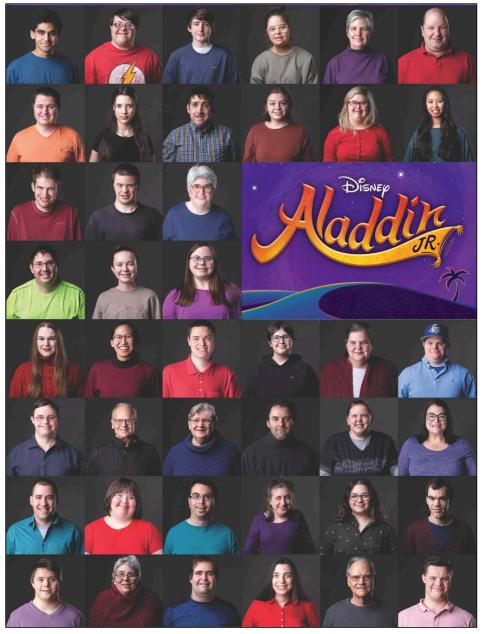
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#### **FAVARH PLAYERS** The Roberts Theater

**PRESENTS** 

# ALADDIN, JR.

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman Tim Rice Chad Beguelin

Book by Chad Bequelin

with

THE FAVARH PLAYERS

Directed By Lori Solak

Choreographed by Lori Solak

Assistant Choreography by Jessica Poon

> Music Director Lydia Borgio

Lighting Design Wes Baldwin

Costumes Erica LuBonta

Set Design Steve Mountzoures

Props Lori Solak

Fiona Radmore

Set Construction Andy Lewandowski Steve Mountzoures

Sound Technician Michael Seery

Lightboard Operator Sound Board Operator Sofia Angula

> Scenic Painter Corrin Lewandowski Lori Solak

# SONGS -

Arabian Nights	Narrators, Aladdin, Jasmine, Genie, Chorus
One Jump Ahead	Aladdin, Chorus
One Jump Ahead (reprise)	Jasmine
Arabian Nights (reprise 1)	Narrators
Why Me?	Jafar, lago
Arabian Nights (reprise 2)	Narrators
Friend Like Me	Genie, Chorus
Prince Ali	Chorus
A Whole New World	Aladdin, Jasmine, Chorus
Why Me? (reprise)	Guards, Jafar
Prince Ali (reprise 1)	Jafar, Chorus
Prince Ali (reprise 2)	Jafar, Razoul, Chorus
A Whole New World (Finale)	Chorus

# **CAST**

#### **Cast Members**

Aladdin	Jack Knall
Princess Jasmine	Jessica Poon
Jafar	Breyden Thompson
lago	Joseph Theroux
Sultan	Artie Johnson
Genie	Lydia Borgio
Carpet	Dante Bontatibus
Razoul	Alex Cable
Group Leader	Hannah Bricker
Merchant - Opening Monolgue	Robin Batchelder
Prince Baba of Ganoush	Chris Kerns
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Matron	Deb Bruce
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Ensemble Townspeople/ Shopkeepers	

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Narrators - Harem Girls

Kassia Borgio Avery Brooks Katherine Hole Mariana Cruz-Rodriguez

Cate Alix Liz Trioano Alison Hung Lauren Masson Kelly Day Kim Sczygiel Farrah Ventura



#### Jack Knall

as Aladdin

Jack Knall is an FVTA and Tunxis Community College student. Aladdin is his very first leading role, a role he's had prior to the pandemic. If this cast will be remembered for anything, it would be their resilience. Shout out to my parents, my brothers Patrick and Jameson, and my dog Eleanor (woof!) for their love and support, and big shout out to Chief Lori for trusting me with bringing this daunting role to life. Break a leg everybody! Enjoy the show!



### **Jessica Poon**

as Princess Jasmine

FINALLY...another year, another show! Jessica is excited to be Jasmine in this year's production of *Aladdin*. She has performed alongside the other Favarh Players in *Seussical, School House Rock, The Wizard of Oz, Shrek, Elf,* and *Beauty and the Beast.* Thank you to the whole cast for all the laughs, and a big thank you to Lori for her hard work and dedication to the Favarh Players. Break a leg!



# **Breyden Thompson**

as Jafar

Breyden Thompson is 15 years old and lives in Cromwell, CT. He attends Pathways Academy of Technology and Design in East Hartford. He has worked with Lori Solak in 10 performances prior. His major credits include Prince Dauntless in Once Upon a Mattress; Bill Sykes / Mr. Bumble in Oliver; Simba / Mufasa in Lion King; and Horton in Seussical.



# Joseph Theroux

as Iago

This is Joe's first year with the Favarh Players. Prior to this performance, Joe participated in theater productions in his hometown of South Windsor, CT. The productions were "Mission Inclusion" and "UT Olympics", which were part of Unified Theater. He has also been involved in various Choir groups. He is very passionate about theater and music!



#### **Artie Johnson**

as Sultan

Artie is very happy to once again be performing with the Favarh Players! He's looking forward to being onstage with his friends, performing his role as the Sultan. Acting and music are his passions. One of his favorite roles was Gaston in Beauty and the Beast, and he has also been the Wizard in the Wizard of Oz, and the Cat in The Cat in the Hat! He wishes all of the cast and crew good luck; here's to another great performance!



# Lydia Borgio

as Genie

Lydia is so excited to join the cast on stage for Aladdin! Lydia has been with Favarh for a few years now as the music director and is so happy to be performing. She has worked with Lori and has been performing since she was 5. Some of her major roles have been Belle in Beauty and the Beast, Mayzie in Seussical, the Dragon in Shrek, Mark's Mom in Rent and the Godmother in Cinderella. Lydia cannot wait for the show!



#### **Dante Bontatibus**

as Carpet

Dante is thrilled to be making his debut with the FAVARH Players. He has performed in a variety of other theater productions with the Act One Players formerly of Simsbury and SHS Unified Theater. He loves to dance, sing and write lyrics. Dante plays hockey with the CT Chasers and loves basketball and golf.



#### **Alex Cable**

as Razoul

Alex Cable is excited to play Razul, Captain of the Guards, in Aladdin. Alex portrayed the Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz, Pinocchio in Shrek, The Macy's Store Manager in Elf, and Cogsworth in Beauty and the Beast. Alex enjoys playing guitar, hiking, videos, and visiting zoos to see big cats.



#### **Deb Bruce**

as Matron

This is Deb's 9th year with the Favarh Players. Deb enjoys meeting new people and seeing old friends. She has had a great time being on stage. Deb would like to thank Lori for all her patience.



#### **Hannah Bricker**

as Group Leader

Hannah has always loved theatre, has been in countless productions, and has a degree in Theatre from Eckerd College. She loves using theatre and music to help her younger cousins, nieces, and nephews find their voices and build their confidence. She loves partnering with Favarh to encourage the same confidence and love of performance with Favarh individuals. Ever since watching her first Favarh Players production, she knew she had to be part of the magic! She's so excited for you to watch everyone's hard work hit the stage and hopes you enjoy it just as much as she does.



### Robin Batchelder

as Merchant - Opening Monolgue

This is Robin's first performance with Favarh Players. She is thrilled to be here. Robin has previously performed in *Oliver, South Pacific & Les Misérables*. She is a global messenger for Special Olympics. She enjoys playing with her nephews and spending time with her family and her cat Birdy. Robin thanks her friends and family for being here to cheer her on. She's also very excited to travel to Australia in May to represent her country at Dreamride Australia.



#### **Chris Kerns**

as Prince Baba of Ganoush

After three years of no theater program, Chris is thrilled to be a part of the Favarh Theater Players once again! He has participated in many productions and always has a wonderful time. Chris has acted in many awesome shows. He is so excited to be a part of this year's production of Aladdin! When not on stage, Chris is involved in sports with the Farmington Valley Special Olympics teams, playing 4 sports. He is active and loves movies, camping, hiking, swimming and other activities with family and friends. Chris enjoys working with his many friends at Favarh. Break a Leg Chris!!



#### **Scott Masson**

as Prince Dahdu Rahn-Rahn

This is Scott's second season with the Favarh players. He previously played Monsieur D'Arque in Beauty and the Beast. Scott is 32 years old and now is a resident of Canton, CT. He works at Paragon Medical in Southington with a team from Favarh. In his free time Scott enjoys playing sports and watching sports. He is also now a husband to Lauren as of 2022.



#### **Dan Lenz**

as Prince Formerly Known

Danny has been a member of Favarh Players since the very beginning. He loves to act, sing and dance with all his friends on stage. He really likes being on stage with Steve Morris. He gets nervous but then tells jokes with Steve and the butterflies go away!! Theater rehearsals and performances are high on Dan's list of things he loves to do. Thank you to Lori and the team for all their hard work to make this years performance a success. You are the best!!!!



# **Ann Marie Goehring**

as Baker

Ann Marie is a New York Giants Fan, Boston Red Sox Fan, and a New York Rangers Fan. She loves to dance and sing. Her favorite food is Chinese Food. Ann Marie is very happy to be getting back on stage singing and dancing with her friends!



#### Jessica Sahlman

as Townsperson Solo

Jessica Sahlman is in her fourth year appearing with the Favarh Players. Performing on stage is her passion! She appeared in Beauty and The Beast, Elf and as Baby Bear in "Shrek". Prior to that play, she appeared in 7 of the Lewis Mills HS Drama productions. For 7 years she has also appeared as a villager in Valley Community's "the Gift". She loves drama and looks forward to great performances with her friends in Aladdin!



# **Lucy Sansone**

as Girl

Lucy, a lifelong resident of Windsor, has loved singing and theater since she was very young. She sang in the school choirs at both Kennedy School and Sage Park Middle School. Lucy was a cast member in the Windsor Youth Theater's productions of Cinderella (as a mouse) and Joseph and the amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and performed in the annual holiday shows at the Gengras Center. She also played the Mad Hatter in Favarh's production of Shrek: The Musical. Her family is very proud of her musical and theatrical accomplishments!



# **Ben McAlenney**

as Guards

Ben is so very happy to be a part of the Favarh Players again this year! He also likes hanging out with his friends at Men's Group on Thursday nights, playing basketball, and participating in Zumba classes. Living in his own apartment and working at McLean in Simsbury makes Ben very proud.



#### Pierce Mahalski

Pierce has been in many shows including Cinderella as the Prince, James and the Giant Peach as the Centipede, and Once Upon a Mattress as Sir Harry. In his free time, he likes to play video games and talk with friends



#### **Chris Corbosiero**

This is Chris's 6th season with the Favarh Players. He has been in *School House Rock, The Wizard of Oz, Shrek the Musical, Elf, Jr.* and *Beauty and the Beast.* He enjoys playing soccer, softball, basketball & floor hockey. Chris is also a huge sports fan, a few of his favorite teams are the Boston Red Sox and N.E. Patriots. He also enjoys spending time with his girlfriend Emily.



# John Greenhalgh

John is so excited that the Favarh Players are back on stage this year. This is John's third play with Favarh. He was in Elf, Jr., and Beauty & The Beast. John lives at Bear Woods apartments and is enjoying living in Canton with his roommates, Ben and Chris. He loves all types of music, attending sports events, and doing Special Olympics. His favorite sports teams are the NY Giants and the Hartford Wolfpack.



#### **Tom Bacon**

After a two-year hiatus, Tom is grateful that the Favarh Players are able once again to put their dance shoes on and create a little stage magic. It is always fun and rewarding to be part of the excellent cast and crew. Thanks to everyone who helped in this year's production of Aladdin Jr.



#### **James Cable**

James Cable is Guard #5 in Aladdin. James also portrayed the Mayor of the Munchkins in The Wizard of Oz, and Crazy Old Maurice in Beauty and the Beast. James, a retired software engineer, is a singer/songwriter and plays guitar.



#### **Dan Fiorentino**

Dan is 32 years old and lives in Bloomfield at Lavender Field. He works two different jobs that he loves: in a doctor's office and in a gift shop. Aladdin Jr. is his second Favarh Theater production. In addition to theater, Dan enjoys Special Olympics and spending time on Cape Cod. He is an artist and enjoys sketching and painting.



#### **James Robinson**

This is James' 1st year with the Favarh Players. James has previously acted in Shrek (donkey). James enjoys Zumba classes, and going out to dinner at the 110 Grille on Wednesdays.



# **JD Riley**

JD is happy to once again be in a Favarh play. He loves Aladdin and enjoys being a guard. This is JD's fifth Favarh Players show. JD would like to thank his parents for supporting him and he likes being with his cast members.



#### **Simon Kravitz**

Simon has been in the Favarh Players Theater Program for seven years. Simon is excited to be back for this year's play. His favorite music is rap music. Simon has a girlfriend named Migdalia. Simon has been in other shows including one with his Mom in Collinsville.



# Kassia Borgio

as Narrators - Harem Girls

Kassia works with CT Family Theatre and has been performing with the Favarh Players for 6 years. She loves the time she spends with all her favorite Favar-ite friends and feels incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share the stage once again with such amazing talent. This show is very special to her because she is performing with her daughter Lydia, who has always been her greatest inspiration.



# **Avery Brooks**

Avery Brooks is a 7th grader at Sedgwick Middle School. She has been performing with Connecticut Family Theater for the past 3 years. She most recently played the Stepmother in Cinderella and has also been in Once Upon a Mattress, Oliver!, Matilda, and others. This is her first show with the Favarh Players and she is so excited to share the stage with everyone. Break a leg!



#### **Katherine Hole**

My name is Katherine Hole, I am 13 years old, living in West Hartford. I have been in several shows including Wizard of Oz (munchkin), Annie (Molly), Peter Pan (Tinker Bell), Oliver (Workhouse Bay, Fagin's Gang, Maid, Matron), Once Upon A Mattress (Lady Lucille), Legally Blonde (Kate, Harvard Student), and Aladdin (Harem Girl, Narrator).



# Mariana Cruz-Rodriguez

Mariana Cruz-Rodriguez (14 years old) plays one of the Narrator/ Harem Girls and is incredibly proud of participating in her first show working with the Favarh Players. Mariana lives in Plainville and is a Freshman at Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts (GHAA). She was last seen as the Stepmother in Cinderella Youth Edition, Queen Aggravain in Once Upon a Mattress, Youth Edition, and Bet in Oliver, Jr. Her dream is to continue to learn and perform. She hopes you enjoy the show!



#### Cate Alix

This is Cate's second performance with the Favarh Players and is excited to be back with the gang for this performance of Aladdin! Cate has been working as an office assistant for the last three years at Mintz + Hoke, an advertising agency located in Avon, CT and has been a member of the Terpsichore Dance Company in Simsbury, CT for the last eight years. In addition to work and dance, Cate loves to spend her free time with her family and friends and boyfriend Andrew White and basset hound Fiona



#### Liz Trioano

Liz is delighted to be back with Favarh Players. She has been in three Favarh Players performances, Shrek, Elf, and Beauty and the Beast. Liz would like to thank Lori for her dedication and patience. Liz would also like to thank her castmates and crew for making Tuesday's so much fun again.



# **Alison Hung**

Alison is excited that the Favarh Players are back! She is looking forward to being back on stage and performing with the rest of the cast. She has previously appeared in Seussical, School House Rock, The Wizard of Oz, Shrek, Elf. and Beauty and the Beast. She has a great time in all theater productions and hopes everyone is having just as much fun as she always has. Break a leg, everyone!



#### Lauren Masson

This is Lauren's seventh season with the Favarh Players. She has previously played a Who in *Hats Off To Dr. Seuss*, an Adjective & an interjection in *School House Rock*, a Munchkin in the *Wizard of Oz*, Tee Fiona in *Shrek*, Shawanda in *Elf*, and Babette in *Beauty and the Beast*. Lauren is 30 and a lifelong resident of Canton, CT. She works with a Favarh team at BeanZ & Co. In her free time, Lauren enjoys being an Advocate and using her voice to speak for those unable to speak for themselves.



# **Kelly Day**

This is Kelly's fifth play with the Favarh Players. Kelly embraces a new role with every play she is in. Kelly enjoys seeing all her friends in the play. The Favarh Players is Kelly's favorite pastime. Kelly enjoys working and keeping herself busy. Kelly has been in four other plays with Favarh: Wizard of Oz, Shrek the Musical, Elf The Musical, and Beauty and the Beast. Kelly has a new job that she is embracing as a Medical Assistant



# Kim Sczygiel

Kimberly is so excited that the Favarh Players are back to performing. Kimberly has been in several of Favarh Players performances and is looking forward to being in Aladdin. She has been hard at work remembering her lines and is ready to get up on stage with her friends and give it her all. We are so proud of you Kimberly. Enjoy performing as we enjoy watching you perform. Love you.



#### **Farrah Ventura**

Farrah Ventura is 12 years old and attends St. Timothy Middle School in West Hartford. She has been a part of the Connecticut Family Theatre program for over two years, where she has performed the rolls of Larkin in *Once Upon a Mattress*, Miss Andrew in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and Cinderella in both *Into the Woods Jr.* and *Cinderella Jr.* 



# Jennifer Minetti

as Ensemble Townspeople/ Shopkeepers

This is Jen's 9th performance with the Favarh Players. Jen enjoys drawing and painting in her free time. She is a Favarh resident and works through Favarh's employment program. She is thankful for Lori and all her hard work



# **Bella Silva**

This is Bella's first year with the Favarh Players and she is having the best time! Bella lives in Wethersfield with her Mom, Dad, and dog Lulu. During her school years, she performed in *Little Mermaid Jr.* and *Into the Woods*. She was also a Sparkle Cheerleader, a member of the Wethersfield High School Instrumental Marching Band, where she played with the pit, and finished as a member of the Color Guard, performing at Nationals at Giant Stadium. Bella & her family would like to thank Favarh and the cast and crew for providing such wonderful opportunities through their programs and recreational activities. Break a leg, everyone!



#### Olivia Kafka

Olivia is a Sophomore at Farmington High School. This is her first year as a Favarh player and she is very excited (and a little nervous) to participate! She appreciates all the friends she has made through Favarh. In her spare time, Olivia likes dance, art, and everything unicorns!



# **Brandon Bianca**

Brandon joined Favarh Players because he enjoyed Unified Theatre in high school. He also participates in Special Olympics Track, Bowling, and Skiing, the Baseball and Basketball Challenger Leagues, and Bristol Rec Swimming. Brandon enjoys dancing, taking long walks with his family, spending time with friends, and beating his twin sister at Mario Kart!





Alex Gomez-Nieto enjoys acting, music and writing songs. This is his first Favarh play. He plays the guitar and drums. His goals are playing in a band, living on his own, and singing. He attends FVTA and graduates in May 2023. In his spare time, he also plays hockey, basketball, and baseball.



# **Logan Haynes**

This is Logan's first performance with the Favarh Players. He is very excited to be a part of the cast for Aladdin. This is not Logan's first experience with theater. He has taken part in many plays over the years. Some of the plays he has acted in are *Back to the 80's, Alice in Wonderland, Jr., Little Mermaid, Jr., High School Musical, Jr.,* and *Willy Wonka, Jr.,* as well as many others. Logan attends Farmington Valley Transitions Academy and is interning at Fitzgeralds Market, Connecticut Children's, and Habitat for Humanity. In his free time, he likes to ride his bike, play basketball, play Fortnite with friends, participate in Special Olympic sports, and participate in Best Buddies. Logan hopes you enjoy the performance ~ it's going to "be a whole new world"!



# Migdalia Ocasio

This is Migdalia's first play with the Favarh Players. She is a resident at Favarh's Bear Woods Apartments and is gainfully employed through Favarh's Employment program. She loves singing, dancing, and acting. There has been a lot going on for the last six months--- it's very exciting!

#### **ABOUT FAVARH**







Favarh, The Arc Of The Farmington Valley, was founded in 1958 by eight local families, all wanting a better life for their children with intellectual disabilities.

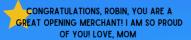
Today, Favarh (pronounced "FAY-var") supports more than 350 adolescents, young adults, adults, seniors and families throughout the Greater Farmington Valley area and beyond.

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AND CREW! SARA BATCHELDER

JACK, PRINCE ALI, YOU'RE ALWAYS ONE
JUMP AHEAD AND ARE OUR DIAMOND IN THE
ROUGH. WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR YOU TO
SHOW US A WHOLE NEW WORLD ON A
MAGIC CARPET RIDE. ARABIAN NIGHTS WILL
NEVER BE THE SAME BECAUSE THEY'VE
NEVER HAD A FRIEND LIKE YOU'ME. PROUD
OF OUR BOY.

MOM, DAD, PATRICK, JAMESON & ELEANOR

GOOD LUCK DANNY (LENZ)! HAVE A GREAT TIME WITH THE FAVARH PLAYERS. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!! LOVE YOU VERY MUCH, MOM, DAD, AND THE FAMILY.

TO THE WHOLE CAST, HAVE FUN AND BREAK
A LEG!! THE LENZ FAMILY

MARIANA, ERES NUESTRA ACTRIZ FAVORITA.
- ABUELO GILBERTO & ABUELA TITA

TO ALL THE FAVARAH PLAYERS,
CONGRATULATIONS ON AN AMAZING SHOW.
IM SO PROUD OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
YOU. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT NEXT YEAR
BRINGS. YOUR FRIEND, ROBIN BATCHELDER

CONGRATULATIONS TO BELLA AND THE ENTIRE FAVARH PLAYERS CAST AND CREW! IT HAS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE JOY WATCHING THE SHOW COME TOGETHER AND GETTING TO KNOW EVERYONE INVOLVED. BREAK A LEG AND HAVE A BLAST! PATTI & MANNY SILVA

GOOD LUCK BELLA, WE LOVE YOU! LILIANA & MANNY SILVA

FARRAH, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU FOR WORKING SO HARD AND PROGRESSING SO FAR IN SUCH A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME. WE LOVE YOU! THE VENTURA FAMILY

DAN LENZ, BREAK A LEG! LOVE, YOUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS. JACKSON, COOPER, LOGAN, AVERY, SAVANNAH, EMMIE, GEORGE, AND KENNEDY

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSEPH THEROUX AND THE ENTIRE FAVARH PLAYERS THEATER TROUPE! YOU ARE FANTASTIC! -TOM, LAURIE AND NATALIE THEROUX

MARIANA, WE ADMIRE YOUR TALENT, TENACITY, AND DEDICATION TO YOUR CRAFT. YOU MAKE US PROUD, ALWAYS! - PAPI, MAMI, AND NENE

CHRIS C, YOU ARE AWESOME. HAVE FUN &
BREAK A LEG! LOVE. MOM AND DAD

TO CAST & CREW, YOU ALL ARE AMAZING AND THANK YOU FOR THE SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCE! HAVE FUN! BREAK A LEG! THE CORBOSIERO FAMILY

THE ALIX FAMILY WISHES GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF THE BEANZ & CO. CREW PERFORMING IN ALADDIN (LAUREN, ALISON, JESS, CATE, AND ALL OF THEIR FRIENDS) AND ALL OF OUR OTHER FRIENDS AT FAVARH – YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL THE HARD WORK COME TOGETHER IN WHAT IS GOING TO BE AN AWESOME PERFORMANCE! THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS PERFORMANCE HAPPEN!!! XOXOXOXO THE ALIX FAMILY

BREAK A LEG, MARIANA! - TIA MARLY

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING SURE THAT THE SHOW WILL GO ON.



#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

To all the parents, show volunteers, helpers, and other friends of Favarh that helped to make this show possible.

THANK YOU!!!

We could not have pulled this off without your help.

Robin Atwater

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Trish Greenhalgh

Elizabeth Haynes

Joanne Johnson

Nicki Kerns

Sharon Knall

Fay Lenz

Etienne Marofsky

Debra McAlenney

Shelagh McClure

Stephen Morris

Laura Riley

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# **SYNOPSIS**

Inside the Royal Palace gates in the faraway city of Agrabah, Princess Jasmine prepares to choose a husband ("Arabian Nights"). Against Jasmine's wishes, her father, the Sultan, insists that she pick from among three visiting Princes by tomorrow. The Princes' public introduction is interrupted by a fleeing bread thief. Wandering among the crowd, the poor street urchin Aladdin suddenly finds himself holding the stolen bread and pursued by Guards. Amidst the commotion, Jasmine adopts a disguise and seizes the opportunity to escape into the bustling marketplace, where she bumps into Aladdin ("One Jump Ahead"). The two runaways share their experience of feeling "trapped" and become attracted to one another. The chase ends when Razoul, head of the Royal Guard and the Vizier Jafar's right-hand man, corners them. Princess Jasmine removes her disguise and demands Aladdin's release, but Razoul takes Aladdin into custody anyway ("One Jump Ahead" – Reprise).

In Jafar's chambers ("Arabian Nights" – Reprise 1) the villainous Vizier and his sidekick parrot lago secretly rewrite the law so that the Princess will have to marry the Sultan's highest-ranking official – Jafar – if she fails to choose a husband within the time allotted ("Why Me?"). With the dungeons all full of prisoners, Razoul and the Guards take Aladdin to one of Jafar's caves on the outskirts of Agrabah ("Arabian Nights" – Reprise 2). There Aladdin finds an old lamp and rubs it, releasing Genie ("Friend Like Me"), who helps his new master escape the cave on a Magic Carpet. Genie then grants the first of Aladdin's three wishes by turning him into Prince Ali Ababwa, which Aladdin hopes will help him woo Jasmine. Prince Ali enters with fanfare and impresses the Sultan ("Prince Ali"), but Jasmine remains reticent to follow anyone's orders. Informed by Razoul about Aladdin's escape from the cave, Jafar and lago suspect that Prince Ali may be a fake – and in possession of a genie.

In another part of the palace, Prince Ali gains Jasmine's trust and invites her to ride the Magic Carpet ("A Whole New World"). Returning to the Princess's chamber, they agree to marry in the morning and bid farewell. As Aladdin revels in his success, Razoul's Guards seize him. Aladdin uses his second wish to freeze the Guards, then runs to hug Genie, accidentally leaving behind the lamp. The Genie confesses that he longs to be free himself. lago finds the lamp and shows it to the elated Jafar ("Why Me?" – Reprise). The next morning at the wedding, Prince Ali confesses his true identity. Jafar seizes the opportunity to reveal the law that he forged and claim Jasmine as his bride and himself as Sultan ("Prince Ali" – Reprise). With Jafar in possession of the Lamp, Aladdin tricks him into wishing to become the most powerful genie of all time – and forever trapped! Aladdin then uses his last wish to free Genie and promises to give all his love to Princess Jasmine, if she'll have him. The initially reluctant Sultan now grants his consent, and everyone lives happily, and freely, ever after ("A Whole New World" – Finale, "Friend Like Me" – Bows).

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