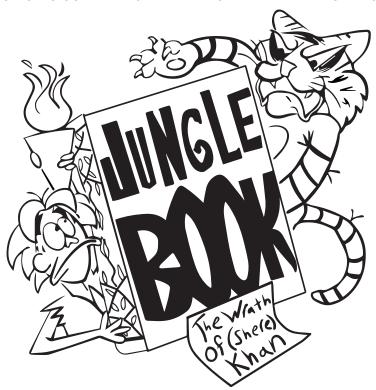
#### SMCT'S SUMMER CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS



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#### From The Director's Chair

Welcome to Swamp Meadow's Summer Children's Theater. It has been an honor to direct this talented group of kids. When I began my journey with SMCT back in January, I never would have thought that I could have gone from doing a show about pee to directing my first play, but here we are. This has been a fantastic experience. Everyone has put so much work and dedication into this show, and I am incredibly proud of how it has turned out.

When I first started working on this show, my goal was to help the kids build a love for theater, as other people did for me. This cast has kids aged 6-16 and they have all gotten so close in such a short amount of time. Everyone was able to learn from each other and implement that into the show. Once they started to feel comfortable they started to feed off each other's energy onstage. I love seeing the light in their eyes when they are on stage. Every single one of them should feel proud of what they have accomplished.

The rehearsal process was a learning experience for everyone. Each person is different and through rehearsals, I tried to format ways to help give the kids an opportunity to grow as both people and actors along with helping them discover the character inside themselves. The kids were given games and exercises that helped their onstage performance in a fun way! For example, we played "The Sky is Blue" to help find new ways to say your lines and give an impact on the audience, we learned "The Test" to help with annunciation and articulation, and we did warm-up exercises before we started rehearsal to get the energy going and get them ready to shine. Additionally, the collaborative nature of theater allows individuals to develop essential life skills. Effective communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and adaptability are honed throughout the rehearsal process. Cast and crew members learn to work together, respect each other's ideas, and navigate challenges.

This show could not go on without this amazing team. So many people that you don't see behind the scenes putting so much effort into this production. I am so thankful for everyone who saw my vision and made it come to fruition! Thank you to my parents for always supporting me and driving me around all the time. I wouldn't be who I am without them. Thank you, Shannon and Tyler for being the first people I ever met at SMCT and welcoming me. Thank you Merynn, Tyler, Joe, and Steph for being by my side during these rehearsals and being such a big help in so many aspects. Thank you Shannon and Audrey for writing this amazing script. Thank you to Tiffany for coming up with the ideas and building this incredible set. Thank you to my brain for not going crazy during all of this, and thank you to everyone else who is making this production wildly fun!

I want to finish this off by thanking this incredible cast. You all put so much time, dedication, and effort into this and I am so proud of all of you. Thank you for always trying and listening to my crazy ideas. You brought my vision to life and I hope to see all of you again. Never give up on your dreams. You are capable of anything you put your mind to!

Leilani-Thérèse Lavallee, Director

# Cast

Narrator	Emma Casazza
Jungle Lawyer	Arlo Tibbetts
Mowgli	
Mother Wolf	Hazel Lear
Father Wolf	Lucian Friel
Wolf Cubs	Kairi Fullerton
	James Loghry
Rann	
Young Mother Wolf	Kairi Fullerton
Young Father Wolf	
Shere Khan	
Tabaqui	Presley Blanchette
Akela	Brenton Small
Turtle	
Impressionable Wolf	Savannah Rueb
Rikki Tikki Tavi	Josie Flynn
Bagheera	Brooke Gorman
Baloo	Marlee Salvo
Ikki	Gavin Dauwer
Monkeys	Cara Grossman
	Hazel O'Neill
	Dario Spaziano
Kaa	Gianna Mullen
Kaa Understudy	
Messua	Sophie Bettencourt
Villagers	Lucy DiSanto
Cows	
	Micah Hall
	Zachary Moody

### Crew

Director	Leilani-Thérèse Lavallee
Stage Manager	Steph Boekamp
	Joe Beaudreault
Mentor Director	Merynn Flynn
Producer	Tyler H. Vigeant
Set Design	Tiffany Medrano
	Drake Lowe
Sound Operator	Kaylee Bowater
Costume Production	Evelyn Dubois
Puppet Design	Beth Descoteaux
= = =	Rob LeBeau
	Thérèse Lavallee
	Tyler H. Vigeant
	Audrey Dubois and Shannon McLoud

Special thanks to Brown University and John Street Studio for the use of their tree stump.

Special thanks to AssemblyACT and the Town of Burrillville for the use of the Assembly Theatre and our continued partnership.

Special thanks to Viola Medrano, Fern Medrano, Josie Flynn, and our wonderful set, prop, and costume builder parents and friends!

## Cast



**Sophie Bettencourt,** she/her, Messua. Sophie previously appeared in SMCT's *Rock of Ages Jr.* (Hilda Klinemann). She has also been in *Seussical the Musical*. **Hobbies:** Singing, acting, writing, and sewing. **Personal Statement:** I am very happy to be in another show with SMCT!



**Presley Blanchette**, she/her, Tabaqui. This is Presley's first time with SMCT. **Other Experience**: Cheerleader, classmate, and Tickle the Dog in *Junie B. Jones, The Musical JR* (AssemblyACT), Periwinkle in *Dear Edwina JR* (AssemblyACT), Pamela "Pammy" Buchanan in an original stage production of *Gatsby* (AssemblyACT), Ladybug in *James and the Giant Peach* (RISE IR.), Gretl von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* 

(RISE). **Hobbies:** Singing, dancing (Marie K. Jennison School of Dance), figure skating (Burrillville Figure Skating Association), painting, makeup artistry, journaling. **Personal Statement:** Presley would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her love of theatre and budding career, especially her mommy and daddy who encourage her to follow her dreams.



**Emma Casazza,** she/her, Narrator. This is Emma's first play with SMCT. **Other Experience:** Emma has appeared in many musicals and productions beginning at the age of 5. Some of her most recent performances are: Belinda Cratchit in Stadium Theatre's Production of *A Christmas Carol,* Bulda in *Frozen Jr.* with the Academy Players, Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast* with G. Cole Productions,

and Young Anna with the Gallagher Middle School Players. **Hobbies:** Other than acting, Emma loves to write, sing, sew, take photos, build with LEGOS, and see other shows and performances. **Personal Statement:** I have had an amazing time with the cast and crew of this production! Being the Narrator in *The Jungle Book: The Wrath of Shere Khan* has helped me learn many things and helped me improve as an actress. I am so glad I had this opportunity with SMCT and can't wait to be in shows with them again!



Dear Gavin,

# YOU WERE BORN FOR THE STAGE!

Congratulations on your debut performance as Ikki! We're so proud of you. Now it's time for you to shine.

Love you so much, Mom and Pad



Dear Leilani,
Congratulations on
directing your first
show! You have a
bright future ahead —
reach for the stars!
Love, The Danver's

BREAK A LEG Jungle Book Crew & Cast!



Gavin Dauwer, he/him, Ikki.

This is Gavin's first time with SMCT. He has taken theatre classes and camps at Stadium Theatre. **Hobbies:** When not on stage, Gavin is training with his Ocean State School of Gymnastics team. He also loves to dance, horseback ride, read (especially books by Stuart Gibbs), play on his iPad, and go to the playground. **Personal Statement:** I'm very excited to

be in this performance! I made a lot of friends in the cast and crew and I loved playing telephone together. It's going to be fun having my friends and family in the audience, too. Thank you for watching my many living room shows and for supporting me for my first real show!



**Lucy DiSanto,** she/her, Turtle, Villager. This is Lucy's first time with SMCT. This is also Lucy's first show! **Hobbies:** Her hobbies include acting, playing piano, and singing. **Personal Statement:** I'm so excited to be a part of this show!



Josie Flynn, she/her, Rikki Tikki Tavi. This is Josie's first time with SMCT, and Josie's first show! Hobbies: Her hobbies include drawing, wrestling, jiu-jitsu, and judo. Personal Statement: I'm so happy I get to be with SMCT and I love my fellow castmates, and I hope they go on to do great things!



**Lucian Friel,** he/him, Father Wolf. This is Lucian's first time with SMCT. **Other Experience:** In December 2022, Lucian performed as the Owl Clock, Human Prince, and Ned in *The Nutcracker*, Sven in *Frozen* in April 2023, and sang ensemble and duet in *A Valentine's Cabaret* in February 2023.



**Kairi Fullerton**, she/her, Young Mother Wolf, Cow. This is Kairi's first time with SMCT. This is also her first play, ever! **Hobbies:** Kairi loves to sing, swim, and color. **Personal Statement:** I was nervous at first, but I've gotten over my fears!



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Brooke Gorman, she/her, Bagheera.
This is Brooke's first time with SMCT. Other
Experience: Brooke most recently appeared in the
Addams Family musical. Hobbies: When not on stage,
Brooke enjoys hiking, singing and swimming. She does
tap, ballet, Jazz, and hiphop classes once a week and
occasionally does some gymnastics. Personal
Statement: I have loved my experience with SMCT and

will gladly work with them again! I would like to thank my friends and family for supporting me! I would also like to thank my amazing castmates for making this show truly come alive.



Cara Grossman, she/her, Cow, Monkey.
Cara loves performing at Swamp Meadow, where she had so much fun with Lessons of Legend before the pandemic and Rock of Ages last summer. Other Experience: The Jungle Book is her eighteenth performance overall. Some recent shows include Don't Stop Believin' in Love: Valentine's Cabaret, The Nutcracker, and An Evening with Roald Dahl. Hobbies: When she's not performing she loves drawing, hiking.

sledding, hosting slumber parties, and making up elaborate stories to tell her stuffies. **Personal Statement:** Thanks for the opportunity, Merynn, Tyler, Leilani, Steph, and Joe. "Find the bright side!".



**Micah Hall**, he/him, Cow. This is Micah's first time with SMCT. He has past experience with The Little Theater on Broad Street. Hobbies: He enjoys Legos and gaming.



**Hazel Lear,** she/her, Mother Wolf.
Hazel has been in 7 other SMCT productions, including *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, James and the Giant Peach,* and *Shrek the Musical Jr.* **Hobbies:** Hazel enjoys baking, listening to music, painting, reading, and writing. **Personal Statement:** I don't know how to act!

### Way to go, James!

Love, Gigi

To James:
Grandpa and Grandma
are very proud of you
and know you will do
an amazing job in this
your first play!!
You have always done
your very best at
school, soccer and
baseball and we look
forward to seeing you
do excellent at this
as well!

Lots of love, Grandma and Grandpa

#### James,

We are so proud of our "little song and dance man" in your debut show! You bring us such joy and we are glad you can share it with others! Jeremiah 29:11



Love, Grampys and Grammie

Congratulations! Go break a leg James and the entire cast of The Jungle Book! We are so very proud of all your hard work and dedication.

Have fun!

Love,

Mommy and Daddy



James Loghry, he/him, Young Father Wolf, Monkey. This is James's first time with SMCT. This is also his debut show! Hobbies: When James isn't on stage, he enjoys playing soccer and baseball. You'll often find him with his nose in a book or singing and dancing wherever he goes! Personal Statement: This has been an awesome experience for me and I look forward to future shows! Thank you to my family for supporting me!



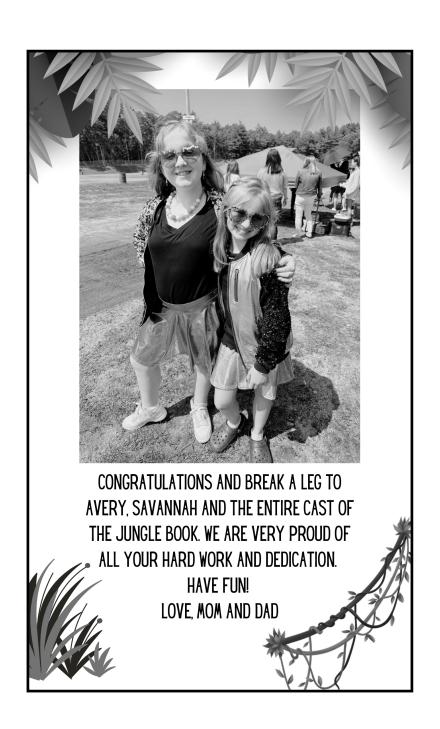
**Emily McGuire,** she/her, Kaa Understudy. This is Emily's first play with SMCT. **Other Experience:** She has also been in *Suessical Jr.* with PMS where she played Young Kangaroo. **Hobbies:** She enjoys gaming, reading, and drawing. **Personal Statement:** "There are no wrong answers."



**Zachary Moody,** he/him, Cow.
This is Zachary's first time with SMCT. **Other Experience:** He has most recently appeared as Yertle the Turtle in Ponaganset Middle School's production of *Seussical*. He has also been in *The Wizard of Oz* (Tin Man), and several appearances with Big Nazo. **Hobbies:** He enjoys drawing, piano, drums, and Legos. **Personal Statement:** Thank you for the opportunity to be part of such an amazing cast and crew!



**Gianna Mullen**, she/her, Kaa, Villager.
This is Gianna's first time with SMCT. **Other Experience**: School plays. **Hobbies**: Riding bikes, swimming, playing games, and talking to people. **Personal Statement**: I'm glad to be playing a sssssnake and a villager! It has been a really fun experience.





Hazel O'Neill, she/her, Wolf Cub, Monkey.
This is Hazel's first production with SMCT. Other
Experience: Previous credits include A Christmas
Story: The Musical (Noelle), A Grimm Mystery (Little
Red), Seussical the Musical (Cindy Lou Who), A
Christmas Carol (Want), James and the Giant Peach
(Ensemble), and The Sound of Music (Marta), all with
RISE. Hobbies: Hazel is also a prolific artist, singer,

dancer, and the writer/director/star of the short films *It's Time to Become a Princess, It's Time to Become a Rock Star,* and *It's Time to Become a Indigo*, available on her Stripey Dirt Productions YouTube channel. **Personal Statement:** Hazel would like to give a shout-out to her best friend Presley, who helped introduce her to SMCT!



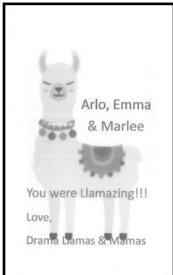
Avery Rueb, she/her, Shere Khan.
This is Avery's first time with SMCT. Other
Experience: Avery most recently appeared as a Who family member in *Seussical the Musical* during her debut at the Ponaganset Middle School drama club. Hobbies: When not on stage, Avery enjoys reading and drawing. She loves crafting and making clay designs. She plays basketball and softball and

enjoys learning new golf tips with her Dad. **Personal Statement:** I am so excited to be part of this play and given the experience for the role I was most looking forward to playing! Thank you to my family and my besties for pushing me to do this and helping support me.



Savannah Rueb, she/her, Impressionable Wolf. This is Savannah's first experience doing any kind of play, thanks to her sister's interest, She has decided acting is a fun way to express herself. Hobbies: When not on stage, Savannah enjoys playing sports including lacrosse, basketball, soccer and golf. She is always willing to try a new sport but also loves to draw and express her creative side in her art. Personal

**Statement:** I am nervous but so excited to be part of this play. Thank you to my sister and my family for helping support me. It's been a blast!



Thanks to the cast and crew for bringing our vision to life and making our script even more hilarious!

-Audrey and Shannon

#### SERAFINA, DARIO AND FLORA-WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



BREAK A LEG.
LOVE, MOM, DAD, OLLIE AND THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Marlee Salvo, she/her, Baloo.
This is Marlee's first time with SMCT. Other
Experience: Marlee appeared in *The Little Mermaid* as
Flotsam. She also has been in *Singing in the Rain, Willy Wonka*, and *Annie*, along with many more. Hobbies:
Some of Marlee's hobbies are cross country, singing, and playing guitar. Personal Statement: I am super excited about my role as Baloo! Thank you SMCT for this wonderful opportunity.



**Brenton Small,** he/him, Akela. This is Brenton's first time with SMCT, or with any production. **Hobbies:** Brenton loves basketball and soccer when he is not on stage. **Personal Statement:** I love working with this team and had so much fun.



**Dario Spaziano,** he/him, Monkey. This is Dario's first production anywhere! **Hobbies:** Soccer, soccer, and soccer, piano, drawing, kung fu, physics, and reading. **Personal Statement:** Do or do not, there is no try!



**Flora Spaziano,** she/her, Monkey. This is Flora's first time in any production. **Hobbies:** Drawing, kung fu, singing, and dancing. **Personal Statement:** If you fall, I help you up!



**Serafina Spaziano,** she/her, Rann. Serafina previously appeared in SMCT's *Rock of Ages Jr.* (Denise Dupree) and *Lessons of Legend* (Jellyfish). **Hobbies:** Her hobbies include theater, basketball, drawing art, and reading. **Personal Statement:** Never give up! Josiah, we are so proud of you! Continue to be who God has called you to be. You have made us so proud.

Always remember FAITH DOES NOT MAKE THINGS EASY IT MAKES THEM POSSIBLE!!! CONGRATULATIONS!





Josiah Tavarez, he/him, Mowgli.

Josiah hasn't been in many shows with SMCT but he is looking forward to doing more shows with SMCT. He is a talented 12-year-old actor who was born with a passion for performing. Josiah has showcased his skills in various stage productions, including playing the role of Pugsley in *The Addams Family*. One of his most recent accomplishments is landing the role of Mowgli

in *The Jungle Book*. With each performance, Josiah continues to develop his skills and carve a path for himself in the world of theater. His passion, dedication, and heart is what makes him loved by those around him. As he continues to grow and explore his craft, it is clear that Josiah has a bright future ahead. **Hobbies:** Josiah's hobbies include, acting, singing, football, basketball, and gaming. **Personal Statement:** Josiah is thankful to be in a production like this and is thankful for everyone who helped make this show possible. And sometimes "You need a moment to explode!"-Pugsly Addams



Arlo Tibbetts, they/them, Jungle Lawyer.
Arlo is happy to be working with SMCT for the first time. Other Experience: They have experiences with other companies such as GCOLE Productions, Academy Players, and Starbound Theater. Some of their favorite roles include Cogsworth in GCOLE's Beauty and the Beast, Oaken in the Gallagher Wolfpack Player's production of Frozen Jr, and Ensemble in Starbound Theater's production of Christmas Carol: A New Musical.

**Hobbies:** While offstage, Arlo enjoys playing saxophone, ocarina, piano, and others, alongside going for walks and playing with their pets. **Personal Statement:** They are so glad to be working with Swamp Meadow Community Theater and hope to continue working with their fellow peers. They would like to thank their friends and family for their love and support and SMCT for this amazing opportunity.

# We would like to congratulate the talented cast and crew members of

The Jungle Book The Wrath of (Shere) Khan!



#### Gavin (Ikki),

We wish you the best on your first performance, can't wait to watch you shine on stage!

Love, Vovós Dora & Joe

#### Leilani,

You are an amazing role model – congratulations on directing your first show!

Love, your godparents Dora & Joe



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## Crew



**Leilani-Thérèse Lavallee,** she/her, Director. Leilani has appeared as Tiny in SMCT's production of *Urinetown*. **Other Experience:** Leilani has been in various other shows including The Addams Family (Morticia), multiple productions with State Ballet RI and Next Stop Broadway, and performing the entirety of Les Misérables by herself in her living room.

Hobbies: When not onstage or reminiscing past shows, Leilani can be found in ballet pointe/ technique class, hiking, kayaking, traveling, and doing humanitarian work. Personal Statement: Leilani is a student at Brae-Crest School of Ballet, a vocal student of Alayne Archer, and an acting student of Jeff Blanchette. She aspires to be on Broadway and in film and is currently pursuing theater schools in New York and abroad. In addition to her performing arts, she is an annual member of the National Honor Society and the Providence Performing Arts Center's ART Scholarship Committee. Leilani is also passionate about community service and volunteers at a wide variety of organizations that deal with youth empowerment, bullying prevention, and feeding the needy.



**Steph Boekamp,** she/they, Stage Manager. Steph has appeared in SMCT'S *Urinetown* (Little Becky Two-Shoes) and *Rock of Ages Jr.* (Justice Charlier, Mother). **Other Experience:** Ensemble (*Beauty and the Beast Jr.* PVMS), Principal Ehrin/Ensemble (*Freaky Friday Jr.* PVMS). **Hobbies:** When Steph is not at the theater, preparing for an audition, or boring their family with random Broadway facts and trivia, she can

be found at her laptop writing the first page of Broadway's next hit play, or snuggling her 2 dogs, Tide and Parker. Or she's in the kitchen pretending to be on Chopped or Iron Chef. If she's not in these places, run. She's been taken over by a SQUIP and is in desperate need of red mountain dew. **Personal Statement:** "If plan A fails, remember there's 25 more letters" -Chris Guillebeau

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**Joe Beaudreault,** she/her, Assistant Stage Manager. Joe has previously been in SMCT's Lessons of Legend (Arnarkik, Lucky), Shrek the Musical Jr. (Little Pig), You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (Woodstock), and James and the Giant Peach (Ensemble). **Other Experience:** Her other experience includes *Newsies* at East End Theatre & Performing Arts (Hazel) and *Matilda* with Inspiration Performing Arts Company (Sergei). She's worked with AssemblyACT, appearing in *Little* Women (Rodrigo) and Junie B Jones (Junie B Jones). She's also done multiple school shows including *Aladdin* (Ensemble) and *Alice in* Wonderland (Small Alice). She has performed with Inspiration PAC's Traveling Performing Troupe for the past two years. She has experience backstage, being on stage crew for 4 shows. She also partakes in many community and benefit performances with Children's Wishes and others. **Hobbies:** In her free time she likes to figure skate, make jewelry, sing and paint. **Personal Statement:** "Show them all it can be done. If music blares and no one cares who your unruly heart loves" - "It's Time to Dance." The Prom

#### **Merynn Flynn,** she/her, Mentor Director.

Merynn has appeared in 23 SMCT productions, including *Cinderella* (Wicked Stepmother), *Footloose* (Vi Moore), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Pilate), *Tending to Grace* (Agatha), and *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Marcy Park), and *Charlotte's Web 2021* (Charlotte). **Other Experience:** Academy Players of RI, The Mediator Stage, Connecticut Renaissance Faire, The RI Shakespeare Theatre, What Cheer Shakespeare, Epic Theatre Company, Courthouse Center For The Arts, The Complex, Bradley Playhouse, Mystic Seaport Museum, RISE, AssemblyACT, CTC. **Hobbies:** Singing, writing, songwriting, very amateur medoicre artwork. **Personal statement:** I am so proud of these amazingly talented kids and their amazingly talented director and stage managers, who have all worked so hard. KHAAAAAAAAAAN!





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the door and let your emotions out."

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