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7:00 PM

Northside High School Auditorium

7868 Free Union Church Rd

Pinetown, NC 27865

*Directed by: Jennifer Woolard*

Cast

Rafiki………………………………………………………………………………Megan Gibbs

Mufasa……………………………….………………………………………………Nic Jordan

Sarabi………………………………………………………………………..…Rhynn Alligood

Baby Simba/Young Lioness….……………….Paisley Waters/Alyssa Coltrain

Zazu…………………………………………………………………….……….Maria Winfield

Scar………………………………………………………………………..………..Charlie Gray

Young Simba…………………………………………………..…………….Raylee Harper

Simba……….………………………………………………………………………Jakob Fisher

Young Nala………………………………………………………………………..Mariah Hux

Nala………………………………………………………………………………….Emma Davis

Sarafina…………………………………………………………………..Mikaleigh Steptoe

Banzai……………………………………………………………………..………Calin Warren

Tatum Biggs

Shenzi…………………………………………………………………………….……Kira Gibbs

Ed……………………………………………………………………………………Nick Roberts

Hyenas……………………………………………………………….….Mercedes Harmon

Alex Jordan

Kiley Jackson

Mikaleigh Steptoe

**Abby Jarvis** is a Senior at Northside High School. She has had the pleasure of being Sound Tech during summers at the Historic Turnage Theater in Washington. Productions that she has been involved with there are *Willie Wonka*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Charlotte’s Web*, *Frozen Jr.*, and her favorite, *Mama Mia*. Abby’s talent and dedication continued to be Sound Tech at NHS for *Shrek* and the Battle of the Arts which included all four plays last year. She received an award in 2022 for her dedication to the Arts Department. Abby is a member of the Track and Field Team since last year when she received the Rookie of the Year award and went to State Competition.

**Devin Wynn** is a sophomore at Northside High School and is operating the lights for the *Lion King Jr Musical*. This is his first time performing in a school musical, but he is looking forward to being in all future musicals and other school productions.

**Lucas Council**, sophomore, is part of our stage crew. Last year he played the role of Pied Piper, in our production of Shrek. He enjoys working on cars and is a volunteer firefighter. Lucas had an onstage role in Battle for the Arts, for the last two years.  He plans to enlist in the U.S. Army and work as a mechanic.

**Mercedes Harmon** has been in multiple productions mostly with a pending non-profit, Haunted Pamlico. My most recent was Murder On The Pamlico by Alternative Stage. I enjoy Musicals and Plays and aspire to be a Professor at ECU.

M**ikaleigh Steptoe** is a freshman here at NHS. She is a member of the ensemble for *Lion King, Jr*. She has been a member of choir for 5 years, performed in Stepping Out and has participated in a couple of pageants. She wants to say thanks for her parents’ hard work, so that she can be devoted to the musical.

**Tatum Biggs** is a Junior at NHS. She is Junior Class President and in between musical practices you can also find her on the soccer field. She has participated in almost all the fine arts extracurriculars at Northside and has been acting since she was little. She wrote and directed the class of 2024s Battle of the Arts script for 2 consecutive years. After graduating, she plans to attend UNC Chapel Hill to pursue a degree in business.

**Kira Gibbs** is a freshman and plays the role of *Shenzi*. She helped run the sound board for Battle for the Arts this past fall and played the role of Ms. Boyd in the freshmen skit. She has been a flutist in the band for the last four years.

**Alex Jordan** is a freshman. Alex has not participated in theater before but was persuaded by his friends to give this a try. We’re glad he did!

**Summer Whitley** plays *Timon* in this year’s *Lion King Jr.* She in the 11th grade and has enjoyed being in musical theater for years. Summer has been a part of *Shrek*, *Annie*, *Aladdin*, and now *The Lion King.*

**Devin Whichard** plays *Pumbaa* in this year’s *Lion King Jr.* He is a junior at Nothside High School and has enjoyed being in the theater scene these past few years. He was in *Shrek* last year. He is a volunteer fireman with Pinetown fire department and plans to have his own mechanic shop one day.

Timon……………………………………………………………………….Summer Whitley

Pumbaa……………………………………………………………………..Devin Whichard

Giraffes.............................................................................Lucas Council

Nic Moore

Ensemble…………………………………………………………….Addyson Davenport

Mariah Jones

Sierra Minor

Landon Modlin

Jayvian O’Neal

Trinity O’Neal

Kayla White

Makayla Flynn

Gabby Mullen

Sound & Light Crew……………………………………………………………Abby Jarvis

Jackson Waycaster

Devin Wynn

Cast Bios

**Megan Gibbs** plays Rafiki in this year’s *Lion King, Jr.* Last year she played *Mama Bear* in *Shrek Jr.* Megan also participates in Battle of the Arts, the vocal concert, and the dance recital.

**Nic Jordan** plays Mufasa. In addition to participating in this year’s musical, he enjoyed last year’s *Shrek Jr.* and Battle for the Arts. When not participating in school activities, he enjoys hunting and fishing.

**Rhynn Alligood** plays the role of *Sarabi* in *Lion King* and is part of the ensemble. In *Shrek*, she played the roles *Fiona, Pinnochio*, and was a *Duloc performer*. She has participated in several stage productions such as *Aladdin Kids*, *Annie Kids*, *Willie Wonka Kids*. She has played the role of *Ariel* in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Elsa* in *Frozen Jr.*, *Pepper* in *Mamma Mia*, *Willy Wonka* in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, *MockTurtle* in *Alice in Wonderland*, and the *Ghost of Christmas Past* in *A Christmas Carol;* all musicals. She has played the role of *Mollie* in *Agatha Christie’s Mousetrap*. She had a singing role in *All Together Now* performed in conjunction with Whirlygig Theater at The State Theater in Greenville, NC and had a role in Battle for the Arts at Northside for the last two years. She has written and directed a comedy T.V. program in the Arts of Video and Broadcasting class. In addition to writing and acting in her spare time, Rhynn enjoys creating visual arts and watching historic based programs. After high school, Rhynn will go to a four-year university and decide on her career.

**Maria Winfield** is a sophomore and plays the role of Zazu. She participated in Battle of the Arts as ensemble in 2021 and is an officer of the Skills USA club. Maria has been in band for six years and is interested in ROTC color guard and expeditions.

**Charlie Gray** plays the role of *Scar*. He is currently a junior. Charlie loves acting, writing, and singing. Charlie had a role in a comedy written with Rhynn Alligood and produced by the Art of Video and

Broadcasting class. He has also participated in *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* at the Turnage Theatre. He is a member of the Poetry Club and Video Club, has been in the STEM program, and participated in a variety of competitions in Math and Science. Charlie is interested in having a career in science and writing/acting one day.

**Raylee Harper** is a freshman playing *Young Simba*. She has been in *The Lion King Jr.*, *Willy Wonka Jr.,* Battle of the Arts, and participates in Christmas plays. In the future, she plans to become either a travel nurse or Broadway performer. Raylee was also featured in the Profile 2023 Artisans of Beaufort County Article for *The Washington Daily News.*

**Jakob Fisher** is a sophomore playing the role of *Simba*. In *Shrek, Jr.*, he played the role of *Knight* and *Guard*. He enjoys skateboarding, surfing, playing soccer and videogaming in his free time. Jakob wants to attend NC State University to study Criminal Justice.

**Mariah Hux** is a sophomore and plays the role of *Young Nala* and a lioness in the ensemble. Last year, in *Shrek*, she played the role of *Teen Fiona*, *Pig #3 of the Three Pigs*, *Duloc Performer*, and *Storyteller*. She has performed in 3 musicals at Bath Middle School, she played *Grace Farrell* in *Annie*, was the *Candy Man* in *Willy Wonka*, and participated in *Aladdin*. She also has performed with her class for the last two years for Battle for The Arts.

**Emma Davis** plays the role of *Nala* in this production. In *Shrek, Jr.* she played the roles of *Teen Fiona*, *Baby Bear*, and *Duloc performer*. She is a junior and has had stage roles in The Bandstand, Aladdin, *High School Musical*, and was the lead as the part of *Annie* in *“Annie” Kids*. Emma has also played a role in Battle for the Arts, and she is also a part of a singing trio competition for her church, First Free Will Baptist. Emma is a Member of the National Honors Society, and she has also cheered for three years. After high school Emma will go to a four-year college and pursue a career in acting and singing.