” | Shrek

“FINALE” | Fiona, Shrek, Donkey, FairyTale Creatures, Rabbi,
Dulocians, Dragon, Chuppah Bearers, Dwarf

“I’M A BELIEVER” (Hebrew) | Class of 2022

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

One of the most important things we learn in the arts is flexibility. Due to the collaborative nature of our craft things are ever-changing and we have to become comfortable with the necessity of things constantly shifting. If there is anything Covid has reinforced is that this ability to pivot has been integral to keeping our community's artistic traditions alive. In 2020 operetta became a recorded soundtrack, in 2021 it became a movie, and in 2022 we finally return to the stage with a group of students most of whom have never been in a full theatrical production until now.

The amazing thing is that this group of students has taken to putting on a show as if they've been doing it for years. In rehearsal they have been enthusiastic and diligent in learning choreography, blocking, music, and even dialects (shout out to the Shreks!). Behind the scenes they have been designing costumes, make up, wigs, sets, props, posters, shirts — and learning everything from managing a budget to how to paint bald caps.

It is a testament to their work ethic that this group has put together an elaborate spectacle in just over two months. They have given up recesses and lunches for rehearsals and meetings and recorded more singing tracks than they probably ever dreamed they would.

We hope the result of all of this will not only be a joyful event that they remember for years to come — but something that gives them pride and ownership. In the finale of our show the words that keep being repeated are “This is our story.” We sincerely hope as they go out into the world from Bernard Zell our students will take this message to heart and remember that no matter what challenges come their way this is THEIR story, and they have a say in what it becomes.

Putting on a musical is like putting together a puzzle. It takes a lot of time, and you have to have the right mix of personalities for everything to fit together! Tremendous thanks to Mr. Mather and Ms. Sherman for their tireless contributions and leadership. A huge debt of gratitude to the eighth-grade team for their supervision, help backstage, and being an incredible (and magical) group of educators. Many thanks to the families of these students for their donations, helping their kids learn their lines, and their encouragement! A special thanks to Mr. Casper for helping build the structures you see on the stage and Mr. Barron for his wizardry with lighting the show. Extra special gratitude goes to Ms. Bloom for her constant support, Gilberto and the entire maintenance staff for literally putting everything together, Dr. Fornero and Ms. Coyle for their patience and logistical help, and Ms. Solomon for getting us the materials that we needed on time!

The story of *Shrek* has always been about defying expectations. The Class of 2022 has also done so in many ways. As we celebrate the intangible joy that sharing stories together brings — we hope we will surprise you and delight you and make you laugh (and maybe even get you to sing along with us!). This is our story — and we welcome you to be part of it!

—Mr. Becker

NOTES ON *SHREK* FROM THE MARKETING TEAM

Shrek was first published as a picture book in 1990 by William Steig. Mr. Steig was most well known for being a cartoonist at the New Yorker starting in 1930 but he began to write/illustrate children's books in the 1960's. He was Jewish and spoke Yiddish, in fact—the word “shrek” in Yiddish means “fear” which is where Steig got his idea for the name and the story.

—Ariel Shay

In December of 2008, *Shrek: The Musical* was first performed on Broadway until 2010. At the time, it was one of the most expensive musicals to open on Broadway, at an estimated \$25 million, and despite generally good reviews, it failed to recoup its initial investment [Healey, *New York Times* 10-1-2009]. The show went on to do a North American tour, UK tour, and a tour of Ireland. The show was put on Netflix in 2013, and people continue to watch and enjoy *Shrek: The Musical*. The show is loosely based on the movie *Shrek*, but many scenes are quite different from the movie. Countries all over the world have performed *Shrek: The Musical*, including Israel, Poland, Spain, France, Brazil, Italy, and many more.

—Ariel Goodman

The *Shrek* movie franchise is one of the most successful movie franchises having made over \$487.9 Million dollars. There are four movies with a fifth one in development, as well as a Puss in Boots spin off which also spawned a sequel coming out this fall (*Puss in Boots, The Last Wish*). The first movie, *Shrek*, came out in 2001. *Shrek 2* (2004) came out just two years after the first one and *Shrek 3* in 2007. The fourth movie is called *Shrek: Forever After* (2010). The fifth *Shrek* is not out yet but is rumored to be ready for release as early as fall of 2023.

Fun Facts about the movie series:

- Nicolas Cage turned down the role to be Shrek because he didn't want to be an ogre
- Before his tragic 1997 death, “SNL” star Chris Farley was cast to voice Shrek in the film. Before his tragic death in 1997, he recorded about 90% of the movie. The film had to be re-recorded by Mike Myers — twice. Myers originally gave Shrek a Canadian accent, which was eventually changed to a Scottish accent.
- Cameron Diaz wasn't the original voice for Princess Fiona — it was comedian Jeanine Garofalo, who was fired without explanation
- *Shrek* was written when Mr. Steig was 83 years old
- *Shrek* won the first Academy Award for Best Animated Feature

—Dean Guttman

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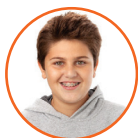
Blake Ablin (BIG BAD WOLF/CHICKEN LITTLE; COSTUME CREW) is excited to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he was X Æ A-12 in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include flying planes, playing tennis, and coding. He would like to thank Jodi (mom), Bruce (stepdad), Riley (sister), Gabe (stepbrother), Sophia (stepsister), and Grace (stepsister).



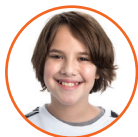
Nate Axelrod (PAPA BEAR/VOICES; PROP CREW) is ecstatic to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. Last year, he was Principal Sparkles in *Mega Sus*. Other credits include BZ soccer and BZ basketball. He would like to thank Rachel (mom), Gary (dad), and A.J. (brother). Nate loves the movie *Shrek!*



Noa Bacon (UGLY DUCKLING/DANCING MOUSE; BRANDING CREW CHIEF) is beyond exhilarated to be part of *Shrek Jr.* This is Noa's first BZ on Broadway production. Most recently Noa had the role of Secret Agent Styles in *Mega Sus*. She was also in the 2018 operetta sibling cast. Noa has so far played volleyball and basketball this school year. Coming up, you can find Noa on the BZ softball team! She would like to thank Rebecca (mom), Wade (dad), and Isaac + Aaron (brothers).



Tyler Berger (DONKEY; SET CREW) is incredibly happy to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he has been involved in school athletics and last year's film *Mega Sus*. Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, and varsity basketball. He would like to thank Lauren, Todd, Kylie, and Jake.



Theo Blaustein (SHREK; COSTUME CREW) is super excited to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he has been on the BZ basketball team, and in the critically acclaimed film *Mega Sus*. He would like to thank Staci (mom), Michael (dad), and Lily (sister). He would also like to thank his friends and all of his school for helping to make this play happen.



Noam Cohen (MAMA BEAR/LITTLE BO BEEP; SET CREW) is happy to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she was in *Mega Sus*. Other credits include swimming at UIC. She would like to thank Hadas (mom), Ilan (dad), Alon (brother), Amit (brother), and Talia (sister). She is thrilled to be on this journey with her friends and teachers!



Liberty Custer (WHITE RABBIT/VOICES; SET CREW) is super excited to be a part of their first BZ on Broadway production! In the past, they have done numerous musicals with Dream Big Productions. They would like to thank their mom, grandma, and pets for their support. Sadly, their grade couldn't make a 7th grade play last year due to Covid and had to make a movie. This just means that they are all the more excited to show you their 8th grade play!

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Sammy Eydelman (MAD HATTER/KNIGHT; MARKETING CREW) is super excited to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he has been Bumper in *Pitch Perfect* (Chicago Youth Theatre) and Danny in *Grease* (Illinois Star Theatre). Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, chess club, and President of the Tic-Tac-Toe Society of Chicago. He would like to thank Katie (mom), Jacob (dad), and Maddy (sister).



Ari Fayne (GUARD/KNIGHT/DWARF; BRANDING CREW) is super excited to be in his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past he has been Miles in *Mega Sus*. Other credits include BZ soccer and basketball, competitive tennis, coding and golf. He would like to thank Mandy (mom) and Adam (dad).



Rachel Feinstein (TEEN FIONA; COSTUME CREW) is super excited to be part of her second BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been in the *Lion King Jr.* as part of the sibling cast (BZ on Broadway) and was in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include BZ varsity volleyball, oil painting at the Art Institute, and CRF (Chicago Rowing Foundation). She would like to thank her loyal dog, Taser, who shall rest in peace, her loving friend, and her lovely family. Thanks to all who have supported the production!



Max Gilbert (CAPTAIN HOOK; PROP CREW) is glad to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he has been on the school basketball team. Other credits include BZ varsity soccer and chess club. He would like to thank Jennifer (mom), Lance (dad), and Sydney (sister).



Ariel Goodman (STORYTELLER 3/DANCING MOUSE; MARKETING CREW) is beyond thrilled to be a part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been in the BZ in Hollywood production *Mega Sus*. She was also featured in the sibling cast of 2019 in *The Sound of Music*. Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, basketball, and softball. She would like to thank Laurie (mom), Gabriel (dad), and Eli (brother).



Ella Goodman (MAMA OGRE/DANCING MOUSE/DULOCIAN; COSTUME CREW) can't wait to be in her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has done Emerald city plays such as *Aladdin*, *Charlie Brown*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Grease*, *Willy Wonka*, *Mary Poppins*, *Annie*, and *The Sound of Music*. She also participated in the BZ Hollywood production of *Mega Sus* last year. Other credits include BZ basketball, field hockey, dance, and tennis! Ella would also like to thank Jenny (mom), Jimmy (dad), and Liv (sister).

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Charlie Greenburg (LORD FARQUAAD; MAKE UP CREW) is extremely excited to start this production. The last part he has been in was handsome Lotsip in *Mega Sus* produced by BZ in Hollywood. Other things he has done have been playing on the soccer, basketball, and volleyball teams. He is also the president of Student Council at BZ this year. He would like to thank Abbey (mom), Mark (dad), Max (brother), Hannah (sister) Riley (dog) and my uncle because that is where he learned his acting skills.



Dean Guttman (ANGRY VILLAGER/DULOCIAN; MARKETING CREW) happy to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been Mr. Joss in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, and BZ varsity basketball. He would like to thank Genna (mom), Greg (dad), Alexa (sister) Oren (brother). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen.



Jared Harris (GUARD/KNIGHT/RABBI; BRANDING CREW) is ecstatic to be part of his second BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he has been in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood) and *The Sound of Music* sibling cast. Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, BZ varsity basketball, and a former piano player. He would like to thank Jodi (mom), Jon (dad), and Jenna (sister). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen. He hopes that this show gives you a little taste of how much talent this grade really has.



Logan Hayes (PAPA OGRE/KNIGHT; PROP CREW) was Hank in *Mega Sus* last year. Other credits include the BZ soccer team, the BZ Track team, and BZ Lego League in 6th and 8th grade. He would like to thank Keith (mom) and Ken (dad). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen.



Ian Hecker (LORD FARQUAAD; MARKETING CREW) is ecstatic to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. He also starred as Don Deppendik in *Mega Sus*. He would like to thank Elissa (mom) and Jason (dad). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen. He wishes that this musical will be a proper send off from BZ.



Siena Hoke (WICKED WITCH/DANCING MOUSE; COSTUME CREW) is thrilled to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been Tweedle Dee in *Alice Through the Looking Glass* (Lookingglass Theatre Company). Other credits include BZ varsity basketball, varsity volleyball, and varsity softball. She would like to thank Sherri (mom), David (dad), and Lola (sister). She cannot wait to finally see the show come together. See you in Duloc!

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Yonatan Joffe (GINGY/TWEEDLE DUM; SET CREW) is super excited to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, Power Up Tech, and Chicago Fire. He would like to thank Lauri (ima/mom), Elad (aba/dad), and Raz (sister). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen.



Noah Katz (CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD/GUARD/KNIGHT; PROP CREW) is happy to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he was the coach in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood) Other credits include BZ soccer, BZ basketball and travel baseball. He would like to thank Rachel (mom), Howard (dad), Josh (brother), and Andrew (brother).



Zoe Kirsh (PETER PAN/MARY/DANCING MOUSE; MAKEUP CREW) is thrilled to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. Last year she was Daisy in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include BZ varsity basketball, BZ varsity volleyball, and dance. She would like to thank Mindy (mom), Edward (dad), and Julia (sister). She would also like to thank her peers and teachers for everything they have contributed to this performance.



Caylie Kromelow (PIG #1/DANCING MOUSE; HAIR/WIG CREW) is super excited to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been a cheerleader in the BZ in Hollywood production of *Mega Sus*. Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, BZ varsity basketball. She would like to thank Sheri (mom), Jason (dad), and Zoe (sister).



Teddy Lampert (PAPA OGRE; BRANDING CREW) is eager to be a part of his first BZ on Broadway production. Last year he was Mr. Stamper in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include BZ Lego League, and BZ Student Council. He would like to thank Julie (mom), and David (dad). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen.



Eytan Lanski (ANGRY VILLAGER/DULOCIAN; SET CREW) is glad to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he was the IT guy in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include BZ varsity soccer and BZ basketball. He would like to thank Ariadna (mom), Aaron (dad), Ilan (brother) and Orli (sister). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen. He is looking forward to this new experience.



Mitchell Leavitt (PINOCCHIO/TWEEDLE DEE; SET DESIGN) is thrilled to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. Last year he was a basketball player/student in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, BZ varsity basketball, and baseball. He would like to thank Karen (mom), Josh (dad), and Sasha (sister), his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen. He is looking forward to playing Pinocchio in the production.

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Danny Leff (YOUNG OGRE/PIED PIPER; SET CREW) is super excited to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he has been *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include BZ varsity soccer and basketball. He would like to thank Laura (mom), Gary (dad), and Julia (sister). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen, as well as those behind the curtains!



Maya Livni (FIONA/PIT BAND; SET CREW) is thrilled to be part of another BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been in *Lion King* (BZ on Broadway) and *Gigi Bond* in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include CPS swimmer, flute member in both pit, jazz, and advanced band. She would like to thank Rosa (mom), Itay (dad), and Jacob (brother).



Drew Lufano (CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD/GUARD/KNIGHT; MARKETING CREW) is super excited to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he has been Jake Peralta in *Mega Sus*. Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, BZ varsity basketball, Elite Baseball Training Schaffer. He would like to thank Lyz (mom), Mr. Lufano (dad), and Ilan Reiss (cousin). He would also like to thank his friends, and teachers for always helping him to be his best self.



Liam Mann (DONKEY; SET CREW) is thrilled to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he was in *Mega Sus* and *The Sound of Music* sibling cast (Bernard Zell Theater). Other credits include BZ varsity basketball, guitar, and Lego League. He would like to thank Samantha (mom), David (dad), and Finley (sister), Simon and Miles (brothers). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen.



Daphne Meadows (ANGRY VILLAGER/DULOCIAN/DANCING MOUSE; MAKEUP CREW) is delighted to be a participant in the *Shrek Jr.*! This is her first BZ on Broadway production, however, she appeared in the BZ in Hollywood production *Mega Sus*. She was also featured in the BZ on Broadway production of *Sound of Music* in 2019 as a nun in the sibling cast. She participates in school sports such as BZ varsity volleyball, basketball, and she plans to play softball in the spring. She would like to thank Norah (mom), Matthew (dad), Maddy (sister), and Chloe (sister).



Sienna Meyers (DRAGON/DANCING MOUSE; COSTUME CREW CHIEF) is super excited to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been Tinkerbell in *Peter Pan* (Lookingglass Theater Company) and Maria Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* (Emerald City Theater). Other credits include BZ varsity volleyball, BZ varsity basketball, field hockey, and head of events on Student Council. She would like to thank Jennifer (mom), Justin (dad), and Elle (sister).

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Olivia Reis (YOUNG FIONA/DANCING MOUSE/ANGRY VILLAGER; HAIR/WIG CREW CHIEF) is delighted to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. Last year she played Alexa in *Mega Sus* (BZ 7th grade play). Other credits include BZ varsity basketball. She would like to thank Pamala (mom), Jeremy (dad), Quinn (sister), Alexandra (sister), Griffin (brother). She would also like to thank her friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen.



Jaden Reznick (SHREK; PROP CREW) is very excited to be a part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, Jaden has been Aarron Burr in *Hamilton* (Emerald City Theatre), Shroeder in *PEANUTS the Musical* (Emerald City Theatre), *Chicago Has Talent* (Emerald City Theatre), And Namhcneh in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). He would like to thank his mom (Lisa).



Lauren Rosenberg (STORYTELLER 1/DANCING MOUSE; HAIR/WIG CREW) is extremely thrilled to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been a part of many BZ teams such as soccer, basketball, softball and track throughout middle school. She was also in *Mega Sus*. Other credits include travel soccer outside of school. She would like to thank Sharon (mom), Barry (dad), Carly (sister), and Drew (brother). She would also like to thank her friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen and for so much support throughout the entire process.



Aviva Rubinfeld (BABY BEAR; SET CREW CHIEF) is happy to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been Dr. Arlia in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include being part of a swim team and CRF rowing foundation. She would like to thank Reah (friend), Sara (friend), and Lilah (sister). She would also like to thank everyone who helped with this production.



Isabelle Sager (FIONA; MAKEUP CREW) is ecstatic to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past she was a part of *Mega Sus* playing Tiffany, the head cheerleader. Other credits include BZ varsity basketball, varsity volleyball, and varsity softball. She would like to thank her beloved mother Jordana, her supportive father Adam, and her darling little brother Jesse. She wants to thank her friends and her teachers, for not only supporting her through this process, but helping her in any way they can to make this the best BZ on Broadway production as possible. Now let's take a trip to Duloc town to meet the cast. Sit back, relax, and Shrek on!

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Jonah Saul (DULOCIAN/ANGRY VILLAGER; BRANDING CREW) is super excited to be in his first live theatrical production ever. In the past, he was in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood) as one of the basketball players. Other credits include BZ varsity basketball, and varsity soccer. He would like to thank Lisa (mom), Jason (dad), and Max (brother).



Ian Schwartz (ANGRY VILLAGER/DULOCIAN; SET CREW) is really looking forward to being part of his first BZ on Broadway production. Last year he was in *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include Stallion's hockey, and BZ varsity basketball. He would like to thank Denise (mom), Mark (dad), and Elena (sister). He is really hoping that this experience will help him with his public speaking and give him more confidence to be himself.



Ariel Shay (ANGRY VILLAGER; MARKETING CREW) is super excited to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, *Mega Sus*, First Lego League, and Chicago City Soccer Club. He would like to thank Sharon (mom) and Meir (dad). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen. Ariel Shay tries his hardest in every role he gets and he is gonna be the best anyone has ever been. Special thanks to Mr. Becker, Ms. Sherman, Mr. Mather and all the 8th grade advisors for making the 8th grade operetta possible



Charlie Silver (PINOCCHIO/TWEEDLE DEE) is thrilled to be a part of his first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, he was in BZ in Hollywood's premier *Mega Sus*. Other activities he does are BZ varsity basketball and out of school bowling. He loves the Portland Trailblazers and the Chicago Bears. He would like to thank Julie (mom), Mitch (dad), Hannah (sister), and Eva (sister). He would also like to thank everyone including his friends and teachers.



Emma Skidelsky (PIG #2/DANCING MOUSE; PROP CREW CHIEF) is so happy to be part of the BZ on Broadway. In the past, she participated in *Mega Sus* in BZ in Hollywood as the cheerleading coach! Other credits include BZ volleyball from 6-8th grade, BZ softball, and BZ basketball from 6-8 grade. She would like to thank Amy (mom), Alan (dad), and Sophie (sister). She would also like to thank her teachers and friends for helping her get through this amazing production.

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Scarlett Solow (PIG #3/DANCING MOUSE; MAKEUP CREW CHIEF)

is super excited to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. She has never done theater but is thrilled to be in her first play! Other credits include BZ varsity soccer, varsity basketball, Travel soccer, and BZ softball. She would like to thank her mom and dad (Brooke and David) for sending her to BZ, her friends who are working to make this play happen, and of course her teachers who have helped her not only with the play but with all of her academic work this year.



Shai Stevens (GINGY/TWEEDLE DUM; PROP CREW)

is delighted to be part of his first BZ on Broadway production. Credits include BZ track and field team, a member of Lego League and *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). He would like to thank Alix (mom), Todd (dad), and Ezra (brother). He would also like to thank his friends and teachers especially Mr. Becker, Ms. Sherman, and Mr. Mather.



Emma Vallenilla (MAMA OGRE/DULOCIAN/DANCING MOUSE; SET CREW)

is really looking forward to being part of her first BZ on Broadway production. In the past, she has been Grace Jordan in the film *Mega Sus* (BZ in Hollywood). Other credits include BZ Student Council and guitar outside of school. She would like to thank Jessica (mom), Baltazar (dad), Celia (Nani), and Fabi (sister). She would also like to thank the rest of her family, her friends, and teachers for everything they have done to help this performance happen.



Leah Vays (ANGRY VILLAGER/DULOCIAN; MARKETING CREW CHIEF)

is extremely thrilled to be part of her first BZ on Broadway production. This is her first play/musical. Other credits include BZ varsity basketball, BZ varsity volleyball, dance, and figure skating. She would like to thank Inna (mom), Peter (dad), Avriel (brother), and Daliah (sister).



Sophie Zinder (STORYTELLER 2/DANCING MOUSE; SET CREW)

is thrilled to be a part of her second BZ production. She was Chloe Jordan in the film *MegaSus*. She loves to play tennis and has been on the BZ volleyball and softball team in the past. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for their support and for everything they have done to help this performance be successful.

There will be no intermission.

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No flash photography is permitted during the show as it distracts actors.

