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FINDING NEMO



JR.

**Vida Church
May 8th-10th, 2024**

Musical Theatre East

PRESENTS

FINDING NEMO JR.

Book, Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez and
Robert Lopez

Book Adapted by
Lindsay Anderson

Music and Orchestrations
Adapted and Arranged by
Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo written by
Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton

Disney's Finding Nemo JR.

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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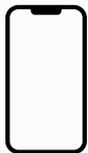
There will be one 20 minute intermission.



Concessions are available for purchase before the show
and during intermission.



Send your favorite cast or crew member a candy gram! Choose a
treat, write a message and it will be delivered to them.



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Restrooms are located in the lobby.

Director's Note

Welcome to Musical Theatre East's production of *Finding Nemo JR.*!

Finding Nemo JR. is a story of courage, trust, and discovering our strength—even when we feel small. Throughout this journey, our students have learned that, like Nemo, they are capable of more than they ever imagined. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," and that message shines through in their hard work, perseverance, and passion for storytelling.

These incredible young performers have poured their hearts into this show, and I couldn't be prouder of them. Every role matters, every moment on stage is a gift, and together, they've created something truly special.

Thank you for being here to support them. Enjoy the show, and just keep swimming!

With gratitude,

Jorie Davis

Founder/Artistic Director, Musical Theatre East

Special Thanks!

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Musical Numbers

ACT 1

Prologue

Big Blue World

Abduction/Big Blue World (Reprise)

Dory's Ditty

Fish Are Friends Not Food

Where's My Dad

We Swim Together

INTERMISSION

ACT 2

Just Keep Swimming

Not My Dad

Go With The Flow

One Dedicated Father

That's My Dad

We Swim Together (Reprise)

Just Keep Swimming Together

Finale/Bows

The Cast



Arilynn Allen (*Shark/Nigel/Moonfish*)

Arilynn is a 11 year old 5th grader. She is the second youngest of 10 kids. This is her second opportunity to perform with MTE. Her favorite roles include a woodland creature from Winnie the Pooh Kids and Nigel from Finding Nemo Junior. She is excited to be playing multiple roles. She has made many new friends with MTE. Her interests include singing and tumbling. Her favorite color is sage green. She is really excited to be a part of the play with MTE.



Charlotte Bates (*Tad's Parent/Shark/Breeze*)

Charlotte is an 11 year old actor. Finding Nemo marks her 5th musical. Her favorite roles include Cruella DeVil (101 Dalmatians), Winnie the Pooh (Winnie the Pooh), Fluff (Honk), Ensemble (Lion King), and Breeze and Tad's parent (Finding Nemo). When not performing she likes to read, hang out with friends, and sing to Disney songs and musicals. She would like to thank her cousin and family for helping her as she rehearsed 24/7. She would also like to thank Miss Jorie and her cast mates for helping practice lines and making rehearsal the best part of her day.



Ethan Bates (*Marlin*)

Ethan is a nine year old athlete and actor and Nemo is his 3rd musical with MTE. His favorite roles include Marlin (Finding Nemo Jr.), Pooh's Tummy (Winnie the Pooh Jr.), and a chihuahua (101 Dalmatians). When not performing he enjoys playing football, basketball, and baseball with his brother, Timothy. He would like to thank Miss Jorie and his parents for supporting him and his sister Charlotte for rehearsing with him for his big role.



Timothy Bates (*Tad/Seagull/Sea Turtle*)

Timothy is a six year old athlete and actor and Nemo is his 2nd musical with MTE. His first musical was Winnie the Pooh where he was lucky enough to do it with his siblings. In Winnie the Pooh, he was a honeybee and formed friendships with many of the cast members. When not performing he plays football, basketball, and baseball. He is also a chess master. He would like to thank Miss Jorie, his parents, and Hailey Donney for supporting him and helping him feel comfortable.



Olivia Bernat (*Pearl's Parent/Shark/Moonfish/Sea Turtle*)

Olivia Bernat is a christian seventh grade homeschooler who has two brothers. This is her first year at MTE, and her first time performing a musical theatre play. Her favorite role in Finding Nemo Jr. is being a shark. When she is not performing she takes cooking and piano lessons. Some of the things she enjoys doing include; hanging out with friends, baking, cooking, doing art projects, and rearranging her room. She would like to thank her mom for signing her up.



Tytus Bernat (*Bruce/Gill*)

Tytus Bernat is a 5th grader at Classical Conversations. This is his first year at MTE and is excited to perform. His favorite role is Bruce because he is the bad guy. In his free time, Tytus is always playing piano. His favorite piano piece is "Moments Musicaux 4" by Rachmaninoff. He also creates his own music. He would like to thank Miss Jorie for directing MTE.



Lily Berryman (*Chum/Moonfish/Kai*)

Lily is an 11 year old homeschooler. Finding Nemo is her very first production and she has enjoyed her roles as Chum, Kai and Moonfish. When she is not performing, she loves to sew, play her guitar and hang out with friends and family. She is currently in flight school and hopes to one day become a pilot. Lily would like to thank the Lord for allowing her to do musical theater and all of her other activities and thank her parents for supporting her in all of her endeavors.



Naomi Brown (*Sheldon's Parent/Shark/Gurgle*)

Naomi is 12 years old and she is homeschooled. Finding Nemo Jr. marks her 6th production. Her favorite roles include Tessa Barington (Cactus Pass Jamboree), Narrator (Winnie the Pooh), and a robber (Snow Queen). While not performing you can find her reading, rollerblading, and hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her Mom and Dad for always supporting her. She would also like to thank God for giving her the desire to perform and Ms. Jorie for helping her get better at acting.

The Cast



Jocelyn Choteau (*Anchor/Moonfish/Sea Turtle*)

Jocelyn is a ten year old attending Gilbert Christian Schools Agritopia. She is thrilled for this experience to be involved with MTE. Previously she enjoyed various roles in both Newsies and Jungle Book with Queen Creek Arts. Jocelyn studies voice and dance and also loves to read and sketch. She appreciates all the encouragement and support from the Finding Nemo team and wants to thank the Puntigan family for introducing her to MTE.



Hailey Donney (*Dory*)

Hailey is 12 years old and attends the Donney Family Academy...(a.k.a. Homeschool). This is her second production with MTE. She loved her previous role as Tigger (Winnie the Pooh) and is even more excited to channel her inner Dory for Finding Nemo! In addition to musical theater, Hailey enjoys writing fictional books, listening to music, making videos, and doing all things creative. She would like to thank her parents for giving her the opportunity to participate in MTE!



Keira Hamelwright (*Shark/Bloat*)

Keira is excited to be performing at MTE for the very first time. She previously performed in 101 Dalmatians at Fuse Performing Arts. She is currently in 7th grade and loving singing in choir. She did tap, ballet, and soccer when she was just a little girl. She was also a competitive gymnast last year and enjoys singing, dancing, and hanging out with friends and family when she is not performing.



Bryson Hernandez (*Shark/Moonfish/Crush*)

Bryson is 11 years old and turns 12 in November. He is excited to be a part of his first MTE production! His favorite role so far has been Tom Sawyer (Enchanted Bookshop). He has also played Skipper (Madagascar) and James (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). In his free time, he likes to play Geometry Dash, Roblox and talk with his friends over the phone.



Bethany Hines (*Seagull/Sea Turtle*)

Bethany is in 1st grade, and Nemo is her fourth opportunity to perform with MTE. Her favorite previous role was a bumble bee in Winnie the Pooh Kids. She is excited to be playing two roles in Nemo and has been faithfully practicing with anyone who stands still long enough. Bethany loves art and spends much of her free time drawing or writing short musicals for her siblings to perform. She says thank you to her parents for helping her practice - especially Mom.



Zachary Hines (*Nemo*)

Zachary is in 3rd grade, and Nemo is his fourth production with MTE. His favorite previous roles include Lucky in 101 Dalmatians and a woodland frog in Winnie the Pooh. In addition to drama Zachary enjoys outdoor adventures of all kinds, taking care of his two aquariums of fish, and building robots. He would like to thank MTE for the opportunity to learn music and drama, his parents for their support, and Uncle Gideon for all the music and lines practice!



Naomi Puntigan (*Coral/Shark/Peach*)

Naomi is a vibrant 12-year-old who has a passion for theater and performing arts. She has been part of production such as Redwall and Jungle Book and recently brought the character of Kanga to life in MTE, Winnie the Pooh. Naomi has also been performing ballet for the past four years, showcasing her love for dance and discipline. She enjoys singing with her church worship band and cherishes time with her friends and family. Being part of MTE has been a blessing and inspiring experience for her.



Katie Roeth (*Professor Ray/Moonfish/Sea Turtle*)

Katie is 10 years old and has been in theater for 3 years. Her favorite roles include Billy (Honk!), Owl (Winnie the pooh), and Ensemble (Triple Threat). When Katie is not performing, She enjoys playing Piano, making Digital Art, and Clogging. She'd like to thank her older sister Ellie for helping her and her Mom for encouraging her!

The Cast



Elijah Roeth (*Seagull/Sea Turtle*)

Elijah is an 8 year old second grader who loves legos, minecraft and hanging out with his four sisters. He also loves shrimp! He wants to thank miss jorie for being nice.



Amelia Sandoval (*Seagull/Sea Turtle*)

Meet Amelia, a bright and enthusiastic 7-year-old who is making her stage debut with MTE! Though this is her first performance, Amelia has always loved singing along to musicals and her favorite songs at home. When she's not rehearsing for the show, she enjoys playing with her friends, reading books, and listening to music. Amelia is beyond thrilled to be part of this production and is grateful to the cast and crew for being so welcoming. She especially thanks Ms. Jorie and her parents for helping her grow and gain more confidence in herself.



Macey Schloss (*Pearl/Bubbles*)

Macey is 10 years old and thrilled to be performing with MTE for the third time! She has a passion for theater and enjoys singing, practicing gymnastics, playing games, and reading graphic novels.



Isaac Varadin (*Sheldon/Squirt*)

Isaac, a fourth grader, is excited to be performing with his MTE friends again. He has performed in four other productions. His favorite roles were Christopher Robin (Winnie-the-Pooh) and Skunk (Dinosaurs Coming to Town). When he isn't onstage, he enjoys playing with friends, attending Trail Life activities, reading and building LEGO creations. Isaac would like to thank his amazing family for all their encouragement.

The Crew

Director..... **Jorie Davis**

Choreographers/Production Assistants.....

Freedom Abrenica, Gideon Monk, Abigail Osyczka, Ellie Roeth

Lights/Sound..... **Cindra Monk, David Monk**

Photography..... **Valerie Monk**

House Manager..... **Tiffany Davis**

Coming Soon!



Vida Church

July 31st, 7:00PM

August 1st, 7:00PM

August 2nd, 7:00PM



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