

Franklin  
ACADEMY



# Letter from the Arts Department Faculty

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Franklin Academy's presentation of *The Lion King Experience*.

This special performance represents the **creativity, dedication, and collaboration** of our students across the Arts Conservatory. Through music, theatre, dance, and visual design, students have worked together to bring the spirit, energy, and storytelling of *The Lion King* to life in a shared artistic celebration of community and imagination.

One of the most meaningful aspects of this production has been the partnership among our **band, chorus, orchestra, theatre, dance, and visual arts students**, whose combined efforts demonstrate how the arts connect and strengthen one another. Their work on stage reflects months of rehearsal, coordination, and creative exploration across disciplines.

We are especially proud to feature a *Lion King*-inspired visual arts gallery in the auditorium lobby, where our visual arts students present original works inspired by the characters, landscapes, and themes of the Pride Lands. Together, these exhibits help extend tonight's performance beyond the stage and into a full arts experience for our audience.

Thank you for joining us this evening and for supporting the continued growth of the arts in our school community.



FRANKLIN ACADEMY ARTS CONSERVATORY PRESENTS

# THE LION KING EXPERIENCE

## PROGRAM SELECTIONS

### ◆ Circle of Life ◆

*Featuring:* Rafiki and Ensemble

### ◆ Grasslands Chant ◆

*Featuring:* the Dancers

### ◆ I Just Can't Wait to Be King ◆

*Featuring:*

Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu,  
Jungle & Savanna Animals

### ◆ They Live in You ◆

*Featuring:*

Mufasa, Young Simba,  
Ancestor Spirits

### ◆ Be Prepared ◆

*Featuring:*

Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed,  
and the Hyenas

### ◆ Stampede ◆

*Featuring:*

Young Simba, Mufasa, Scar,  
Wildebeest Herd, Zazu

### ◆ Hakuna Matata ◆

*Featuring:*

Timon, Pumbaa, Simba

### ◆ Shadowland ◆

*Featuring:*

Nala, Lionesses

### ◆ Can You Feel the Love Tonight ◆

*Featuring:*

Simba, Nala, Timon, Pumbaa,  
color guard and dancers

### ◆ He Lives in You ◆

*Featuring:*

Rafiki, Simba, Ensemble Ancestors

### ◆ Battle for Pride Rock ◆

*Featuring:*

Simba, Scar, Nala, Rafiki, Timon,  
Pumbaa, Hyenas, Lionesses

### ◆ Finale – King of Pride Rock ◆

*Featuring:*

Simba, Nala, Rafiki, Lionesses,  
Savanna Animals



# THEATRE

## Lion King Cast (in order of appearance)

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>LEAD</u>	<u>UNDERSTUDY</u>
<i>Rafiki</i>	Aliyah Gentillion	Aleymar Narvaez
<i>Scar</i>	Alan Furman	DJ Tavarez
<i>Zazu</i>	Mikayla King	Nathalie Duenas
<i>Mufasa</i>	Gabe Stennes	DJ Tavarez
<i>Young Simba</i>	Edwil Carpio	Daniella Perez-Ortega
<i>Young Nala</i>	Daniella Perez-Ortega	Camila Ramirez
<i>Sarabi</i>	Naima Gunderson	Priscilla Rivas
<i>Sarafina</i>	Aleymar Narvaez	Priscilla Rivas
<i>Lioness</i>	Isabella Caranton	
<i>Lioness</i>	Sara Leal	
<i>Lioness</i>	Emily Sandefur	
<i>Lioness</i>	Priscilla Rivas	
<i>Lioness</i>	Reese Stennes	
<i>Lioness</i>	Camila Ramirez	
<i>Shenzi</i>	Daniella Gonzalez	Camila Ramirez
<i>Banzai</i>	Jonathan Hardy	Nathalie Duenas
<i>Ed</i>	Nathalie Duenas	Emily Sandefur
<i>Hyena</i>	DJ Tavarez	
<i>Hyena</i>	Isabella Mock	
<i>Hyena</i>	Victoria Alvarado	
<i>Timon</i>	Mariana Rodriguez	Gabe Stennes
<i>Pumbaa</i>	Destiny Zayas	Jonathan Hardy
<i>Simba</i>	Miguel Villacis	Edwil Carpio
<i>Nala</i>	Janae McDonald	Isabella Caranton
<i>Tech</i>	Caysea Zimmerman Ismael Guzman Giovanni Rodriguez Ruiz	

## *BAND & PERCUSSION*

### PICCOLO

Christopher Gonzalez

### FLUTE

Haithem Afaneh

Victoria Morales

Allana Vargas

Daniel Munoz

### OBOE

Alexa Cordova

### CLARINET

Esteban Evangelista

Luiz Panimboza

Caius Rivera

Aakash Sharma

Camilo Valdes

### BASS CLARINET

Jenna Ramkhelawan

Julio Velasquez

### ALTO SAXOPHONE

Lucas Morales

Milania Cabrera

### TENOR SAXOPHONE

Gabriel Gonzalez

### BARITONE

### SAXOPHONE

Nathaniel Roberts

### TRUMPET

Sophie Arguello

Zayden Steadman

Bryan Fundora

Aviana Cabrera

Yosdany Lorenzo

Grayson Taylor

Miguel Diaz Paulino

### HORN

Nickolas Echeverri

Makenzy Jordan

### TROMBONE

Benjhamin Castaneda

Andre Gonzalez

Samuel Saint-Jean

### EUPHONIUM

Noah Newbold

Sanaa Hastings

### TUBA

Matias Sanchez

Aurick Klugman

Jahan Louis

### PERCUSSION

Imani Bostic

James Dalrymple

John Innocent

Christopher Prat

Juan Velasquez

Vitali Tsionskiy

## *COLOR GUARD*

Stephanie Gilbert

Kenyah Day

Alejandra Castro

Naima Gunderson

Lyla Godin

Giselle Fenner



## CHORUS

### SOPRANO

Lis Cuello Padilla  
Stephanie Gilbert  
Aleymar Narvaez  
Ayllen Zambrano  
Megan Limia  
Natalia Lape  
Sophie Schooley  
Helena Hollanda

### ALTO

Agata Diaz Barreto  
Valeria Sanchez  
Giovanna Andriolo  
Joysbeth Delgado  
Isabella Belisario Tellez  
Isabella Chaparro  
Sophie Diaz Pacheco  
Jordan Green  
Sarina Ramos

### TENOR

Andrew Ruiz  
Rolando Fonticoba  
Jonathan Nunez

### BASS

Jorge Sosa  
Daniel Lopez  
Elijah Plaisir

## ORCHESTRA

### VIOLIN

Lissa Petit  
Angelo Buenrostro  
Ethan Jarquin  
Elan Harris  
Nathalia Terrero  
Sofia  
Quinonez-Galvez

### VIOLA/3rd VIOLIN

Natalie Duran  
Angelo El-Sayed  
Abrieze Lightbourn  
Leyanah Christian  
Angelina  
Martinez-Young

### CELLO

Terry'q Aaron  
Paola Molina  
Trevis Peterman  
Joaquin Ortega Lopez

### STRING BASS

Juan Bazan Amaya

## DANCE

Mateo Mijangos  
Oksana Greenidge  
Kamryn Settles  
Isabella Villanueva  
Ghaliyah Hippolite  
Evelyn Quiroga  
Michelle Jaden  
Amaya Rivera  
Angelise Rivera

Luis Barroeta  
Shandrea Gardiner  
Chantal A. Carballo  
Jeremiah Morgan  
Jourdyn McIver  
Jaden Poyser  
Yanislady Diez  
Valentina Salas  
Annette Meskie

Sasha Desources  
Isabelle James  
Lillianna Chapman  
Arielle Newman  
Mikinley Jolly  
Koralee Adolphe  
Michelle Jaden  
Philippe Cologene



## VISUAL ARTS

Julian Colon  
Valeria Gomez  
Joseangel Otaiza  
Camila Perez  
Chelsea Perez  
Celine Rivera  
Saul Urtecho  
Isabella Baldelomar  
Gavin Capote  
Cesar Castillo Rivas  
Ivanna Cuenca  
Annabella Fuguet  
Ariel Morgan  
Luis Rodriguez  
Juan Bazan Amaya  
Samuel Hernandez  
Tahira Yousuff  
Anabella Chacon  
Isabella Monteagudo  
Alejandra Cruz  
Kevin Conry  
Nicole Espinoza  
Angelina Lang  
Nicole Maris  
Gianna Behari  
Gavin Villa  
Lily Rendon  
Emilio Moroyoqui  
Cristian Joven  
Jalil Parram  
Mhia Tejeda  
Alejandro Villalobos

Jason Hamel  
Camilo Jimenez  
Prisila Juarez  
Emely Oseguera  
Mariana Salinas  
Pinzas  
Emily Calvo  
Sebastian De La Ossa  
Sofia Garcia  
Yelena Garcia  
Byron Lopez  
Mealik Soto Romero  
Brianna Ferailleur  
London Villa  
Neveah Lorduy  
Devin Rico  
Alimah Allison  
Ashley St. Fleur  
Gregory Charles  
Eliana Margrey  
Khelsie-Anne Wright  
Ian Zapata  
Naomi Del Campo  
Annabel Kitchens  
Saniah McRae  
Chelsea Cassieri  
Gabriela Pulido  
Hillary Soto-Leon  
Gabriel Stennes  
Maxeen Price  
Camila Rueda

Santiago Diaz Diaz  
Joseph Trujillo  
Paola Alezones  
Sara Bello  
Jorgem Lopez  
Gustavo Mata  
Carl Montoya Jr  
Emily Sandefur  
Luisa Fuentes  
Maria Gandica  
Sydney Bear  
Evelyn Quiroga  
Matilde Oliveira  
Mealik Soto Romero  
Isabella Mock  
Sophia Perez  
Katie Hernandez  
Orellana  
Koy Crawford  
Karen Toribio  
Ana Vargas  
Camila Gimenez  
Anthony Polanco  
Julian Castro  
Aaron Guzman  
Daniela Medina  
Paola Molina  
Marisel Rodriguez  
Francys Rosendo  
Valentina Schwarzberg  
Mia Rubiales

# PROGRAM NOTES

## **Circle of Life**

This powerful opening scene introduces the Pride Lands as animals from across the savanna gather at Pride Rock to celebrate the birth of Simba. The music establishes the story's central theme: the balance of life and the responsibility each creature holds within the circle of life.

## **Grasslands Chant**

This energetic ensemble number captures the playfulness and curiosity of the young Simba being introduced to his future kingdom and the balance that must be maintained as king of the Pride Lands.

## **I Just Can't Wait to Be King**

Simba imagines the freedom and adventure he expects as future king in this colorful and playful number. The song highlights Simba's youthful confidence while humorously contrasting his expectations with the responsibilities he does not yet understand.

## **Be Prepared**

Scar reveals his plan to take control of the Pride Lands in this dark and dramatic number. Driven by powerful rhythms and shadowy harmonies, the music underscores themes of ambition, betrayal, and manipulation.

## **They Live in You**

Mufasa teaches Simba that the wisdom of past generations remains alive within him. This reflective moment introduces one of the musical's central ideas—that identity, strength, and purpose come from those who came before us.

## **Stampede**

One of the story's most intense moments, this scene depicts the chaos of the wildebeest stampede that changes Simba's life forever. The music captures urgency and tragedy as the balance of the Pride Lands begins to shift.

## **Hakuna Matata**

Timon and Pumbaa introduce Simba to their carefree philosophy of living without worry. Lighthearted and humorous, the song represents Simba's escape from responsibility before he is ready to face his past.

## **Shadowland**

As the Pride Lands suffer under Scar's rule, Nala makes the courageous decision to leave in search of help. This emotional song reflects determination, hope, and loyalty to her home.

## **Can You Feel the Love Tonight**

Simba and Nala reunite and rediscover their bond in this lyrical duet. Their growing connection helps Simba recognize his responsibility to return home and restore balance to the Pride Lands.

## **He Lives in You**

Rafiki reminds Simba that the spirit of Mufasa lives within him. This anthem reinforces the story's message that courage and leadership are strengthened by memory, heritage, and connection to the past.

## **Battle for Pride Rock**

In the climactic confrontation, Simba returns to challenge Scar and reclaim his rightful place. The dramatic music reflects courage, justice, and the restoration of order to the Pride Lands.

## **Finale – King of Pride Rock**

With harmony restored, Simba assumes his role as king and a new generation is welcomed at Pride Rock. The triumphant finale celebrates renewal, leadership, and the continuation of the circle of life.



## SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our incredible faculty and staff for their continued support of the arts at Franklin Academy. To our parents and families, thank you for the countless ways you encourage our students—whether it is supporting practice and projects at home, volunteering your time, attending performances and galleries, or simply being here tonight to celebrate their accomplishments.

**Sergio Delgado**, *Principal*

**Christopher Carnaggie**, *Director of School Operations*

**Megan Guzman**, *Activities Director*

**Giselle Barnes**, *Business Manager*

**Jake Maston**, *Business Manager*

**Angela Apolaro-Sudol**, *Elementary Music*

**Michael Harris**, *maintenance*

**Volunteer Parents**

**Flanagan High School staff**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 25-27 - Universal Music Trip**

**April 28 - K-12 Art Show**

**April 30 - Spring Dance Show**

**May 4 - Tri-M Solo Recital**

**May 14 - Spring Band Concert**

**May 15 - Spring Chorus & Orchestra Concert**

**May 19 - Music Awards Banquet**

**May 30 - Senior Graduation**

