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**THEATRICAL ARTIST'S PREP
PRESENTS**



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FAME JR. THE MUSICAL

Conceived and Developed by
David De Silva

Book by
Jose Fernandez

Lyrics by
Jacques Levy

Music by
Steve Margoshes

Title Song "FAME" written by Dean Pitchford and Michael Gore

Producer
Samantha Simpson
Theatrical Artist's Prep

Music Director
Emalina Thompson

Set Design
James Mosser
Kathie Lewis

Costume Design
Christine Hahn

Lighting Design
Matthew Angulo

Hair & Makeup
Supervisors
Alyson Halter
Leigh Anne Jadro

Sound Design
Evan Perrotta

Choreographed by
Samantha Simpson

Directed by
Samantha Simpson

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Arnold Mittleman, Producing Artistic Director

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Special thanks to the Jadro, Rozycki, Ansemlo, and Terrano Families!

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*The student crew members from Scotch Plains High School.

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*The "Film Crew": Jackson Rozycki, Liam Rozycki, Ben Rozycki, and Mr. Rozycki

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THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE T.A.P. FAMILY!

SONGS

Hard Work (Part 1)	Miss Sherman, Students
Hard Work (Part 2)	Miss Sherman, Goody, Joe, Mabel, Carmen, Serena, Schlomo, Nick, Tyrone, Students
Hard Work (Part 3)	Miss Sherman, Mr. Myers, Ms. Bell, Mr. Sheinkopf, Company
I Want To Make Magic	Nick
Sophomore Year	Students
There She Goes!/Fame	Carmen, Company
Let's Play a Love Scene	Serena
Bring On Tomorrow (Part 2)	Schlomo
Bring on Tomorrow (Part 3)	Carmen, Schlomo
The Teachers' Argument	Ms. Bell, Miss Sherman
Junior Year	Company
The Junior Festival	Nick, Serena, Company
Mabel's Prayer	Mabel, Girls
Senior Year	Company
Bring On Tomorrow (Reprise)	Company
Company Bows	Company

CAST

Cast Members

Nick Piazza	Nathan Chen
Serena Katz	Ava Valluzzi
Joe (Jose) Vegas	Dylan Schlesinger
Tyrone Jackson	Fiona Halter
Carmen Diaz	Erica Anselmo
Iris Kelly	Lilijana Jadro
Mabel Washington	Juliana Mazzola
Schlomo Metzenbaum	Henry Taner
Grace (Lambchops) Lamb	Paige Rozycki
Goodman (Goody) King	Avery Wanko
Miss Esther Sherman	Isabella Ovalles
Ms. Greta Bell	Arabella Mohan
Mr. Myers	Benjamin Boylan
Mr. Sheinkopf	Teagan Frazer
Acting Ensemble	Sara Borja, Brynn Wanko, Tyler Minick
Music Ensemble	Maya Liggio, Beatriz Silva, Christopher Schwartz, Colette Maynard
Dance Ensemble	James Fu, Grace Filiberto

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Nathan Chen

as Nick Piazza

Nathan is a 7th grader at Terrill Middle School. Nathan loves musical theater, technology, cars, and dogs. Favorite roles include Willie in Big Jr., Young Simba in Lion King Jr., & Prince Eric from The Little Mermaid Jr. Nathan is so thankful for all of his friends & family for supporting him in all of his productions as well as TAP for exposing him to the acting world.



Ava Valluzzi

as Serena Katz

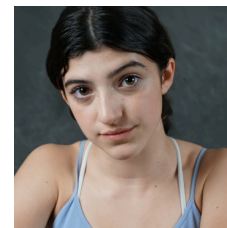
Past roles include: Annie (Annie Jr), Anna (Frozen), Sharpay Evans (High School Musical), & Vanessa (The Bottom of the Lake). Ava has studied dance since the age of 2 and started focusing more on Musical Theater when she was 10. She is a member of TAP's Broadway Troupe. This year she was accepted into the Middlesex County Teen Arts High, Musical Theater program. Outside of performing Ava enjoys reading, exercising, & going to the beach. She is also involved in various school clubs and is a part of the National Junior Honors Society. Ava would like to thank Coach Sam and Coach Emalina for all their dedication & hard work throughout this show. Ava would also like to thank her vocal coach Taylor Kurliew for truly bringing out her voice. Finally, she would like to thank her family for all their love & support & allowing her to follow her dreams.



Dylan Schlesinger

as Joe (Jose) Vegas

is currently in fourth grade at Franklin Elementary. Dylan's passion for acting began at a young age, & he has since performed in several productions including Lion King Jr. as Young Simba & Frozen Jr. as Sven. He also played Oliver (Oliver) & Chad (High School Musical) in previous TAP performances. When he's not on stage Dylan loves to spend time with his family & friends, making TikTok dances, & playing basketball. He also loves thrill rides & is happy that he is now tall enough to go on any roller coaster/water slide.



Fiona Halter

as Tyrone Jackson

is a 6th grader at Terril. Favorite roles include Mary Poppins (Bert), Damn Yankees (Lola), The Little Mermaid (Ariel), Sister Act (Sister Mary Robert) & Legally Blonde (Elle Woods). She is a member of Broadway Troupe & a teacher's assistant in the kindergarten class. She'd like to thank all the coaches & cast for their hard work on this show!

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Erica Anselmo

as Carmen Diaz

has been singing since she could talk, & doing theater since she was 5. She began her journey at TAP when she was 9. She has done shows such as Seussical, The Lion King, James and the Giant Peach. She would like to thank her mom & dad for all the love & support & can't forget the endless trips to & from the studio which has become like a second home to her. Thanks to everyone else that was there for her on the way. Love you all!



Lilijana Jadro

as Iris Kelly

is excited to be on stage w TAP again! Favorite past roles: Frozen Jr (Elsa), Lion King Jr (Scar), Mary Poppins Jr (Ms Corry). She dances, plays the sax, sings in chorale, & volunteers w Girl Scouts. She loves Harry Potter, cats, Stranger Things, Disney & Croatia. Thanks to the TAP staff for helping her learn so much & her parents for always doing triple backflips for her.



Juliana Mazzola

as Mabel Washington

Past TAP shows include: Lion King Jr (Sarabi/Dance Captain), Mary Poppins Jr (Chimney Sweep/Dance Captain), & many of the showcases over the years! Juliana has also participated in Nettingham Middle schools productions of Fiddler On The Roof JR (Avram), & High School Musical Jr (Gabiella). She would like to thank her friends & the TAP coaches for supporting her throughout the whole rehearsal process. Enjoy the show!



Henry Taner

as Schlomo Metzenbaum

at 10 years old, is excited to be performing as Schlomo Metzenbaum in "Fame" as his 7th theatrical performance. Other favorite roles include: the role of altar boy in Play Theatre's production of "Sister Act Jr." and the role of the mechanic in the STARS production of "Matilda Jr." When he is not acting and singing, Henry can be found rock climbing, swimming, studying maps, and learning all things technology.

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Sara Borja

is new to TAP this year & it is her first production with the team. Sara has performed in Play Theater's Damn Yankees & will be going to JCC's Performing Arts Camp once again. She also plays roller hockey & loves Harry Potter. She wants to thank her awesome teacher Ms. Samantha, friends, & coaches for making this experience so much fun & helping her to learn & grow.

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Christopher Schwartz

is a 3rd grader at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield. Christopher has been at TAP for the past 3 years. He has performed in the Showcases, the Lion King production, & is excited to be part of the Fame cast. Christopher's other interests include science, swimming, & cooking. He would like to thank his parents for always supporting him & being up for a dance party.



Colette Maynard

is making her TAP musical debut in *Fame Jr!* She has previously played Tiny Tim/Young Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, Bet in *Oliver Jr!*, and in the Rainbow Chorus of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. She also was accepted into the 2023 NJACDA Elementary Honor Choir. Colette won the People's Choice Award for Union's Got Talent. Colette would like to thank her parents and brothers for always supporting her dreams; and her voice coach, Maggie, for helping to improve her vocal skills.



James Fu

is an 11 year old who loves listening to music, playing video games, and traveling in his free time. James has also enjoyed his three full years of theater experience in shows such as *The Little Mermaid* and *Mary Poppins*.



Grace Filiberto

is so excited to be a part of *FAME Jr!* Some of her favorite roles have been *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* (Sally), *The Lion King* (Nala), *Junie B. Jones* (Lucille), & many others! Grace is beyond grateful for this amazing experience. Grace would love to thank Sam, Emalina, this amazing cast, & the entire TAP family for all working so hard to make an incredible show!

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Paige Rozycki

as Grace (Lambchops) Lamb

TAP credits include: *The Cat in the Hat* (Suessical Jr.), *Chef Louie* (*The Little Mermaid Jr.*), *Neieus* (*Mary Poppins Jr.*), and *Nala* (*The Lion King Jr.*). Paige also appeared in "Freaky Friday" last summer with S.T.A.R.S. Theater in Scotch Plains. Paige would like to thank Ms. Sam and all her coaches at TAP and her friends & family for all their love & support. Enjoy the show!



Avery Wanko

as Goodman (Goody) King

is a 5th grader from Colonia & is happy to be back on stage once again. A student of the Gifted & Talented Theater Arts & Writing program, Avery is a voracious reader who sings almost as much as she reads. Playing Young Simba in *The Lion King Jr* (Young Simba), & *The Aristocats* (Edgar), are just a couple of Avery's favorite roles. Avery lives in two worlds, the one we all know, and the other of her own creative imagination. Avery is thrilled to share the stage with her identical twin sister and bestie, Brynn.



Isabella Ovalles

as Miss Esther Sherman

has been performing since the age of 7 in *Godspell Jr* has been an eager performer ever since. Isabella has performed in multiple school shows such as *Annie Jr*, *Shrek Jr* (Fiona), *Frozen Jr* (Anna), *Into the Woods Jr* (Cinderella), and *Elf Jr* (Buddy the Elf). Isabella has also been a part of multiple TAP productions such as *Suessical Jr*, *The Little Mermaid Jr* (Scuttle), *The Lion King Jr* (Pumba), *Mary Poppins Jr* and now *FAME Jr!* Isabella would like to thank her family & her friends for supporting her throughout her journey. Isabella thanks the TAP team for working extremely hard to put on a great show, & thank her fellow cast members for making her excited for rehearsal everyday.

WHO'S WHO



Arabella Mohan

as Ms. Greta Bell

is no stranger to the stage. Commanding an audience at the tender age of 3, it seemed only natural that she found her home in the performing arts. Fame Jr. is Arabella's 19th production, but each role has challenged her to grow in ways she could never imagine. Her favorite roles to date include: Damn Yankees (Shoeless Joe Hardy), Seussical Jr. (Mayzie), The Lion King Jr. (Rafiki), & Into the Woods Jr. (Witch). She's a member of Broadway Troupe at Theatrical Artist's Prep, a dancer at the Moderne Academie for Fine Arts, & is a part of the Academy for Performing Arts (UCVTS) Class of 2027 as a theatre major. She has thoroughly enjoyed the whole entire rehearsal process, & is so excited to be playing Ms. Greta Bell! She would like to thank her coaches & teachers for their time, patience, & guidance in helping her develop & grow as an artist.



Benjamin Boylan

as Mr. Myers

is so excited to be performing in Fame Jr., his third show with TAP. Benjamin loves acting, dancing, and singing. Outside of theater, Benjamin enjoys spending time with his friends and family and seeing Broadway shows. Benjamin thanks his acting teachers for all of their help and for making this so much fun!



Teagan Frazer

as Mr. Sheinkopf

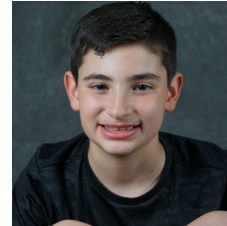
has been performing since Age 3 and is thrilled to be playing the role of Mrs. Sheinkopf in "FAME Jr.!" She has been in several musical productions including "Annie" (Orphan/Ensemble), "Wizard of Oz" (Ensemble), "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" (Ensemble) and "Frozen" (Oakenfold Family/Ensemble) and most recently, had one of the lead roles in the original musical, "It's a Christmas, Cara" (Roberta). She has also been featured in showcases for "Mean Girls" (Regina George) and Mousetrap (Detective Trotter). When Teagan is not on stage, she can be found traveling to see family in England and Northern Ireland, hanging out with her friends, playing tennis and spending time with her twin brothers and puppy, Belle.

WHO'S WHO



Brynn Wanko

is a 5th grader from Colonia, is thrilled to be back on the TAP stage in Fame Jr. Her past credits include The Aristocats (Dutchess), & The Lion King Jr. (Timon). Brynn is a proud student of the Theater Arts Gifted & Talented program, & enjoys drawing, singing & reading. Brynn can often be found entertaining her family & friends with her spot on impersonations & humorous stories. Brynn is thrilled to share the stage with her identical twin sister & bestie, Avery.



Tyler Minick

has performed in Lion King, Oliver, and High School Musical through TAP. He has had a lot of fun preparing for this show and is looking forward to performing in more shows in the future. Tyler would like to thank his family and the TAP team for their support.



Maya Liggio

Fame! will be Maya's 16th show. Maya's most notable roles include: Michael Banks (Mary Poppins Jr.), Shenzi (The Lion King Jr.), Taylor McKessie (High School Musical Jr.), and Tiny Tim (A Christmas Carol). Maya loves everything about musical theater, from seeing shows to being in them, or just listening to show tunes on the daily! Maya is currently also in 2 other shows: Mean Girls and Matilda! What a fun mix! This will be Maya's 2nd T.A.P show- they loved being in Lion King last year! They can't wait to perform this awesome show next! Maya would like to thank their directors for this great experience!



Beatriz Silva

is in 6th grade and lives in Mountainside, NJ. She is a dancer, gymnast, and now plays piano, saxophone and sings. She has participated in five musicals, two of which are in this Theatre company. She's always wanted to act and sing as it has been a passion of hers for a long time.