

# PLAYBILL

The Roberts Theater  
Favarh - The Arc of the Farmington Valley, Inc.  
Canton, CT



Headshots by Jim Seddon

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

PRESENTS

**THE LION KING, JR**

Music & Lyrics by Elton John & Tim Rice  
Additional Music & Lyrics by  
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer  
Book by Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi  
Based on the Broadway Production  
Directed by Julie Taymor

with

**THE FAVARH PLAYERS**

Directed by: Lori Solak  
Musical Director: Lydia Borgio  
Producers: Ronelle Cipolla, Sean McCarthy  
Costumer: Erica Lubonta  
Choreographers: Jessica Poon & Hannah Bricker  
Set Design: Steve Mountzoures  
Set Construction: Andy Lewandowski, Steve Mountzoures  
Scenic Painter: Corrin Lewandowski, Lori Solak  
Lighting Designer: Michael Bane  
Lighting Technician: Fiona Radmore  
Sound Board Operator: Michael Seery  
Sound Technician: Mariana Cruz Rodriguez  
Props: Lori Solak

Introduction MC's: Dan Lenz, Steve Morris

---

## SONGS

---

### Act 1

Circle of Life.....	Rafiki, Ensemble, All
Grasslands Chant.....	Young Simba, Ensemble
The Lioness Hunt.....	Lionesses
I Just Can't Wait to Be King.....	Zazu, Young Simba, Young Nala, Ensemble
Be Prepared.....	Scar, Hyenas, Shenzi
They Live in You.....	Mufasa, Young Simba, Ensemble
The Stampede.....	Ensemble
The Mourning.....	Sarabi, Nala, Rafiki, Scar, Lionesses, Hyenas

### Act 2

Hakuna Matata Part 1.....	Timon, Pumba, Young Simba, Ensemble
Hakuna Matata Part 2.....	Timon, Pumba, Young Simba, Ensemble
Shadowland.....	Lionesses, Nala, Rafiki
Can You Feel the Love Tonight.....	Timon, Pumba, Simba, Nala, Ensemble
He Lives in You.....	Rafiki, Mufasa, Simba, Ensemble
Luau Hawaiian Treat.....	Timon, Pumba, Shenzi, Banzai
Finale.....	All

---

## CAST

---

Rafiki.....	Hannah Bricker
Mufasa.....	Steve Morris
Zazu.....	Ava Conrad
Sarabi.....	Amanda Conrad
Scar.....	Jack Hislop
Young Simba.....	Jamis Conrad
Young Nala.....	Lucy Alford
Sarafina.....	Lauren Traceski Masson
Banzai.....	Alex Cable
Shenzi.....	Vi Bonilla Cruz
Ed.....	Dan Fiorentino
Timon.....	Jack Knall
Pumba.....	Zi Miller
Adult Simba.....	Joseph Theroux
Adult Nala.....	Lydia Borgio

### Main Hyena Group:

Chris Corbosiero	Simon Kravitz
Kelly Day	

### Ensemble Leaders:

Robin Batchelder	Liz Troiano
Finley Lazarek	

### Ensemble:

Cate Alix	Dante Bontatibus
Brandon Bianca	Deborah Bruce
Jaymie Bianca	Chris Corbosiero

---

## CAST

---

Ensemble (continued):

Brian Drexler	Scott Masson
Dan Fiorentino	Mary Mathis
Ann Marie Goehring	Ben McAllenney
John Greenhalgh	Shannon Morin
Logan Haynes	Kimberly Sczygiel
Jay Joo	Bella Silva
Chris Kerns	
Simon Kravetz	
Dan Lenz	
Jordan Lopez	
Deryl Marrow	

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Lucy Alford**

*as Young Nala*

This is Lucy's first show with the Favarh Players. She previously played roles in school productions including Willy Wonka, Aladdin, and Grease. She has also been in CFT's shows: The Little Mermaid and Little Shop of Horrors. Lucy is 14 years old and lives in East Hampton, CT. She likes singing, drawing, and being with her friends. She'd like to thank her family, her best friend Z and the cast and crew for making this experience so great.



### **Cate Alix**

*as Lioness/Ensemble*

Cate is excited to be back for her third performance with the Favarh Players. She loves this Favarh team forever. Cate has been working as an office assistant for four years at Mintz and Hoke, advertising agency. Cate loves to choreograph and dance at Terpsichore Dance Company. When Cate is not working or dancing she is spending time with her family, friends, boyfriend Andrew, basset hound Fiona, and her sisters and their boyfriends.



### **Robin Batchelder** *as Group Leader Ensemble*

This is Robin's second performance with Favarh Players. She is extremely grateful for the opportunity to be here. Robin has previously performed in Aladdin Jr., Oliver, South Pacific & Les Misérables. She is a Global Messenger for Special Olympics. She enjoys building with Legos, playing with her nephews and spending time with her family and her cat Birdy. Robin would like to thank her friends and family for being here to cheer her on. She would also like to thank her friends Jessica Poon & Andie Fabian for all their love and support. Robin looks forward to new adventures with her family and friends. Can you feel the love tonight? I certainly can!

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Brandon Bianca**

*as Ensemble*

Brandon is from Bristol, CT. He decided to make his Favarh Players debut last year with Aladdin JR and is incredibly excited to be a part of the Lion King cast. In addition to theatre, Brandon is a part of the Favarh GSE program, and involved with Special Olympics track, bowling and skiing, the Baseball and Basketball Challenger Leagues, and Bristol Parks & Recreation swimming. Beyond his plethora of activities, Brandon enjoys dancing, taking long walks with his family, spending time with his friends, and beating his twin sister at Mario Kart!



### **Jaymie Bianca**

*as Lioness/Ensemble*

Jaymie is from Bristol, CT. After watching her twin brother Brandon perform in Aladdin JR last year, she knew she wanted to be a part of the Favarh Players. Jaymie has been baton twirling and dancing competitively since the age of three. She has degrees in Educational Studies, English, and Human Rights from Trinity College. She also starred in many Trinity productions, including Macbeth, and shows with the New Beginnings Performing Arts group, which is a collaboration between Trinity students and women recently released from prison. Jaymie is currently a fourth grade teacher, and enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, writing, and operating her nonprofit OpportunAbility with her mom.



### **Vi Bonilla-Cruz**

*as Shenzi*

This is Vi's first time Favarh Players. She has been in several productions at Connecticut Family Theatre. She has played the Queen in Cinderella, Sandy in Spongebob, and Sebastian in the Little Mermaid. Vi would like to thank everyone who gave them rides and she hopes that everyone enjoys the show.

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Dante Bontatibus**

*as Ensemble*

Dante is very excited to be in his second production with the Favarrh Players. In addition to being the carpet in Aladdin last year, he has performed in a variety of other theater productions with the Act One Players and SHS Unified Theater. He loves to dance, sing and write lyrics. Dante plays hockey with the CT Chasers and loves basketball and golf. He is also proud of his work as a volunteer at Children's Medical Center and the office of the Attorney General.



### **Lydia Borgio**

*as Adult Nala*

This is Lydia's 8th season with the Favarrh Players. She has loved music directing for the group and has loved joining them on stage. Lydia lives in Middletown, CT and looks forward to Tuesday nights every week for rehearsal. She can't wait for the next show!



### **Hannah Bricker**

*as Rafiki*

This is Hannah's fourth performance with the Favarrh Players! She was raised in theater, performing with Connecticut Family Theatre and within Eckerd College theatre program. Her favorite role was Veronica in Heathers The Musical. She works as a manager of Tulmeadow Farm and has her own dog training business. In her free time, Hannah enjoys training shelter dogs to prepare them for their forever home and spending time with her family.



### **Deb Bruce**

*as Ensemble*

This is Deb's 10th performance with Favarrh Players. Her favorite show so far has been Beauty and the Beast. When she is not doing theater, Deb works at the ShopRite in Canton making sure the place doesn't fall apart. Deb likes watching movies and listening to CDs in her spare time. She wants to thank Lori for her patience and dedication working around the weather.



---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Alex Cable**

*as Banzai*

Alex will play Banzai the Hyena. Previously Alex was the scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*, Pinocchio in *Shrek*, The Macy Store Manager in *Elf*, Cogsworth in *Beauty And The Beast*, and Razul in *Aladdin*. Alex loves big cats, playing guitar, watching videos, hiking, and performing.



### **Amanda Conrad**

*as Sarabi*

Amanda has been a part of the Favarrh Players on and off for many years! She was in *Wizard of Oz*, *Hats off to Dr. Seuss*, *Elf*, and *Beauty And The Beast*, and helped backstage on others. She is so grateful to be back among the cast again. During *Seuss*, she shared the stage with her sister; in *Elf* she shared it with her daughter and now she shares it with her son and daughter! Such a remarkable opportunity as both a cast member and a loved one! Break a leg to all!



### **Ava Conrad**

*as Zazu*

This is Ava's second season with the Favarrh Players. She previously played ensemble in *Elf Jr.* Ava is 16 and attends the Half Day Arts Academy in Hartford. Ava enjoys crafting props, costumes, and spending time with her family.



### **Jamis Conrad**

*as Young Simba*

Jamis has been a part of the Favarrh Players twice now, although Covid canceled his first experience. This is his first full production ever! At 13, Jamis attends middle school, loves dinosaurs, science, and is a published author. He participates in cross country and enjoys reading and video games in his free time. He has loved this experience and definitely recommends it to others! He looks forward to the next show!

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



**Chris Corbosiero** *as Hyena/Ensemble*

This is Chris's seventh season with the Favarrh Players. He was previously in Aladdin Jr., Beauty and the Beast, Elf Jr., Shrek the Musical, The Wizard of Oz, and School House Rock. Chris is a huge sports fan and loves the Boston Red Sox and N.E. Patriots. He plays soccer, basketball, softball, and floor hockey. He also enjoys spending time with his girlfriend Emily.



**Kelly Day** *as Main Hyena/Ensemble Leader*

This is Kelly's sixth play with the Favarrh Players. Kelly embraces a new role with every play she is in. Kelly enjoys seeing all of her friends perform. Being an actor with the Favarrh Players is Kelly's favorite pastime. Kelly enjoys working and keeping herself busy and she likes to read and listen to music. The first play Kelly was in was 'The Wizard of Oz' playing a Munchkin and also a Lollipop Guild. Her second play was 'Shrek the Musical' and she played Peter Pan. The third play was 'Elf the Musical' and she played Charlie. Fourth play was 'Beauty and the Beast' and she was a bookseller. The most recent play Kelly was in was 'Aladdin' and her role was the Narrator. Kelly hopes every cast member has fun in the show and that the audience has a blast watching The Lion King Jr.!



**Brian Drexler** *as Ensemble*

This is Brian's first year as a Favarrh Player. He has been involved in Special Olympics for over 30 years as an athlete and over 20 years as a Special Olympic Global Messenger. He looks forward to this wonderful opportunity.

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Dan Fiorentino**

*as Ed (Hyena)*

Dan is 33 and he lives at Lavender Fields in Bloomfield in his own apartment. This is his third year with the Favarh Players. He has two jobs: at Good Cause Gifts in West Hartford and at the medical office of Dr. Jennifer Pennoyer. In Dan's spare time he participates in Special Olympics, golf, and floor hockey. Dan is also an artist and loves to paint, sketch, and do pottery.



### **Ann Marie Goehring**

*as Ensemble*

Ann Marie is very excited about fun on stage with her friends. She loves to sing and dance. She is a New York Ranger and New York Giants fan. She loves watching Hallmark Christmas Movies on television. Her favorite food is seafood.



### **John Greenhalgh**

*as Ensemble*

John is so excited that the Favarh Players are back on stage this year! This is John's third play with Favarh. He was previously in Elf Jr., Aladdin Jr., and Beauty and the Beast. John lives at Bear Woods Apartments and is enjoying living in Canton with his roommates, Ben and Chris, although he is originally from Cheshire, CT. He loves all types of music, attending sports events and doing Special Olympics. His favorite sport teams are the NY Giants and the Hartford Wolfpack. John also works on a cleaning crew with Favarh.

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Logan Haynes**

*as Ensemble*

This is Logan's second performance with Favarh Players. He enjoyed being in Aladdin last year. Logan has been in many plays including Back to the 80's, Alice in Wonderland Jr., High School Musical Jr., and Willy Wonka Jr., as well as several others. Logan is in his fourth year at the Farmington Valley Transition Academy where he interns at Fitzgerald's Market, the CT State Attorney General's office and Connecticut Children's Medical Center. In his free time, Logan enjoys riding his bike, playing basketball, playing Fortnite with friends, and participating in Special Olympics sports. Logan would also like to thank his parents, his brother Ethan, and his sister Megan for always supporting him.



### **Jack Hislop**

*as Scar*

This is Jack's first season with the Favarh Players and his first year working as a Direct Support Professional at Favarh. Jack has been in several shows at Westfield State University including Rocky Horror, Mama Mia, and Carrie the Musical. He is happy to continue his passion for theater through his new job working with the wonderful and talented clients of Favarh.



### **Jay Joo**

*as Ensemble*

This is Jay's first year performing with Favarh Players and he is excited to be part of The Lion King Jr. cast. He lives in West Hartford with his parents. He loves to sing and dance and also plays the piano and violin. He performs on the piano every Sunday during worship time. Jay also performed in David and Goliath at his church. He loves to watch Blue's Clues and enjoys working with his friends at Favarh.

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Chris Kerns**

*as Ensemble*

This is Christopher's 10th season with the Favarh Players and he is very excited to be performing in the Lion King Jr. He has previously performed in Elf, School House Rock, Shrek, Beauty & the Beast and as the Prince Bubba Ganuche in Aladdin. Chris is 42 years old and a new (3 years) resident of Bear Woods Apartments in Canton, CT. Chris works with a crew at USESI in Cromwell, CT. He is very active in CT Special Olympic sports, and a long-time participant at DREAM RIDE. Chris enjoys crafts, movies, and vacationing with family.



### **Jack Knall**

*as Timon*

Jack is a 22-year-old Theater Major at Tunxis Community College who is thrilled to be back at it with the Favarh Players after a long-awaited performance as Aladdin last March. This is his 14th show, so he is no stranger to the stage! Thank you to my Mom, brothers Patrick, and Jameson, and all who have supported my projects over the years. Much love up to my Grandpa who recently passed at age 81. Enjoy the show!



### **Simon Kravetz**

*as Main Hyena/Ensemble*

This is Simon's eighth year with Favarh Players. Simon likes the Yankees and listening to rap music. He enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, doing Favarh activities, and enjoying the company of his friends at his apartment. Some of Simon's favorite acting parts have been playing the guard in Aladdin, the baker in Beauty and the Beast, and a security guard in Elf. He enjoys singing at the rehearsals and playing lots of different sports.

---

## WHO'S WHO

---

### Cast Members (continued)



**Finley Lazarek** *as Group Leader Ensemble*

This is Finley's seventh show, and her most recent shows include The Wizard of Oz, Suessical the Musical, and Little Shop of Horrors. Finley is 13 years old and in her free time she enjoys playing field hockey and pursuing her hobby of public speaking as she is president of her school. She also enjoys volunteering for her town's public library.



**Dan Lenz** *as MC, Ensemble*

Dan has been in theatre for several years and has enjoyed his role, with his friend Steve Morris, as the MC for the production. He and Steve meticulously relay the ground rules quite clearly to the audience! Dan also keeps the rehearsals running smoothly keeping us all on timely tasks! Dan is also an active athlete with the Farmington Valley Special Olympics. Dan would like to thank all of his friends who support him and especially his Mom and Dad for being there for him always!



**Jordan Lopez** *as Ensemble*

This is Jordan's first season with the Favarrh Players. He has previous experience as an actor with his Unified Theater program in High School. Jordan is 24 and a lifelong resident of Bristol, CT. He works as a Pharmacy Technician at CVS Pharmacy. Jordan is a Special Olympics athlete and advocates for people on the spectrum through his work with the Social Chase and as a member of the Bristol Diversity Council. In his free time, he enjoys other forms of artistic expression including drawing, graphic design, and creative writing. He published his first novel Looked Down Upon: The Exiled Kin in 2023 which highlights a teenager on the autism spectrum as the main character.

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Deryl Marrow**

*as Ensemble*

Deryl, also known as "DJ", has been an active member of the Favarh Players for many years. He has been in Elf Jr., Wizard of Oz, Dr. Suess, School House Rock, Shrek, and Beauty and the Beast with the Favarh Players. In his free time, he enjoys watching sports with his friends and cheering on the team that is winning. He has several "favorite" teams in football and basketball. He is also an athlete with the Farmington Valley Special Olympics and is very proud of his athletic ability.



### **Lauren Traceski Masson**

*as Sarafina*

This is Lauren's eighth season with the Favarh Players. She 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, Teen Fiona in Shrek, Shawanda in Elf, Babette in Beauty & the Beast, and a Harem Girl in Aladdin. Lauren is 31 and a lifelong resident at Bear Woods in Canton. 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.



### **Scott Masson**

*as Ensemble*

This is Scott's third season with the Favarh Players. He was previously in Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin. Scott is 33 years old and a resident at Bear Woods in Canton. He works with a Favarh crew in Southington. In his free time he loves playing video games and watching sports.

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Mary Mathis**

*as Ensemble*

This is Mary's fifth season with the Favarh Players. She has previously played a Munchkin in the Wizard of Oz, young Fiona in Shrek, one of the elves in Elf and Chip in Beauty and the Beast. Mary also has a role in the film Sign Man. Mary is 30 and a resident of Wethersfield, CT. She is a graduate of Wethersfield High School, The Transition Academy at the University of Hartford, and has completed Project Search at UConn Health through Favarh. Mary currently works at the Arts Center at HARC.



### **Ben McAlenney**

*as Ensemble*

Ben has participated in the Favarh Players for a number of years. He also likes to hang out with his friends on Men's Night playing basketball and taking Zumba classes. Having his own apartment makes him very happy and proud.



### **Zianna Miller**

*as Pumba*

Zianna is 14 years old and goes to the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts. She has performed in shows with Hartford Stage and Connecticut Family Theatre. The Lion King Jr. is her first performance with the Favarh Players and would love to continue to perform with them again.



### **Shannon Morin**

*as Ensemble*

Shannon is 21 years old and graduating from Plainville High School in June, 2024. She wants to be as independent as possible and plans on working at Acme Monaco in New Britain after she graduates. Shannon loves and is very good at puzzles and has no problem with 1000 piece puzzles. This is Shannon's first year performing with Favarh and has enjoyed meeting new friends.



---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Steve Morris**

*as Mufasa*

Steve has been performing with the Favarh Players on and off since 2008. Steve lives in Burlington with the lovely Cherie Morris and he works in Canton for a fairly wellrun non-profit organization. He is a better-than-average cook, a pretty good writer, and he hates cleaning bathrooms.



### **Kimberly Sczygiel**

*as Ensemble*

Kim has been in the theatre program for quite some time and she likes it very much. She is really enjoying the production of The Lion King Jr. and wants everyone to do their best work for this production. She would like to thank Sean and Lori for an awesome job setting the program up. Much appreciated! Her boyfriend, John and she, are enjoying the rehearsals together. Break a leg fellow actors!



### **Bella Silva**

*as Ensemble*

This is Bella's second year with the Favarh Players and she is having the best time! Bella lives in Wethersfield with her Mom and Dad. Last year she played a townsperson in Aladdin Jr. and 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 the Pit, and finished her senior year as a member of the Color Guard, performing at Nationals at MetLife Stadium. Bella & her family would like to thank Favarh along with the cast and crew for providing such wonderful opportunities through their programs and recreational activities. Break a leg everyone!

---

## WHO'S WHO

---



### **Joe Theroux**

*as Adult Simba (King)*

This is Joe's second season with the Favarrh Players and he is so excited to be playing Adult Simba (aka the Leading Role). Prior to The Lion King Jr., Joe played Lago, the parrot, in Disney's Aladdin Jr. Shout out to my family, my friends, and Chief Lori for the chance to bring this iconic role to life. Hope you enjoy the show!



### **Liz Troiano**

*as Group Leader Ensemble*

This is Liz's 5th show with the Favarrh Players. She has performed in the ensemble for Shrek, Elf, Beauty & the Beast, and Aladdin. Liz lives in Simsbury and works in one of Favarrh's residential apartments. Liz truly enjoys performing with the Favarrh Players. We learn together, we laugh together, and we all become more confident, not only on stage but in our everyday lives too. Liz wishes to thank Lori for her hard work and dedication.



If your child's pre-K – 6th grade public-school experience isn't supporting their needs, you don't have to tackle the solutions alone. I help families like yours understand their student's educational rights under IDEA, and will work with you and your school district to ensure those rights are upheld. **Being a kid is hard, but getting a fair education doesn't have to be.**



**SHANNON K. LEARY**  
Special Education Advocate

860-573-7600 | [s.knall@me.com](mailto:s.knall@me.com)



---

## SPONSORS & DONORS

---

### **Mufasa**                    **\$2,000.00 and up**

Debra and Paul McAllenney  
Ellen Jeane Goldfarb Memorial Charitable Trust  
Northwest Community Bank  
RBC Wealth  
TJMaxx  
Tom Potter Family

### **Sarabi**                    **\$1,000.00 and up**

Dan, Fay & Rick Lenz  
David Mathis Family  
Farmington Unico

### **Simba**                    **\$500.00 and up**

Fran Traceski  
Greenhalgh Family  
Hill & Partners  
Janet Traceski  
Jessica Poon  
Nancy Bittner & Dave Rossmiller  
Sharon & James Cable

### **Nala**                    **\$200.00 and up**

Andrea Melanson  
Bianca Family & Frances Cameron  
Dr. Valerie Wiseman & Tom Smith  
Encon Construction  
Father Stevens  
Favarh Board of Directors  
Meekyung Kim  
Patti & Manuel Silva  
Shannon Leary  
Shelagh McClure & Tom Fiorentino  
Silvia Kowolenko

### **Donors**

Amanda & Jamis Conrad  
Duff Family  
Janira Bonilla-Cruz  
Liz Troiano

---

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

---

To all the parents, volunteers, helpers, and other friends of Favarrh,  
THANK YOU!!!!

### **Favarh Family and Friends**

#### **Fundraising Committee**

Fay Lenz (Co-Chair)

Joanne Johnson (Co-Chair)

Anne Corbosiero

Betty Drexler

Darlene Sczygiel

Erica LuBonta

Fran Traceski

Janet Traceski

Kelly Lopez

Laurie Theroux

Noelle Alix

Patti Silva

Roberta Bianca

Sara Batchelder

Shannon Leary

Sharon Cable

Shelagh McClure

Trish Greenhalgh

### **Additional Helpers**

Ava Conrad

Amanda Conrad

Caroline Alix

Cherie Walton Morris

Erica Lowell

Jack Knall

Jim Seddon

Kelly Day

Liz Troiano

Lori Solak & CT Family Theatre

Penny Phillips

Robin & Scott Atwater

Ronelle Cipolla

Robin Batchelder

Sean McCarthy

Val Wiseman

Vu Tran

American Flatbread

Red Stone Pub

Spigot Café

Walmart

If we have missed anyone, we apologize.

You all matter so much! Thank you!

---

## SYNOPSIS

---

RAFIKI gathers the ANIMALS of the Pridelands to welcome the newborn cub of King MUFASA and Queen SARABI (Circle of Life with Nants' Ingonyama). The King's jealous brother SCAR, no longer the heir to the throne, skips the ceremony, upsetting Mufasa. Time passes (GrasslandsChant) and YOUNG SIMBA grows into a curious young lion. Mufasa explains the circle of life and that Young Simba will one day be King of the Pridelands. Young Simba shares this news with Scar, who encourages his nephew to visit the forbidden Elephant Graveyard. Young Simba finds his best friend YOUNG NALA hunting with SARAFINA and the LIONESSES (The LionessHunt) and invites her on his adventure. Once they ditch their overbearing babysitter ZAZU (I Just Can't Wait to Be King) the cubs encounter the ravenous SHENZI, BANZI, and ED in the graveyard. Mufasa arrives and pummels the hyenas then takes the cubs home. Scar emerges from the darkness to recruit the HYENAS in his murderous plan to become king (Be Prepared). Back in the Pridelands, Mufasa reprimands Young Simba then shares the guidance of their ancestors, up the stars (They Live in You).

Enacting his plan, Scar leaves Young Simba alone in the gorge and signals the hyenas to scare a herd of wildebeest (The Stampede). Scar alerts Mufasa, who leaps into the stampede to save his son. Mufasa rescues Young Simba, but Scar pushes his brother back into the gorge, where he is trampled. Scar blames Young Simba for the King's death and tells him to run away and never return. As Sarabi, Young Nala, Rafiki, and the lionesses mourn the loss of Mufasa and Young Simba (The Mourning), Scar assumes the throne, uniting lions and hyenas under his dark reign. Lost in the desert, Young Simba meets TIMON and PUMBA, who take him to their "worry-free" jungle home (Hakuna Matata).

Under Scar's reign, the Pridelands are nearly destroyed. Now grown, NALA decides to leave and seek help (Shadowland). To her delight, she finds SIMBA alive in the jungle (Can You Feel the Love Tonight). Nala urges him to take his rightful place as king, but still ashamed, Simba refuses. Rafiki appears and helps Simba remember his father (He Lives in You). With newfound courage, Simba agrees to return to the Pridelands. Timon and Pumba distract the hyenas (Luau Hawaiian Treat) while Nala rallies the lionesses. Simba confronts his uncle, the truth of Mufasa's murder is revealed, and Scar runs away, pursued by angry hyenas. With peace restored in the Pridelands, Simba takes his place as king and the circle of life continues (Finale).

---

## AUTOGRAPHS

---

## AUTOGRAPHS

## ABOUT FAVARH



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

Today, Favarh supports more than 350 youths, adults, seniors, and families throughout the Farmington Valley area and beyond.

Our mission: To Help Each Person Achieve Their Personal Best.

## Favarh Thrift Shop



Unique One-Of-A-Kind Finds  
100% Proceeds Support Favarh  
250 Albany Turnpike,  
Canton, CT 06019

**Favarh Players** is a troupe of actors with and without disabilities that began performing in 2008. In this inclusive model, actors practice and perform together and along the way develop confidence, focus, and lasting friendships. The magic happens both on stage and off, providing powerful, life-altering experiences for all our actors and their audiences.

Each year, Favarh Players adds a few new members to the cast. If interested, please fill out an interest form at [favarh.org/theater](http://favarh.org/theater).

**Our theater program relies on the financial support of good people like you who believe in supporting the arts and the artists.**

**Go to the QR code below, or [favarh.org/give](http://favarh.org/give) to donate to Favarh Players.**

**Thank you for making sure that the show will go on!**

