## VESTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF

MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN

LYRICS BY HOWARD ASHMAN AND GLENN SLATER

> BOOK BY DOUG WRIGHT

BASED ON THE HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN STORY AND THE DISNEY FILM

MUSIC ADAPTED AND ARRANGED BY DAVID WEINSTEIN

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 @ 7 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 27 @ 7 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 28 @ 2 P.M.

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Vestal Middle School

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# SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS



SCENE 1: THE OCEAN SURFACE Fathoms BelowPilot, Sailors, Prince Eric, Grimsby
SCENE 2: KING TRITON'S COURT Daughters of Triton Mersisters
SCENE 3: THE BEACH Human StuffScuttle and the Gulls
SCENE 4: URSULA'S LAIR
SCENE 5: KING TRITON'S COURT
SCENE 6: ARIEL'S GROTTO Part of Your WorldAriel Under the SeaSebastian and Sea Creatures
SCENE 7: THE OCEAN'S SURFACE
SCENE 8: THE BEACH Part of Your World (Reprise)Ariel Part of Your World (Reprise 2)Ariel
SCENE 9: KING TRITON'S COURT She's in LoveMersisters, Flounder
SCENE 10: ARIEL'S GROTTO

## There will be a brief 15 minute intermission



# SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS



Act II

SCENE 11: URSULA'S LAIR Poor Unfortunate Souls Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
SCENE 12: THE BEACH
SCENE 13: THE PALACE KITCHEN Les Poissons Chef Louis and Chefs
SCENE 14: THE PALACE HALL One Step CloserPrince Eric
SCENE 15: THE LAGOON Kiss the GirlSebastian and Lagoon Animals
SCENE 16: THE PALACE HALL The ContestGrimsby, Princesses
SCENE 17: ARIEL'S GROTTO
SCENE 18: URSULA'S LAIR Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise)Ursula
SCENE 19: THE OCEAN'S SURFACE
SCENE 20: THE BEACH Part of Your World (Finale)Ariel, Company

# CAST OF CHARACTERS

Ariel	Megan Klimachefsky
Prince Eric	Davey Drew
Sebastian	Zooey McGinley
Flounder	Hellen Zhang
King Triton	Ciaran Kane
Ursula	Audrey Gabel
Mersister (Aquata)	Natalie Dolan
Mersister (Andrina)	Maddie Dyer
Mersister (Arista)	Eliana Jenks
Mersister (Atina)	Ashiana Uppal
Mersister (Adella)	Virginia Varner
Mersister (Allana)	Riya Venkatesh
Flotsam	Lily Hatala
Jetsam	Emre Balkaya
Scuttle	Gracie Smith
Grimsby	Alex Green
Chef Louis	Addie Cason
Pilot	Aniket Govindaraju
Sea Horse	Lauren DiPiazza
Carlotta	Katelyn Oranu
Princesses	Hemonti Khan, Gabby Laubisch,
	Robin Rodrigues, Faith Stephens,
••••••	Aurora Wilson, Ada Marcin

# CAST OF CHARACTERS



Gulls	.Naveah Bartra Gehres, Ada Marcin, .Emme Stankevich
	.Naveah Bartra Gehres, Maddie Dyer, .Natalie Dolan, Eliana Jenks, Ada Marcin, .Ashiana Uppal, Riya Venkatesh, .Virginia Varner
	.Trey Schafenberg, Ani Wheeler,
Sea Creatures/Lagoon Animals/Party Guests)	. Joud Bataineh, Abigail Bloom, . Gianna Broderick, Josephine Cummiskey, . Abby Cusimano, Ainsley Dizer, . Scarlett Doud, Josey Duffy, Erin Fine, . Arianna Gregrow, Kaelyn Kemak, . Anonti Khan, Hemonti Khan, . Gabby Laubisch, Shiloh Li, Beth Majka, . Sara Merkhan, Amelia Moore, . Olivia Raskin, Lennon Rinker, . Robin Rodrigues, Victoria Schertzer, . Claudia Schleider, Elif Segalini,
	. Ava Slicklen, Faith Stephens, . Shamiiqa Theophile, Aurora Wilson,





DI&ECTOR'S NOTE

EVERY YEAR THE SHOW IS DIFFERENT FROM THE NEXT AND I AM FINDING APPRECIATION IN THE WAY THE STORIES ARE TOLD IN EACH SHOW. MY APPRECIATION OF THIS MUSICAL STEMS FROM THE DISNEY CARTOON MOVIE MANY MOONS AGO. AT THAT TIME, I JUST APPRECIATED THE STORY AND THE MUSIC. NOW I REALIZE THAT THE LITTLE MERMAID JR. ISN'T JUST A STORY ABOUT A YOUNG MERMAID WHO FALLS IN LOVE WITH A HUMAN PRINCE AND GIVES HER VOICE AWAY SO THAT SHE CAN WIN HIM OVER - IT IS A STORY ABOUT IDENTITY, SELF-EXPRESSION,

I AM SO PROUD OF ALL OF THE CAST MEMBERS AND ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK. WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY

RESILIENCE AND SACRIFICIAL LOVE.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE SHOW!

DIRECTOR



# PRODUCTION ST&FF



DIRECTORElaine Laramee
MUSIC DIRECTORTaleah Graham
CHOREOGRAPHER Madison Shear
COSTUME DESIGNER/MAKEUP ARTIST Teresa Battestin
SET DESIGNER/LIGHTING DESIGNERChris Duffy
PROPS MANAGER Kathleen Sheridan Kreidler
SOUND ENGINEER Steve Samsonik (Sunflower Productions)
STAGE MANAGERAnne Coleman ASST. STAGE MANAGERSOlivia Duffy, Maya Stankevich STAGE CREWHiveen Amin, Mia Berger, Anuha Bondalapati, Laney Bubel, Madeleine Coutts, Maxwell Coutts, Yih Hui Lim, Ava McGlynn, Sara McMicken, Silas Ricciardi, Gwenyth Robbins, Abdulbaari Sheikh, Sophia Smith, Naile Ucar, Bruce Warren, Cameron Weisbrod
PARENT/FAMILY VOLUNTEERSMike Cason, Sean Dolan, Tina Dolan, Diana Drew, Sharyn Fine, Heather Gabel, Cheryl Wheeler-Heath, Angelique Ortiz-Kane, Gretchen Laubisch, Ann Majka, Erin Moore, Melissa Ryan
PUBLICITYRegina Felice
PROGRAM DESIGN
VESTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIONAshley McKenna and Melissa Williams

## WE APOLOGIZE IF WE INADVERTENTLY LEFT ANYONE OFF THE PROGRAM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!



# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW





## DAVEY DREW (PRINCE ERIC)

**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience:** musically speaking (2nd grade), Mary Poppins Jr., Matilda Jr., orchestra, chorus **Extra Curricular Activities**: orchestra, chorus, baseball, wrestling, cross country, voice lessons/NYSSMA **Goal**: Get town hall level 15 in Clash of Clans



## CHARLOTTE FRYE (SAILOR)

**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience:** Mary Poppins Jr., Matilda Jr., Chorus **Extra Curricular Activities**: cross country, modified basketball, travel basketball, lacrosse **Goal**: To meet new people and to improve my skills. **Parting Thought**: I am glad to be a part of the musical this year and I wish the 6th and 7th graders best of luck next year.

## AUDREY GABEL (URSULA)



**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience**: The Little Mermaid Jr., Mary Poppins Jr., Matilda Jr., Moana Jr. at EPAC **Extra Curricular Activities**: singing, writing, playing guitar, knitting, theater, reading **Goal**: To make great music and have fun! **Parting Thought:** Middle school is a weird time and I'm very grateful for the positive experience I've had in theater these past three years. All of the adults involved work so hard to make this a fun, rewarding experience, and I've met some of the kindest people I know through these shows. There's a certain type of joy in this community that you just can't find anywhere else. Massive thank you to my family, friends, and everyone who was involved in bringing this story to life. Enjoy the show!

## ALEX GREEN (GRIMSBY)



**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience**: Willy Wonka Jr., Mary Poppins Jr., Matilda Jr., chorus **Extra Curricular Activities**: modified and travel baseball, modified football **Goal**: Just to put on a great performance for everyone going out to support me and everybody else. **Parting Thought**: I would just like to thank absolutely everyone for the great times I have had during these musicals, including Mrs. Laramee, Mrs. Graham, all costume fitters, all of backstage and sound crew, and of course, all of my peers that I have met and worked with through the years. But for now, the show must go on.



#### ANONTI KHAN (ENSEMBLE)

**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience**: none - my first musical! **Extra Curricular Activities**: piano, art classes, soccer, badminton **Goal**: To be more productive and not procrastinate **Parting Thought**: It's sad to see all of my favorite teachers go but I am glad to start a new chapter in my life.

## THE LITTLE MERMAID JR. WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW



## MEGAN KLIMACHEFSKY (ARIEL)

**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience**: Mary Poppins Jr, Matilda Jr., voice lessons, acting classes, chorus, BCMEA, NYSSMA, dance, glee club, sixth-grade select **Extra Curricular Activities**: cheer, gymnastics, musicals **Goal**: To put on an amazing show and to improve my acting. **Parting Thought**: Doing the musical has been an amazing experience. I have met so many great people and have learned so many things. I have loved doing the musical and I am so grateful to all of our directors for making this great experience possible.

## KATELYN ORANU (CARLOTTA)



**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience**: Mary Poppins Jr., Matilda Jr. **Extra Curricular Activities**: travel volleyball, AAU basketball, yearbook club **Goal**: For this musical my goal was to give the audience an exciting and fun experience when watching. **Parting Thought**: I'm so glad I got to make such fun memories with Mary Poppins, Matilda, and now The Little Mermaid. I'm so thankful to be surrounded by such kind and talented people in the cast. I also want to give a big thanks to everyone for working so hard and giving it their all to produce this show! I'm gonna miss everyone so much!



ELIF SEGALINI (ENSEMBLE: MERFOLK, LAGOON CREATURE) Grade: 8 Previous Experience: Matilda Jr. and chorus Extra Curricular Activities: travel volleyball Goal: Become the best version of myself, and try to achieve high goals - also to try the best I can. Parting Thought: I've made so many memories, and met so many people and being on stage can get so nerve wracking, but in the end the results, and the time spent was truly worth it. The experiences is the best thing for me, learning to dance, the music, but also being with my friends and still having fun.



## GRACIE SMITH (SCUTTLE)

**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience:** Mary Poppins Jr., Matilda Jr., chorus **Goal**: To continue being in the musical in high school. **Parting Thought**: I feel very happy and privileged to be given the opportunity to be involved in such a wonderful cast and my hope is that students next year will be able to feel a similar way.



SHAMIIQA THEOPHILE (SEA CREATURE, LAGOON ANIMALS) Grade: 8 Previous Experience: Mary Poppins Jr., Matilda Jr. Goal: My goal is to make the play the most enjoyable and fun to watch and to be the best I can as an ensemble character. Parting Thought: I think that it is important that everyone should remember to do the best you can. The play will become one that you remember forever and this will be the same for the people that come to watch you and everyone who performs a show. Always give your best even if it's at rehearsals, auditions and most importantly the actual play.

# WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW



### VIRGINIA VARNER (ADELLA (MERSISTER)/CHEF)

**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience**: I have been in 9 prior musicals **Extra Curricular Activities**: glee club **Goal**: As I really enjoy both singing and acting, my goal is to continue to participate in these activities throughout high school. **Parting Thought**: Being at Vestal Middle School has allowed me to pursue several musical opportunities that I would not have been able to achieve elsewhere.



## RIYA VENKATESH (ALLANA (MERSISTER)/CHEF)

**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience:** none, this is my first musical **Extra Curricular Activities**: glee club, NYSSMA, Area All State, student council, Indian classical dance, volleyball, Taekwondo, chorus **Goal**: Keep the friends I made during this musical. **Parting Thought**: When I first started this musical, I was surrounded by people I didn't know, and saying hello seemed the hardest thing to do. But now that we have spent so much time together, saying goodbye seems impossible. I am so lucky to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.



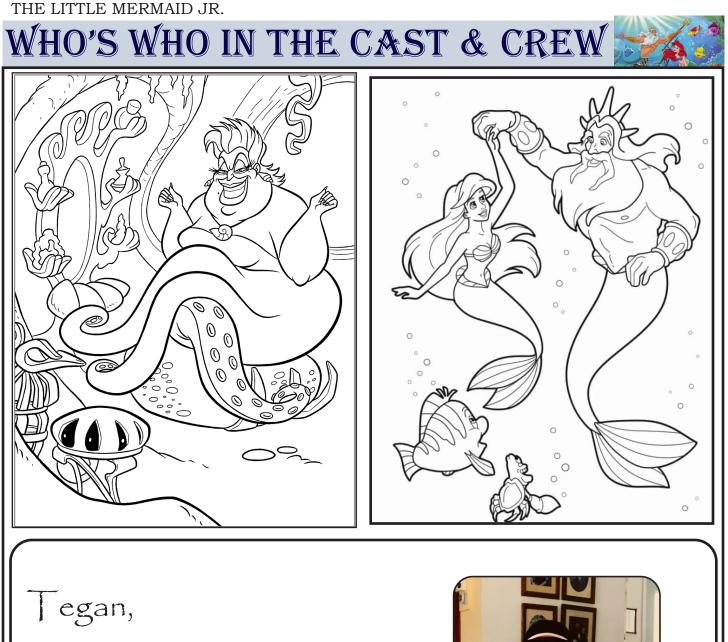
### AURORA WILSON (PRINCESS/STARFISH)

**Grade**: 8 **Previous Experience:** none - my first musical! **Extra Curricular Activities**: make Kandi bracelets, hang out with friends, play video games, color **Goal**: none so far

Hellen Zhang (Flounder [Ariel understudy]) Grade: 8 Previous Experience: Mary Poppins Jr., Matilda Jr. Extra Curricular Activities: I play piano NYSSMA level 6, and played at Carnegie Hall

this year! I play trumpet NYSSMA level 4 and sing NYSSMA level 5. I run varsity cross country and varsity track, and competitively figure skate with three US Gold Medalist titles. **Goal**: I hope to always improve in everything I can. **Parting Thought**: Being in the musicals like Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins, and Matilda was an amazing experience, it was awesome working in this cast and I really enjoyed it! I'm so glad I did theatre and am very thankful for the people I've met, and the things I have learned.





We are so proud of you. Have fun and enjoy every mínute.

Love Mom, Dad and Morgan









Good luck, Amelia!

Love Mom, Dad, Austin and Wellie

## Abby,

We are so proud of you to pursue a musical in your first year of Junior High.



We love you, Miss Abigal! Love, Granny and Poppy

## Abby!

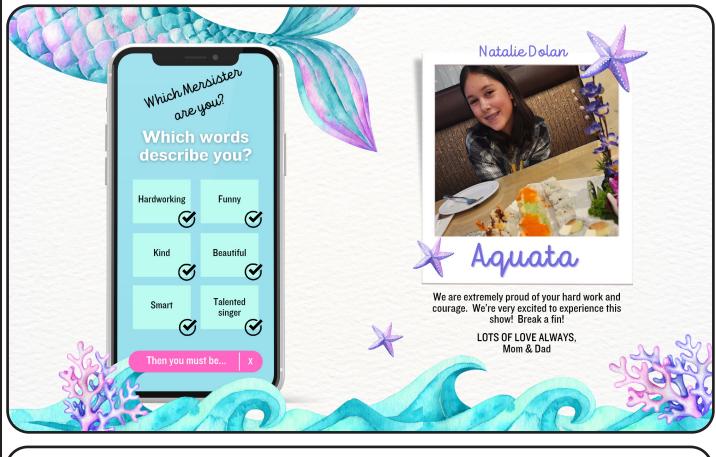
We are so proud of you!

Break a leg, kiddo!



Love Mom, Dad and Braedon

# COSTUMER'S NOTE



We are all so proud of you and your hard work this year!





May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are, and the difference you make!

Love Mom, Dad and Will

# MUSICAL TWEETS





ASHIANA, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! CONGRATULATIONS AND HAVE FUN!

~ WE LOVE YOU. MOM, DAD, DEVAN AND THE WHOLE FAMILY



WAY TO GO, EMRE...WE'RE R-EEL-LY PROUD OF YOU!

~ LOVE, MOM, DAD AND KAAN



**KING TRITON, YOU RULE!** 

~ LOVE MOM, DAD, GRANDMA AND POP POP

WHY, WE'VE NEVER BEEN PROUDER. SOMEHOW, IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, WHEN OUR BACKS WERE TURNED, YOU GREW UP.



~ WE LOVE YOU, CIARAN! MOM AND DAD

# HAPPY ADS





We are so proud of you, Maddie! Good luck to the entire cast and crew!

Love Mom, Dad, Andrew and Mikey



Break a leg, Gabby! We are so proud of you! We love you! Congratulations!

#gogabbygo



Love, Dad, Mom, Lucas and Buddy GOOD LUCK, AUDREY, IN YOUR SECOND LITTLE MERMAID JR. SHOW! HERE YOU ARE IN YOUR FIRST ONE ON MARCH 6, 2020.



WE ARE THRILLED FOR THE SEQUEL!







We are so proud of your hard work and dedication.

Keep that love of music alive and never be afraid to show yourself to the world. Your joy and smile are contagious!

Love, Mom, Dad, Colin & Jesse







# **ZOOEY MCGINLEY**

STOP THERE, SEA-SNAKE ... YOU GOT THIS!

LOVE - DAD, MOM, & CHARLIE

## HAPPY ADS



Congrats to the cast and crew!

Ella, we are so excited that you were part of this, well done.

> We love you! Mom, Dad, Michael and Ben

We're happy as a clam to see you having fun on stage. You're sure to do swimmingly.



Break a fin! Love, Freddie, Cleo, and Ginger

Your friends determine the quality & direction of your life

Find some at GPC Youth

Come find a place to belong at GPC Youth, the 7th-12th grade student ministry of Grace Point Church.

We're on Instagram @g\_p\_cyouth. Feel free to DM us with any questions!

Break a leg, Addie Cason and Elli Jenks!









# Our darling girl, you make us so proud! An exciting journey so watching you grow.

Your future is so bright. Keep shining!





# HAPPY ADS





Elli, you've wanted to be a mermaid since your 3rd birthday, and we're so excited to see you play one this weekend!

We love you and are so proud of you!

With all our love, Mom, Dad, Chelsey, Ashley, and Weasley



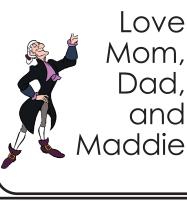
Break a leg baby! We are so proud of you and all your hard work!

Love, Mama and Daddy



Alex,

You're a triple threat -Athlete, Scholar, and Performer. We are so proud of you! You'll always be the King to us!





# HAPPY ADS



# GOOD LUCK ERIN AND THE ENTIRE CAST! SING YOUR HEART OUT!



Congratulations, Josie!

We are so proud of you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Rachel, Aaron and Margot





ROBIN, WE ARE So proud of all Your hard work And dedication!

LOVE DAD, AMY, Ben, Benitt, And Griffin

# Robin,

I could not be more proud of you, my beautiful songbird!

Love, Mom

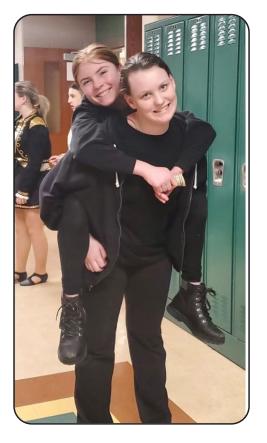


## THE LITTLE MERMAID JR. HAPPY ADS



# Olivia and Maya,

From Kindergarten friends to Assistant Stage Managers, we are so proud of you!





# With love from your families



HAPPY ADS



Meg star,

We are so incredibly proud of you. You have worked so hard and now it is your time to shine.



We love you so much and will always be your biggest fans. Mom, Dad, Katie and Emily



"You got your own style, now let it shine through. And remember no matter what, you've got to be you" - Sebastian, The Little Mermaid

We are proud of you and love you lots! Dad, Mom, Nathan, (Zeda) and Katherine

# H&PPY ADS

Emme -

Your first show was The Little Mermaid Jr. back in 2019 - it's where we first saw your natural talent come alive! "There's a million things you haven't done, but just you wait!"



Your biggest fans, Daddy, Mommy, Maya and Theodore



Josey,

From Elephant Bird to living

"Under the Sea" we are so proud

## of you! Break a leg!

Love Dad, Mom, Olivia, Danny

and Domino

# HAPPY ADS





# SPECIAL THANKS





We would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this show a success! Our wonderful volunteers who worked on concession sales, ticket sales, painting the set and ushering.

Mr. Clifford Kasson, Superintendent of Vestal Central Schools VCSD Board of Education VMS Administration, Faculty and Staff VMS Custodial Staff VCSD Buildings and Grounds Staff Ms. Regina Felice, Public Relations Ashley Boone Harry Coleman Inna Davidovich Alaina Domingo

Diana Drew Peggy Duffy Sharon Fine Amber Gill Azel Gill Jordan Goldberg Gurleen Kaur Joy Klimachefsky Katie Klimachefsky Craig Laramee Gretchen Laubisch Ann Majka Owen Majka Owen Majka Kayleen Packard Sasana Roberto Alana Shear Adria Wilson Larry Kassan, Binghamton High School Joe Brainard, U-E High School ALL Parent Volunteers!

Special thanks to the administrators, teachers and parents involved in helping us work around testing and sports schedules.

Thank you to all of our families who have been with us through auditions, rehearsals, carpooling, set building, illness and the joy that is musical theater. It's finally time to enjoy the finished product!

