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**FINDING  
NEMO**   
**JR.**

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# Director's Note

Welcome and thank you for joining us today! We hope that our production of *Finding Nemo Jr.* touches your heart and leaves you with a sense of wonder and joy.

As we follow Marlin, Dory, Nemo, and their aquatic companions on their extraordinary journey, we are reminded of the strength of family and the remarkable connections that can be forged in the most unexpected circumstances. We witness the courage it takes to venture into the unknown and the growth that comes from stepping outside our comfort zones.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our incredibly talented cast. Your dedication, passion, and boundless energy have breathed life into these beloved characters, taking us on a journey through the wonders and challenges of the deep blue sea. The way you stepped out of your comfort zones, embraced your roles, and worked hard to perfect your performances is inspiring.

Thank you also to our dedicated team members who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes. Thank you for guiding this cast and sharing your talents and creativity with all of us!

And finally, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the families who have stood by our side throughout this incredible journey. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and sacrifices have made it possible for our cast and crew to shine. Your commitment to fostering a love for the arts in your children and family members is truly commendable.

We hope you enjoy *Finding Nemo Jr.* May this production serve as a reminder that, like our fishy friends, we are all capable of incredible feats when we have the support of those who love and believe in us. And just as Nemo learned to embrace his own uniqueness and the endless possibilities that lie beyond the reef, may each of us leave here today with a renewed sense of confidence to tackle our own challenges and discover new horizons.

Remarkable adventures await when we dare to swim into the unknown. Go boldly.

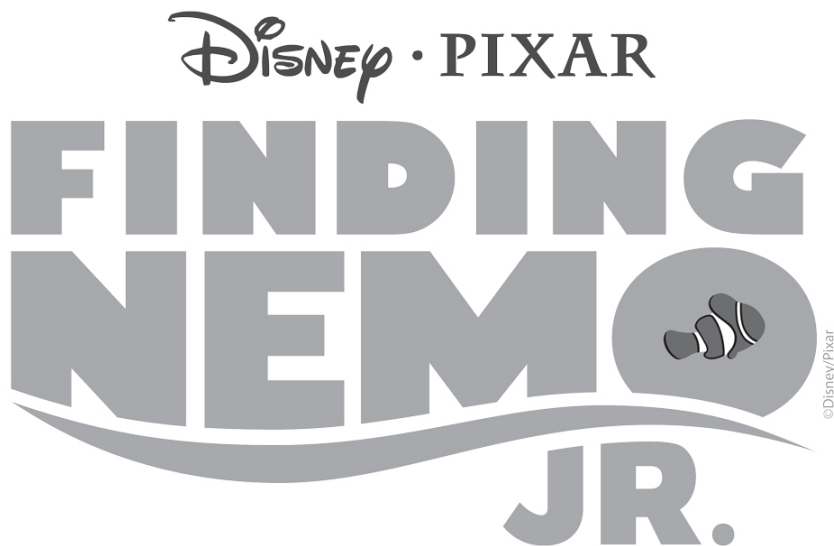
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# FINDING NEMO JR.



## OCTOBER 6-7, 2023

Music & Lyrics by  
**Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez**

Book Adapted by  
**Lindsay Anderson**

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by **Myrna Conn**  
Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo  
Written by **Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, and David Reynolds**  
And Directed by **Andrew Stanton**

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# Cast

**MARLIN** Quinn Snyder  
**DORY** Malia Smith  
**NEMO** Carson Michael Curtis

**FEATURED DANCERS** Elisa Thomas  
Mirabel Welch

**CORAL** Vanessa Carlson  
**ANGELFISH** Lainey Anthony  
**DAMSELFISH** Kami Latour

**PROFESSOR RAY** Ryan Kaplan  
**SHELDON'S PARENT** Cooper Jean  
**PEARL'S PARENT** Kennedy Furnner  
**TAD'S PARENT** Marcella Smith  
**PEARL** Ava MacInnis  
**SHELDON** Lily Tessier  
**TAD** Maeve Nahlik

**BRUCE** Ryan Kaplan  
**CHUM** Charlotte Latour  
**ANCHOR** Taylor Lowe  
**SHARK** Cooper Jean

**NIGEL** Sarah Snyder  
**VACATIONER** Caileigh Fields

**BUBBLES** Ava MacInnis  
**BLOAT** Grace Bellardino  
**GURGLE** Wilder Gastich Furbush  
**PEACH** Ava Leahy  
**GIL** Vanessa Carlson

# Cast

**CRUSH** Ryan DeWinkleer

**SQUIRT** Levi Freilich

**BREEZE** Lainey Anthony

**KAI** Kami Latour

## **MOONFISH**

Lainey Anthony

Caileigh Fields

Kennedy Furnner

Charlotte Latour

Kami Latour

Taylor Lowe

## **JELLYFISH**

Lainey Anthony

Kennedy Furnner

Taylor Lowe

Marcella Smith

Lily Tessier

## **SEA TURTLES**

Lainey Anthony

Ryan DeWinkleer

Kennedy Furnner

Charlotte Latour

Kami Latour

Taylor Lowe

Marcella Smith

Lily Tessier

## **SEAGULLS / AQUATIC ANIMALS / SEA CHORUS**

Hayden Broadhead

Harper Cantella

Kendall Cornwell

Liam Craigie

Bri Federico

Levi Freilich

Gavin Hunt

Ella Kearns

Alice Kevorkian

Simone Kimborowicz

Hailey Penta

Mackenzie Ryan

# Production Team

Director .....	Meg Gore
Music Director and Choreographer .....	Christie Conticchio
Stage Manager .....	Abby Parnell
House Manager .....	Dan Gore
Costume Coordinator .....	Meg Gore
Props Team .....	Dan Gore and Meg Gore
Specialty Makeup .....	Jenna Sullivan
Lighting Design .....	Becca Beaulieu
Lighting Technician .....	Maddy Buchanan
Sound Design .....	Mark Beland
Poster and Program Design .....	Tim Gore
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# Musical Numbers

“Prologue”	Marlin, Coral, Company
“Big Blue World”	Marlin, Nemo, Professor Ray, Reef Kids, Company
“The Drop-Off”	Professor Ray, Nemo, Reef Kids
“Abduction / Big Blue World (Reprise)”	Marlin, Nemo
“Dory’s Ditty”	Dory
“Fish Are Friends Not Food”	Bruce, Chum, Anchor, Shark, Featured Dancers
“Seagulls 1”	Vacationer, Seagulls
“Where’s My Dad?”	Nemo
“We Swim Together”	Tank Gang, Nemo
“Just Keep Swimming”	Dory, Marlin, Moonfish, Jellyfish, Featured Dancers

## INTERMISSION

“Seagulls 2”	Vacationer, Seagulls
“Not My Dad”	Nemo
“Go With the Flow”	Crush, Squirt, Kai, Breeze, Sea Turtles, Dory, Marlin
“One Dedicated Father”	Sea Turtles
“That’s My Dad”	Nemo
“We Swim Together (Reprise)”	Nemo, Tank Gang
“Seagulls 3”	Vacationer, Seagulls
“Just Keep Swimming Together”	Marlin, Nemo, Dory, Moonfish
“Finale”	Nemo, Marlin, Dory, Professor Ray, Company

# The Cast



## **Lainey Anthony, Angelfish / Breeze / Ensemble**

Alaina is a freshman in high school and has performed in many shows with Ovation. *Finding Nemo* has been one of the most exciting musicals, as she is one of the older cast members. Outside of theater, Alaina enjoys writing songs, playing guitar, and spending time with friends and family. She wants to give a huge thanks to her directors and everyone in the cast for making this experience so special!



## **Grace Bellardino, Bloat**

Hi! This is Grace's first show at Ovation Theatre. Besides theater she loves drawing, painting and singing. It has been a great experience and she's very excited to be performing in *Finding Nemo Jr.* She hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Hayden Broadhead, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Hayden is excited to be in his second Ovation production, *Finding Nemo Jr.* When he is not doing theater, he likes building LEGO's and playing saxophone. Hayden hopes you have a wonderful time at the show and have a great day!



## **Harper Cantella, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Harper is 9 years old and this is her second production with Ovation. She has participated in the summer camps for a couple years as well. Harper is a born performer and the world is her stage. Her favorite part of this experience has been spending time with this amazing cast! Harper hopes you enjoy the show!!!



## **Vanessa Carlson, Coral / Gil**

This is Vanessa's first show with Ovation. She has been in a lot of different shows, including *Firebringer*, *James and The Giant Peach*, *The Music Man* & *The Lion King*. She loves to sing and voice act, and wants to be a photographer!



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The Jungle Book Kids



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Willy Wonka Jr.

# The Cast

## **Kendall Cornwell, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Kendall is very excited to be in her first show with Ovation. She is a Londonderry native, who recently appeared in *Matilda* and as Peter Pan in *Peter Pan: A Musical Adventure*. She has also appeared in several of Melissa Hoffman Dance Center's Broadway performances. When not giving headlining performances at home, Kendall enjoys dance, singing, swimming, soccer, fighting with her twin brother and sampling ice cream flavors.



## **Liam Craigie, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

This is Liam's third show with Ovation. In *Finding Nemo Jr.*, he is a seagull and a sea creature. Liam is excited to be on stage with his friends. Other shows Liam has performed in include *The Little Mermaid Jr.* and *Frozen Jr.* Liam is a fourth grader and also enjoys gymnastics and the violin.



## **Carson Michael Curtis, Nemo**

Carson is thrilled to be returning to the stage with Ovation, having played Les in *Newsies* this past summer. He is a 7th grader at CMS in Stratham. When not on stage, you can often find him on a basketball court. He's had a blast making even more Ovation friends this fall, and wants to thank the seacoast carpool crew for getting him and Wilder to every rehearsal!



## **Ryan DeWinkleer, Crush**

Ryan is an 11 year old 6th grader who loves theater. He's done 3 shows with Ovation, and 1 school play and he loves it. When he's not doing theater, he plays the drums and listens to music. He's very excited to show you all his awesome chill skills, and hopes that you will all love the show.



## **Bri Federico, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Bri is a freshman and employee of Fur N Feathers Pet Spa who is so excited for everyone to see the show! Her previous credits include *Dark Road* and *Shrek Jr.* When she is not in shows, she enjoys spending time with her dogs (or bringing them to work!), texting her mom random memes, and advocating for factory farmed animals. She would like to thank the production team, her castmates, and especially her family for their support!





# The Cast



## **Caileigh Fields, Vacationer / Ensemble**

Caileigh is really excited to be in her second show with Ovation. She previously did *Descendants* with Ovation. Some of her favorite shows she has ever done have to be *Cats*, *Frozen*, *Lucky Stiff*, *Descendants*, and *Anything Goes*. Caileigh is the Vacationer, a Moonfish and a Turtle in this production. She really hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Levi Freilich, Squirt / Ensemble**

Levi is so happy and excited to be a part of his second production with Ovation Theatre Company! When he is not acting and singing, Levi is a 4th grader who enjoys art, soccer and video games. Levi would like to thank his family and friends for their constant love and support.



## **Kennedy Furnner, Pearl's Parent / Ensemble**

Kennedy is so excited to be in this amazing production. She would like to thank her amazing creative team and her family for all of their support. This is Kennedy's first show with Ovation and she hopes you enjoy the show.



## **Wilder Gastich Furbush, Gurgle**

Wilder Furbush has been performing for four years with the Pine Street Players! He has performed in *Matilda* as Tommy, he was Pans in *Peter Pan* and was a frog in *Seussical*. Most recently, he was Shrek in *Shrek the Musical* at Musical Arts summer session. He is a young star excited to perform in *Nemo* with this incredible cast!



## **Gavin Hunt, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Gavin is a fourth grader at South Londonderry School. When he's not on stage or in school, you can find Gavin wrestling or playing baseball. This is his first production with Ovation and he has really enjoyed learning the ropes with new friends.

# The Cast

## **Cooper Jean, Sheldon's Parent / Shark**

Cooper is excited to be part of the cast of *Finding Nemo Jr.!* This will be his 9th production with Ovation Theatre Company. He's currently in 8th grade and in his spare time, he enjoys Hip Hop, Video Production and Gaming. He wants to thank the cast and crew for making this amazing show! Thank you for supporting OTC and remember, "fish are friends, not food!"



## **Ryan Kaplan, Professor Ray / Bruce**

Ryan is thrilled to be working with Ovation once again! He has recently appeared onstage in roles such as Grover (*The Lightning Thief*), Pepper (*Mamma Mia!*), and Oedipus (*Oedipus Rex*). Ryan is also the Founding Artistic Director of Rise Theatre Group. He'd like to thank Meg for giving him this opportunity and for being one of his biggest supporters, always!



## **Ella Kearns, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Ella is really excited to join the cast of *Finding Nemo Jr.!* This is Ella's first Ovation production. Ella is a part of the Sea Chorus, Aquatic Animals and Seagulls. Break a fin everyone!



## **Alice Kevorkian, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Alice is a 3rd grader in Londonderry and is so excited for her first Ovation performance! Along with acting, Alice loves to dance, swim, practice gymnastics, and pretty much never stops singing. She is looking forward to many future shows!



## **Simone Kimborowicz, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

When Simone is not at Ovation, she can be found riding horses, playing the trumpet and making art! She loves to make people laugh and spend time with her cat Meatball and friends! This is her first big play at Derry Opera House and is excited to perform for you!



# The Cast



## **Charlotte Latour, Chum / Ensemble**

Charlotte is very excited to share this performance with you all! She is 11 years old and in sixth grade at the Londonderry Middle School. This is her 6th performance with Ovation. When she isn't acting, she loves to play volleyball and soccer. She can't wait for you all to see it and hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Kami Latour, Damselfish / Kai / Ensemble**

Kami is so excited to be a part of this amazing cast! This is their 7th show with Ovation. Kami plays the role of Kai, Damselfish, Moonfish, and Sea Creature Ensemble. Kami also wants to give a huge thank you to the creative team Meg, Christie, and Abby for really making this show come to life!



## **Ava Leahy, Peach**

Ava is very excited to be performing as Peach in *Finding Nemo Jr.* This is Ava's 5th production with Ovation. Ava really hopes you love the show.



## **Taylor Lowe, Anchor / Ensemble**

Taylor Lowe is very excited to be a part of her first official Ovation performance. She is a 7th grader at Auburn Village School and has participated in a number of performances at school with Drama Club and also with The Palace Theater. When not performing she enjoys playing lacrosse and riding horse.



## **Ava MacInnis, Pearl / Bubbles**

Ava is a 4th grader at Londonderry North School. Her passion is horseback riding, and she also loves to dance and sing. Ava is very excited to be part of *Finding Nemo Jr.* at Ovation Theatre Company. Ava is so happy to have made so many new friends in this, her first musical!



# The Cast

## **Maeve Nahlik, Tad**

Maeve is so honored to be playing the role of Tad. This year, she attended Ovation's summer program for the first time and played Anna in their production of *Frozen Jr.* She has also played Auntie Em in *The Wizard of Oz* and Wendy in *Peter Pan* at South School in Londonderry. In her free time, she loves to bake, read and spend time with her dog and chickens!



## **Hailey Penta, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Hailey is 8 years old and in third grade at South School in Londonderry. She is so excited to be a part of *Nemo Jr!* While this is her first performance, Hailey has loved participating in Ovation's Summer Camp for the past three years and enjoyed being a part of *Seussical Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.* and *Frozen Jr.* She hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Mackenzie Ryan, Seagull / Sea Chorus**

Mackenzie is a 9 year old 4th grader who is thrilled to be part of her very first Ovation production. Aside from theater, she enjoys horseback riding and swimming. Her favorite part of the show is EVERYTHING! A huge thank you to Meg, Christie and Abby for making this show possible! She hopes you enjoy the show!



## **Malia Smith, Dory**

Malia is playing Dory and she hopes you enjoy the show. Malia is playing Dory and she hopes you enjoy the show. Malia is playing Dory and she hopes you enjoy the show! I already said that? Oops!



## **Marcella Smith, Tad's Parent / Ensemble**

Marcella loves musical theater. She truly enjoys performing with her friends and her sister. She can't wait for you to see the show!



# The Cast



## **Quinn Snyder, Marlin**

Quinn is excited about playing Marlin in *Finding Nemo Jr.* He is 14 years old and has been in 7 shows across the span of 5 years. He's been in 3 Ovation shows and plans on many more!! Quinn enjoys playing sports, singing and acting. He is looking forward to everyone seeing the show.



## **Sarah Snyder, Nigel**

Sarah is 12 years old. This is her third production but only her second with Ovation, and surely not her last. Sarah loves acting, hanging out with friends and shopping. She is looking forward to seeing where her acting path leads her. Sarah and the creative team are so excited for you to see the show!



## **Lily Tessier, Sheldon / Ensemble**

Lily is thrilled to be participating in her very first show with Ovation. After many friends had recommended Ovation to Lily as her love for acting grew, she never knew she would meet so many different, incredible new people. She is playing Sheldon, a jellyfish, and a sea creature. She hopes you have an amazing night and enjoy everything this wildly talented cast has worked towards!



## **Elisa Thomas, Featured Dancer**

Currently an 8th grader at Londonderry Middle School, Elisa is excited to join the cast of *Finding Nemo Jr.* as a Featured Dancer. Elisa has been dancing since she was two years old and has performed on stage with many local theater companies in a multitude of roles. She hopes you enjoy this fun and engaging production! Elisa wants to thank Ovation Theatre Company and all those involved in making this production a success, her talented peers performing alongside her on stage and her family for supporting her passion.



## **Mirabel Welch, Featured Dancer**

Mirabel Welch is a ten-year-old at Barka Elementary school in Derry, NH. She first started with her Ovation family this year in March with *The Little Mermaid* cast. In her time when she is not with her theatre friends, she is either dancing, skiing, playing soccer, or making stickers. This is her second performance with Ovation and is very excited to see all of her friends and family. She hopes you enjoy the show!

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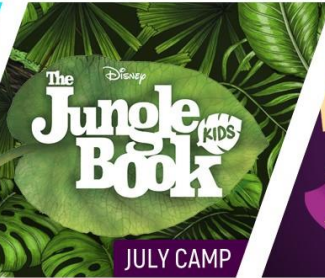
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