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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

"This is our story." - Shrek the Musical

Shrek is a story of theatrics and hilarity. It is a tale that goes many years back that was used as a backbone of many generation's childhoods. As I am sure many of you know Shrek for it's infamous songs such as "All Star" and "I'm a Believer," your love for the story of Shrek is about to grow beyond swamps and fairy dust.

Shrek the Musical is a story of love, anger, laughter, and tears. Some may say that the show holds one of life's most important lessons... to be yourself. The fairytale is filled with many different whimsical characters that hold traits such as goofy, scary, ugly, and flamboyant. Throughout the story you will find that the traits you were once afraid of, you will soon fall in love with. The story is a life lesson that people will love you and accept you no matter your color, shape, or size. It is a lesson that is very relevant in today's society. Who knew that a story as silly as Shrek, would soon turn into an opportunity to learn life lessons through song and dance.

Jenna Sullivan
Artistic Director



Jenna Sullivan is so beyond excited to be having her directing debut this weekend with KCT! She is 21 and is currently working as an ABA Therapist for children with autism. Jenna always tries to keep music in her daily routine whether it be driving in the car, getting ready in her room, singing to her clients, and most importantly staying involved with local theatre. Since graduating from Pinkerton Academy in 2019, Jenna has tried her best to stay involved with theatre in any way. She is a KCT alumni and has built many core memories on the Derry Opera House stage. She is so excited for you to see all of the kids, directors, and volunteers work and she hopes you enjoy the show!

MUSIC DIRECTOR



Jason Coburn is a pianist and music educator in the southern New Hampshire area. A graduate of Londonderry High School, Jason graduated with a Music Education degree from Keene State College, and is currently pursuing a Masters of Music Education at Longy School of Music. He currently teaches Elementary Music in the Manchester School District, private piano, and plays keyboard for numerous theatre organizations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He specifically focuses on music in jazz, theatre, rock, and pop music.

CHOREOGRAPHER

Mary McCarthy Hoegen (she/her) holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance and Minor in Technical Theatre Design. She has worked on hundreds of productions from producing, to directing and performing. She is the former owner and current co-director of Dance Progressions in Londonderry. She is very active in the community and also serves as co-director for the Miss Capital Area Scholarship Program. Mary is honored to serve on the board of the Greater Derry Arts Council as President and is proud to lead a team who loves the theatre as much as she does while collaborating to bring new ideas, processes and programming to the Derry Opera House and the surrounding community. Mary collaborated with her sister Michelle Leriche to choreograph the Happily Ever After Revue. Thank you to KCT for inviting her back to the creative team of Shrek.



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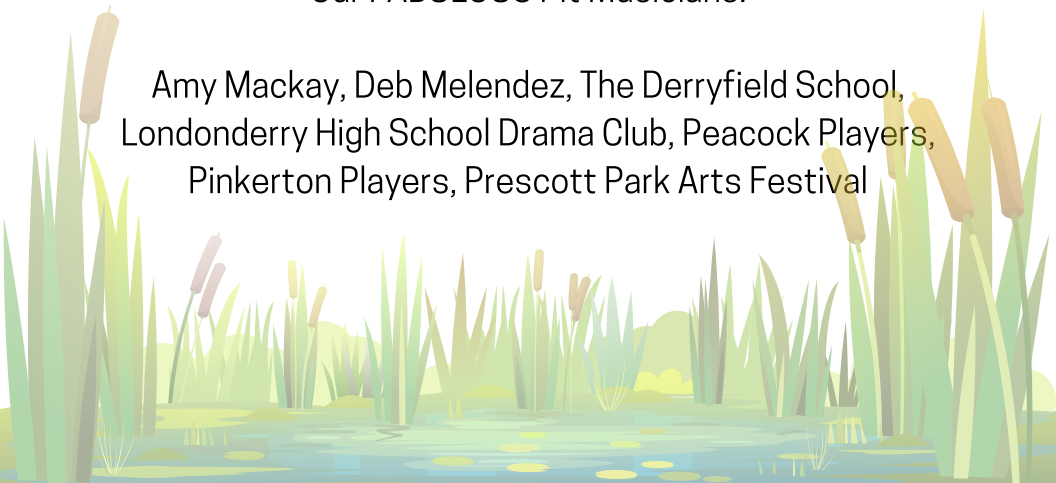
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CAST

SHREK.....	Joey Cain
PRINCESS FIONA.....	Isabella Charlebois
DONKEY.....	Timmy Dolan
LORD FARQUAAD.....	Jason Cain
DRAGON/ENSEMBLE.....	McKenzy Donahue
PINOCCHIO.....	Ben Bertini
GINGY.....	Kelly Egan
BIG BAD WOLF.....	Jack Downey
HUMPTY DUMPTY.....	Annabelle Gould
MAMA BEAR/ENSEMBLE.....	Evie Roach
PAPA BEAR/ENSEMBLE.....	Deontae Lepine
BABY BEAR/BABY SHREK.....	Luke Gilbert
YOUNG FIONA/ENSEMBLE.....	Rebecca Eyre
TEEN FIONA/ENSEMBLE.....	Allie Reimer
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS/ENSEMBLE.....	Blake Merrow
PIGS/ENSEMBLE.....	Jeffrey Gray, Jake Pessotti
WICKED WITCH/ENSEMBLE.....	Kayleigh Lorenzini
SUGAR PLUM FAIRY/ENSEMBLE.....	Mary Burns
UGLY DUCKLING/ENSEMBLE.....	Sila Yucel
FAIRY GODMOTHER/ENSEMBLE.....	Molly Watson
MAD HATTER/ENSEMBLE.....	Shayla DiRico
WHITE RABBIT/ENSEMBLE.....	Aubree DiRico
PETER PAN/ENSEMBLE.....	Leo Denu
ENSEMBLE.....	Chloe Belanger, Madison Bulmer, Natalie Charette



MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

"Big Bright Beautiful World" – Shrek, Company

"Story of My Life" – Pinocchio, Fairytale Creatures

"Story of My Life (Reprise)/The Goodbye Song" – Fairytale Creatures

"Don't Let Me Go" – Donkey

"Farquaad's Regiment" – Captain of the Guards, Guards

"What's Up, Duloc?" – Farquaad, Duloc Dancers

"What's Up, Duloc?" (Reprise) – Farquaad, Duloc Dancers

"I Know Its Today" – Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Fiona

"Travel Song" – Donkey, Shrek

"Forever" – Dragon, Donkey, Knights

"This Is How A Dream Comes True" – Fiona

"Who I'd Be" – Shrek, Fiona, Donkey

ACT II

"Morning Person" – Fiona, Pied Piper, Tapping Rats

"I Think I Got You Beat" – Shrek, Fiona

"The Ballad of Farquaad" – Farquaad

"Make A Move" – Donkey, Three Blind Mice

"When Words Fail" – Shrek

"Morning Person" (Reprise) – Fiona

"Build A Wall" – Shrek

"Freak Flag" – Gingy, Pinocchio, Fairytale Creatures

"Big Bright Beautiful World" (Reprise) – Shrek

"Finale" – Company

CURTAIN CALL

"I'm A Believer" – Company



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Chloe Belanger (Ensemble) is excited to make her stage debut in "ShrekThe Musical" at KCT. Off the stage, Chloe is an accomplished basketball player, artist, student and enjoys most of all making people smile! She would like to thank her older sister Olivia, Mom & Dad for all of their love and support!

Ben Bertini (Pinocchio) is in the 6th grade at Hood Middle School in Derry. This is his 10th KCT production, and 11th show over all. He most recently played Kurt von Trapp in "The Sound of Music" with KCT, and played the roles of Jeremy and Ben in his school play, "Hoodie". He enjoys being a part of Select Choir and Drama Club at Hood. Ben is very excited to play Pinocchio, and hopes you enjoy the show!



Madison Bulmer (Ensemble) is excited to be appearing in Shrek, her first production at Kids Coop Theatre! She is 13 years old and in the seventh grade . Her interests include theatre , dance , and singing.

Hi, I'm **Mary Burns** (Sugar Plum Fairy / Ensemble) and I am a 16 year old sophomore at Pinkerton Academy. I would like to thank all of you for coming out here today/tonight and hope you love the show as much as we do. I would also like to thank our lovely Director Jenna, Choreographer Mary, and Music Director Jason for working with us and getting the show on its feet. I also want to thank everyone on the Board for giving all of us these opportunities. Have an amazing day/night!!!





What's up, Duloc! I'm **Jason Cain** (Lord Farquaad) . I'm a senior at Londonderry High School and I will be playing Lord Farquaad in this production. I sing in Londonderry High School Chamber Choir, All State, and Jazz All-State, and also play a few different instruments, including piano, trumpet, flute, trombone, french horn, and even some percussion. Enjoy the show (or Daddy will be very grumpy)!

Joey Cain (Shrek) is really green, really hairy, and kind of smells like an onion. Just kidding. Joey Cain is a 15 year old sophomore at Londonderry High School. Joey has been a part of the music world, both in band and theater, for most of his life. After Joey had attempted to audition for the role of kicker on the football team, he decided to become the next Barbara Stresniand. Enjoy the show, girl bosses! I'm about to slay this thanggg!



Natalie Charette (Ensemble) has been doing theater since 2018. She has been in various shows including *Mary Popins Jr.*, *Aladdin Jr.*, *The Lion King Jr.* and *The Jungle Book Jr.* When she is not at school or in theater, she loves horseback riding, video editing and doing various arts and craft projects.

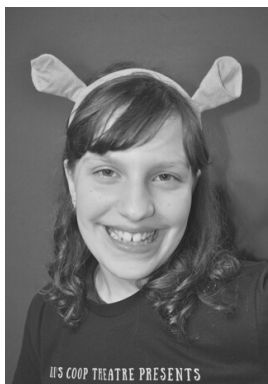
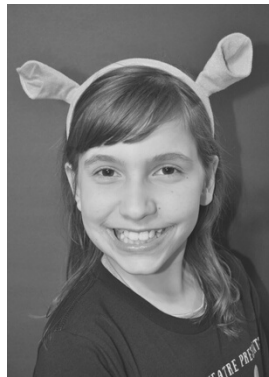
Isabella Charlebois (Princess Fiona) is so excited to be back on stage with KCT as Princess Fiona! Her recent credits include *Little Red Ridinghood*, *Into the Woods* (Seacoast Rep), *Clarissa (Jo u/s)*, *Little Women* (PYT), *Farrah*, *She Kills Monsters* (Pinkerton Academy), *Olaf*, *Frozen JR* (KCT). Isabella absolutely loves performing, and she is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this cast with some of her favorite people! She would like to thank her directors, family, and friends for their endless support!





Leo Denu (Peter Pan / Ensemble) is super happy that I get to be in *Shrek* with KCT because it is one of my favorite movies. He really hopes you enjoy the show!

Hello! My name is **Aubree DiRico** (White Rabbit / Ensemble) and I am in fourth grade. My hobbies include reading, music, and sports especially basketball and gymnastics. This is my first show with KCT. I am so excited to be a part of this with my sister Shayla. I would like to thank my family, especially my parents, sister, and my younger brother David. I love you David.



Hi! My name is **Shayla DiRico** (Mad Hatter / Ensemble) and I am in seventh grade. My hobbies include writing, drawing, crafts, and music. I also enjoy playing the clarinet in my school band. This is my first show with KCT and I am excited to be a part of it. I would like to thank my parents, siblings and family for all of their love and support.

Timmy Dolan (Donkey) is a 5'8 naturally blonde sophomore at Londonderry High School. He is very excited to be playing Donkey, one of his dream roles! You may have seen him as Chef Louis in *The Little Mermaid* or as Twig in *Bring It On*. He thinks you should probably put your phone away, stop reading his bio, and enjoy the show.





McKenzy Donahue (Dragon / Ensemble) is a freshman at Pinkerton Academy, she is playing the role of Dragon and one of the Three blind mice in *Shrek the Musical*! She has been in shows such as Bring it On the Musical, The Sound of Music, and KCT Presents: Lights Up, Our Favorite Things, and Broadway Rocks! musical revues, all with Kids Coop Theatre.

Jack Downey (Big Bad Wolf) is an experienced crime scene cleanup expert, being top in his field. Jack uses recommended cleaning standards after a crime scene has been searched and documented, then arranges the room or area to look the way it once did. Jack is actively looking for his next crime scene cleanup gig. He— Oh. This is a musical theatre bio? Not a resume? Hm... Jack is thrilled to be joining his fellow cast members in another KCT production. He thinks about returning to Planet Jack to help mind his planet and citizens, but fears he will miss the earthlings he calls friends and the spotlight. Enjoy the Show!



Kelly Egan (Gingy) is a sophomore at Londonderry High School, and is so excited to be a part of her eighth KCT production! Some of her past roles include La Cienega in Bring it On, Maria in Sound of Music, and Gretchen in Freaky Friday at LHS. She wants to thank her cast members and the directing team for always motivating her, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Hi! I'm **Rebecca Eyre** (Young Fiona / Ensemble)! This is my 3rd show with KCT and I am so excited to be playing Young Fiona! My hobbies are: Reading, drawing, singing, and dancing. I can't wait to see how Shrek turns out. I believe that the cast of Shrek will all do great! Good luck everyone!





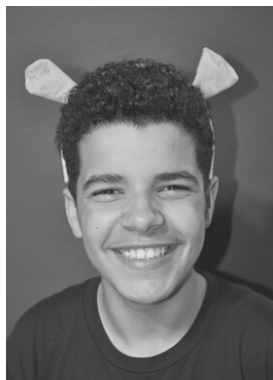
Luke Gilbert (Little Bear / Ensemble) is 8 years old and is in 2nd grade at the Birches Academy in Salem. He has been singing and playing piano since kindergarten. This is his second show at KCT and he loves every minute of it.

Annabelle Gould (Humpty Dumpty / Ensemble) is a seventh grader at Chester Academy, who enjoys singing, acting, basketball, and soccer. This is Annabelle's fifth production with Kids Coop Theatre, and she hopes to be a part of many more! She is so grateful to the directors and cast of Shrek for making this show an absolute blast. She is positive that the audience will LOVE it!



Jeffrey Gray (Pig / Ensemble) is excited to be back at KCT. He is currently an 8th grader at WRB. This is his 2nd show with KCT. He has previously performed as Coach Dunbar in Footloose, Franklin in Charlie Brown (KCT), Vlad Vladikoff in Seussical, Grandpa George in Willy Wonka, Ed the Hyena in Lion King, Lurch in the Addams Family, and most recently as Sergei in Matilda for his middle school production. He loves performing on stage and has a dream of working for Disney or Nickelodeon in the future. He hopes you enjoy the show.

My name is **Deontae Lepine** (Papa Bear / Ensemble) and I am 13 years old. This is my 5th show with KCT but definitely not my last! Outside of theater I do karate, I am currently a blue belt. I love spending time with my friends and family, riding my bike and also in the winter time I love to ski.





Kayleigh Lorenzini (Wicked Witch / Ensemble) is a 8th grader at WRB. You will see her as the Wicked Witch and part of the ensemble. This is her 5th show with KCT and 6th show overall. She got her start in theater at KCT Camp in 2017. Her favorite role was Rudolpho in her school's production of Matilda. When not at rehearsal you can find her baking or hanging out with her friends. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Blake Merrow (Captain of the Guard / Ensemble) is 11 years old. He's a 5th grader who likes to play basketball and video games. He has been in Willy Wonka, The Little Mermaid, Our Favorite Things Revue and You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. He is playing Captain of the Guards and the Bishop in Shrek. Blake lives with his Mom, Dad, sister and hamster named Peewee. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Jake Pessotti (Pig / Ensemble) attends Chester Academy and is in the 7th grade. "Shrek" will be his 4th show with KCT. When he isn't performing, Jake loves to ski, swim, bike and have fun with family and friends. He hope's you enjoy the show!

Allie Reimer (Teen Fiona / Ensemble) is so excited to be performing with KCT again!! She hasn't done a show with KCT for a while and she's so excited to be back and with her friends and cast mates again! Everyone is so talented and incredible! Allie has been doing shows since she was about 7 and there has never been a year where she didn't do a show. This is her 2nd time being in the production of Shrek and she could not be more excited!! She hopes you enjoy the show, and would like to thank the entire cast and crew for working so hard!





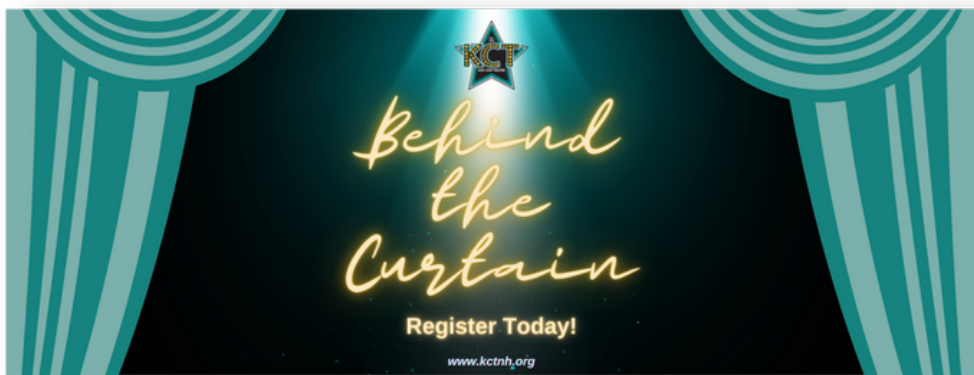
Evie Roach (Mama Bear / Ensemble) is a 6th grader at Windham Center School and is very excited to be in her second Kids Coop show. She recently appeared in the KCT production of The Little Mermaid, and was Taylor in her school's production of High School Musical. Evie has performed with The Windham Actors Guild appearing in A Christmas Story, and A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play. While attending theater camp in Windham she's been in Willy Wonka (Veruca Salt), High School Musical (Sharpay), Hairspray, and Wicked. Evie has also been Irish step dancing since she was five. Evie thanks her friends and family for supporting her, and hopes you enjoy the show!

Molly Watson (Fairy Godmother / Ensemble) very much enjoys participating in theatre productions, singing, dancing, and basketball. She has only been in one play before (Frozen JR., where she was an Ice Dancer/Summer Chorus), but she has been performing in dance recitals since she was 3, so she is no stranger to the stage. She loves performing in plays and dance recitals and hopes you enjoy the show! Oh, and one more thing, she thinks she saw a fire-breathing dragon onstage. Just be careful.



Sila Yucel (Ugly Duckling / Ensemble) is 9 years old. She loves to sing, listen to music, her countless Legos, two Guinea pigs, and traveling around the world. One of her favorite places to visit is her parent's home country Turkey, where she enjoys the time with her extended family, and the delicious Mediterranean cuisine! This is her third time on stage and very excited to perform for you.

*Congratulations to you all!
Break a Leg!
Jenna, Jason, & Mary*



APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!



Deontae, You're amazing! Keep up the hard work buddy, you're going places for sure!

Rebecca, we are so proud of you for going after what you want. We're glad that you get to do what you love! Love, Mom, Dad and McKenna

Annabelle, Your excitement and talent light up our world! xoxoxoxo
Love, Mom, Dad, Oliver

Jeffrey we are so proud of you and all your talent. We love you to the moon!! Love Mom, Dad and Ashley

Ben -- You are a star! Always "let your freak flag fly" high! Break a leg!
Love: Mom, Dad, Mary and Josh xo

Shine bright **Chloe**! Love Mom, Dad & Liv

Jake - We are so proud of all your hard work. You shine on stage and we love to watch you! Love, Mom, Dad & Lyla

Break a leg **Natalie**!! We love you and are so very proud of you. - Mom & Dad



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