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# SHREK

## The MUSICAL

BOOK & 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

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# Director's Note

By Kristina Garswood

In early 2022, we resumed rehearsals after being interrupted for a month *yet again* because of COVID, and once again, it cost us our season-end musical. At the same time as we were putting together a substitute cabaret show, we were trying to choose our shows for our 2022-2023 season. It was important to us that we let the kids have a big say in what we were going to do. For two years, they'd been hearing a lot of "no." Much had been stolen from them over the past two years, and they had still pulled together and accomplished so much. We owed them a YES.

*Shrek the Musical* is an ambitious undertaking. It's a big, complicated show, with challenging music, an enormous cast, and it was going to demand a lot from all of us, but when the kids resoundingly asked to do this show, we said YES, and we didn't look back.

We are *always* proud of these kids. We are proud of kids who sing in the shower every day, deafening their families with practice. We are proud of kids who stretch themselves, who put themselves out there, who dare to get on stage and make big things happen for themselves and with their fellow cast members. We are proud of the kids who step forward as dance captains and junior choreographers, who take it upon themselves to make props, who put in the work, and who grow in this program. We are *always* proud.

Shrek is all about trust and faith in one another, looking beyond the obvious and seeing the possibilities in one another and in our *connections* with one another. Day after day, I see our good people reaching out to one another in trust and faith, making connections that will strengthen all of us throughout our lives. This project has taught us to dig in and rely on one another in a hundred valuable ways, and I believe we are all the richer for it.

It takes a village to raise a child; it takes an army to put 39 of them on stage for a full-length musical production. Please take the time to look through this programme, and to recognise and appreciate the army of people that have come together to help these kids shine in our production of *Shrek The Musical*.

I hope very much that you enjoy the fruit of all our labour over these past many months. Thank you for joining us.



# Musical Numbers

## Act One

Big Bright Beautiful World - *Shrek and Company*

Story of My Life - *Fairytale Ensemble*

Don't Let Me Go - *Donkey and Shrek*

Holiday for Duloc/What's Up Duloc? - *Farquaad and Duloc Dancers*

I Know It's Today - *Fiona (Young, Teen, Adult)*

Travel Song - *Donkey and Shrek*

Forever - *Dragon and Donkey*

This is How a Dream Comes True - *Fiona*

Who I'd Be - *Shrek*

## Act Two

Morning Person - *Fiona*

I Think I Got You Beat - *Shrek and Fiona*

Ballad of Farquaad - *Farquaad and Company*

Make a Move - *Donkey and Three Blind Mice*

When Words Fail - *Shrek*

Morning Person (reprise) - *Fiona*

Build A Wall - *Shrek*

Freak Flag - *Fairy Tale Ensemble*

Big Bright Beautiful World (Reprise) - *Shrek and Fiona*

I'm a Believer - *Full Company*



# Cast



## **Connor Porcellini as 'Shrek'**

Connor has been an RTC member since 2018. He has previously appeared as the Pope in *Sister Act Jr.*, and the Duke of Weselton in *Frozen Jr.* He has taken on the role of Shrek with courage and dedication.



## **Brie Sieben as 'Fiona'**

Also appearing as a 'Guard'.

Brie has been an RTC member since 2017. She has previously appeared as Young Elsa in *Frozen Jr.*, and a penguin in *Mary Poppins*.



## **Danilo Vasić as 'Donkey'**

Danilo has been an RTC member since 2018. He has previously appeared as Greenman in *Cymbeline*, Young Kristoff in *Frozen Jr.*, and TJ in *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Cooper Kemp as 'Lord Farquaad'**

Also appearing as King Harold

Cooper has been an RTC member since 2017. He has previously appeared as Michael Banks in *Mary Poppins*, and Eddie in *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Vicky Sambao as 'Dragon'**

Also appearing as the 'Queen of Hearts'

Vicky has been an RTC member since 2018. She has previously appeared as the Red Queen in *Cymbeline* and the Mad Scientist in *Under Pressure*.



## **Ryan Johnson as 'Thelonius'**

Also appearing as the 'Duloc Greeter' and the 'Bishop'

Ryan has been an RTC member since 2018. He has previously appeared as Olaf in *Frozen Jr.*



# Cast



## **Clare Machacek as 'Young Fiona'**

Also appearing as a 'Blind Mouse', a 'Guard', and a 'Knight' Clare has been an RTC member since 2019. She has previously appeared as Sister Mary Robert in *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Lilly McMahon as 'White Rabbit' and 'Teen Fiona'**

Also appearing as a member of the Dance Team and a "Guard." Lilly has been an RTC member since 2017. She has previously appeared as Middle Anna in *Frozen Jr.*, and a nun in *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Gabriela Correa as 'Sugar Plum Fairy' and 'Teen Fiona'**

Also appearing as a "Guard." Gabriela has been an RTC member since 2019. She has previously appeared as Gretchen in *Gretle and Gretchen*, Leslie in *The Grunch*, and Albany in *No Complaints*.



## **Elijah Lafontaine as 'Gingy' and 'The Big Bad Wolf'**

Elijah has been an RTC member since 2016. He has previously appeared as a member of the choir in Riverfront's production of *Mary Poppins*.



## **Gabby Najem as 'Pinocchio'**

Gabby has been an RTC member since 2021. She has previously appeared as Sister Mary Patrick in Riverfront's production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Ava Murray as 'The Fairy Godmother'**

This is Ava's first season with RTC. She has previously appeared as a police officer in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



# Cast



## **Emerson Shannon as 'Little Pig'**

This is Emerson's first season with RTC. She previously appeared in our production of *Sister Act Jr.* as Sister Mary Irene.



## **Lilith Groen as 'Little Pig'**

Lilith has been an RTC member since 2018. He has previously appeared as Middle Anna in *Frozen Jr.*



## **Daniel Taliga as 'Little Pig'**

Also appearing as a 'Knight,' and a "Guard."

This is Daniel's first season with RTC. He has previously appeared as a police cadet in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Lee Taylor as 'Mama Bear'**

Also appearing as "Queen Lillian." Lee has been an RTC member since 2018. They have previously appeared as Sister Mary Lazarus in *Sister Act Jr.* and Colin in *The Grunch*.



## **Christiano Jerjees as 'Papa Bear'**

This is Christiano's first season with RTC. He previously appeared as Pablo in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Christopher Dawson as 'Baby Bear'**

Also appears as "Bunny."

This is Christopher's first season with RTC. He previously appeared as an altar server in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



# Cast



## **Carla Salvatore as 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Blind Mouse'**

Also appearing as "The Cow."

This is Carla's first season with RTC. She has previously appeared as an altar server in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Leah Salvatore as 'Peter Pan'**

Also appearing as "Pied Piper."

This is Leah's first season with RTC. She is has previously appeared as an altar server in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Jane St. Louis as 'The Ugly Duckling'**

Jane has been an RTC member since 2017. She has previously appeared as Mother Superior in *Sister Act Jr.*, Baby Kangaroo in *Seussical the Musical*, and a Snowflake in *Frozen Jr.*



## **Isabella Marion as 'The Wicked Witch'**

Also appearing as "Antelope."

This is Isabella's first season with RTC. She is excited to perform such upbeat songs throughout this production.



## **Hailey Chase as 'The Mad Hatter'**

Hailey has been an RTC member since 2015, and is now in herr senior year. She has previously appeared as Dolores in *Sister Act Jr.* and, hilariously, as a junior flower in *The Grunch*.



## **Alivia Taylor as 'Humpty Dumpty'**

This is Alivia's first season with RTC. She previously appeared as an altar server in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



# Cast



## **Lorelai McLeod as 'Elf'**

Lorelei has been an RTC member since 2017. She has previously appeared as a unicorn in *Christmas Around the World*, a Sneetch in *Seussical the Musical*, and a Snowflake in *Frozen Jr.*



## **Dilan Comartin as 'Young Shrek' and 'Grumpy'**

This is Dilan's first season with RTC. He previously appeared as the Newscaster in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Hannah Simons as 'Mama Ogre'**

Also appearing as a "Guard." Hannah has been an RTC member since 2018, and is now in her senior year. She has previously appeared as the Bird Woman in *Mary Poppins*.



## **Nicholas Neveu as 'Papa Ogre'**

Also appearing as "Captain of the Guard." Nicholas has been a member of RTC since 2018. He has previously appeared as Curtis in *Sister Act Jr.* and Mills in *The Grunch*.



## **Nina Conte as 'Tinkerbell'**

Also appearing as a 'Blind Mouse' and 'Puss in Boots' Nina has been an RTC member since 2019. She has previously appeared as Young Anna in *Frozen Jr.*



# Cast



## **Carmen Weatherman as a member of the Dance Team**

Appearing as a 'Happy Villager', a 'Duloc Dancer', a 'Rat', a 'Skeleton', and a 'Choir Member.'

Carmen has been an RTC member since 2019. She has previously appeared in our productions of *Frozen Jr.* and *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Veronika Peters-McCabe as a member of the Dance Team**

Appearing as a 'Happy Villager', a 'Duloc Dancer', a 'Rat', a 'Skeleton', and a 'Choir Member.'

This is Veronika's first season with RTC. She has previously appeared as a nun in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Rachel Tennant as a member of the Dance Team**

Appearing as a 'Happy Villager', a 'Duloc Dancer', a 'Rat', a 'Skeleton', and a 'Choir Member.'

Rachel has been an RTC member since 2013. She has previously appeared as Jayden in *The Grunch* and Little Bo Peep in *The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf*.



## **Elle Deters as a member of the Dance Team**

Appearing as a 'Happy Villager', a 'Duloc Dancer', a 'Rat', a 'Skeleton', and a 'Choir Member.'

This is Elle's first season with RTC. She previously appeared as a nun in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Simone Reaume as a member of the Dance Team**

Appearing as a 'Happy Villager', a 'Duloc Dancer', a 'Rat', a 'Skeleton', and a 'Choir Member.'

This is Simone's first season with RTC. She previously appeared as an altar server in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



# Cast



## **Kord Todorovic as a 'Devine'**

Kord has been an RTC member since 2018. He has previously appeared as Monsignor O'Hara in Riverfront's production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Natalie Langbridge as a 'Devine'**

This is Natalie's first season with RTC. She previously appeared as a nun in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Bailee Ryan as a 'Devine'**

This is Bailee's first season with RTC. She has previously appeared as a nun in our production of *Sister Act Jr.*



## **Peyton Del Papa as a 'Devine'**

This is Peyton's first season with RTC. She has previously appeared as Pugsley in *The Addams Family*, Gavroche in *Les Misérables* and Annie in *Annie*.



## **Leala Quinlan as a 'Devine'**

Leala has been an RTC member since 2018. They have previously appeared as Olaf in *Frozen Jr.*



# Production Team

## Direction

Kristina Garswood and John Garswood

## Musical Director

Bruce Simpson

## Stage Manager

Perla Alejandra Pichardo

## Costume Team - Led by Shannon Porcellini and Andrea Ryan

Lee-Ann Aide, Archer Bennett-Therriault, Finn Garswood, Julie Hebert, Vesna Josnic, Diana Laframboise, Krista Marion, April McLeod, Candida Pichardo, Laurel Quinlan, Charmaine Salvatore, Alison St. Louis, Tammy Tennant

## Choreography Team

Geneviève Chevalier, Oliver LePage, Ava Murray, Carmen Weatherman

## Technical Direction

Eric Tulp

## Technical Team

Joe Cardinal, John Garswood, Bruce Simpson, Ethan Marion, Olde Walkerville Theatre Staff

## Hair and Makeup

Finnegan Garswood, Crystal Smith, Archer Bennett-Therriault, Brooklyn Banville, Brandi Bullard-Sieben, Krista Marion, Andrea Ryan, Ava Murray, Vicky Sambao

## Props

Cary and Nick Neveu, John Garswood, Talya Natyshak, Kim Alexander, Kristin McMahon

## Set Construction

John Garswood, Eric Tulp, Kevin Taylor, John Salvatore, Dan Porcellini, Nick Neveu, Christiano Jerjees, Ryan Johnston, Lee Taylor, Hailey Chase

## Scenic Painting

Finn Garswood, John Garswood, Cast members and at least 1 parent!

## Fundraising Coordinator

Alison St. Louis

In the event of any errors or omissions, we are so sorry! We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support and unending efforts of our entire RTC family and community!



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# Special Thanks

## **Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church**

Thank you for being our faithful hosts! We love our theatre home and your unfailing generosity toward us!

## **Moose Lodge #1499**

Thank you for holding a very successful pasta fundraiser for us in March!

## **Joe Cardinal**

Thank you for the music, and for running our sound!

## **Nicole Jobin**

Thank you for the invaluable costume advice, and costume donation.

## **Kordazone Theatrical Productions**

Thank you for lending us such a nice boulder!

## **Candida Pichardo**

Thank you for the gift basket, provided for our fundraising efforts!

## **Kristin and Tom McMahon, Laurel and Quinn Quinlan, and Sue Greaves**

Thank you for our beautiful photo booths!



# Thank you "Theatre Guy"



Most of us don't know who he is, because that's the way he prefers it. But in January of 2023, "Theatre Guy" attended our production of Sister Act Jr. at Kordazone Theatre.

He's a sports guy, he tells us. He'd never been to a show before, never considered that something important to him.

But he came to Sister Act Jr., and he loved what he saw. He loved the energy and cooperation and achievement of our team of actors. He loved what we were doing with them.

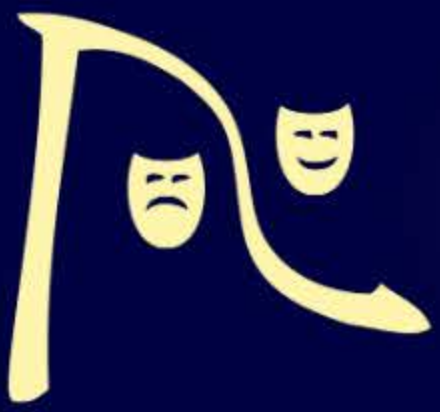
And in February 2023, he came out again - this time to a fundraiser we were holding to raise money for our microphones. At the end of the night, he told us that he now considers himself "a theatre guy". He handed us a very generous cheque, which made a lot of things happen quite unexpectedly. It made a few of us burst into tears in public, which is far nicer, in this context, than you can imagine.

Then he vanished into the night before he could be publicly thanked, which is how he wanted it.

"Theatre Guy" heard last month that our microphone order went into backorder and that we had to rent our microphones for this show after all. He reached out again, over our protests, and sent another cheque to cover those costs, as well. So that we wouldn't have "one step forward and two steps back." To keep us moving forward, he said.

We are *deeply* grateful for his incredible faith and generosity.

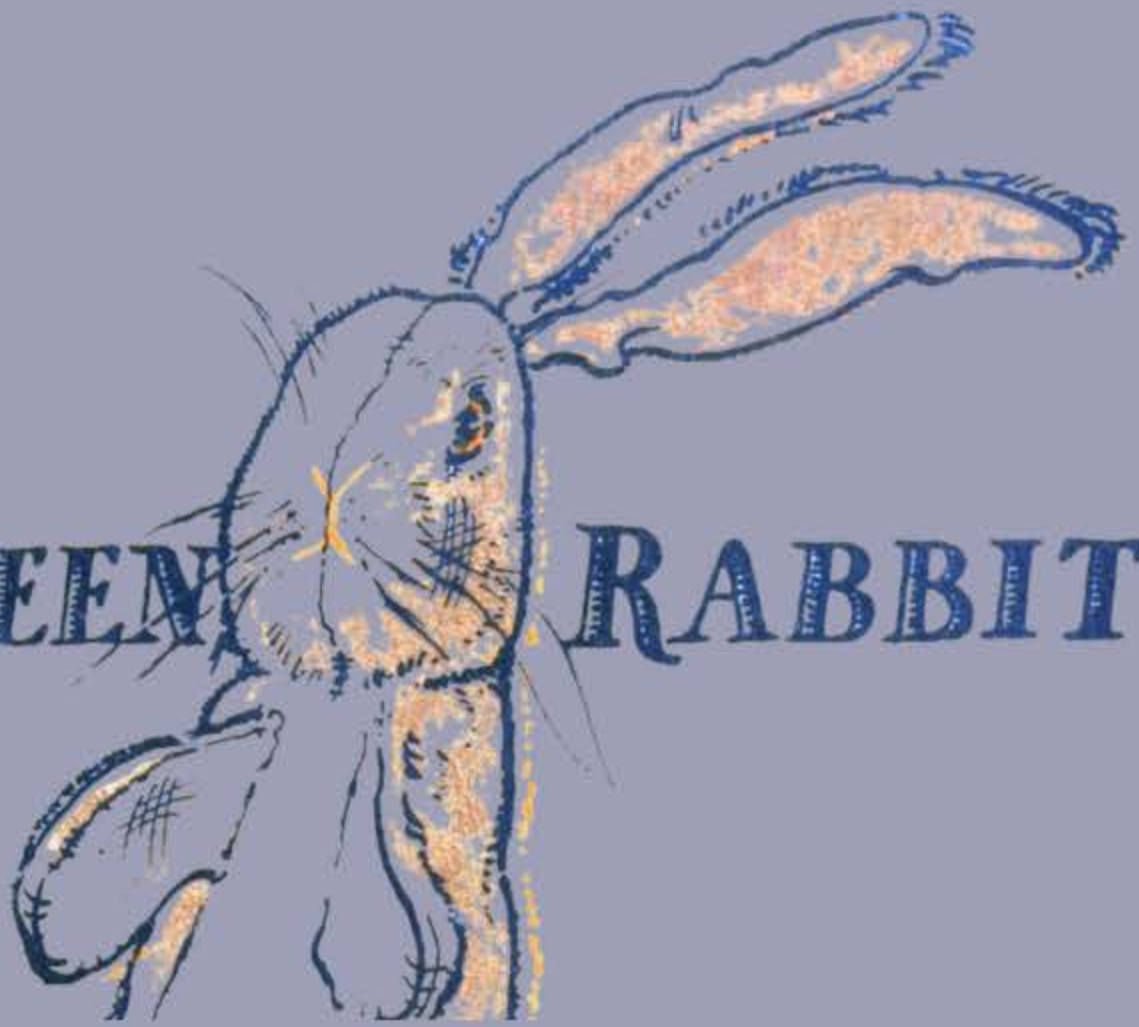




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