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Director's Note

Aristocats is a classic Disney original that catches any viewer with its quick wit, catchy jazz tunes, and lovable characters. When reading through the script for the stage production, it was clear that the same feeling of nostalgia overcame my heart as it does when I watch the movie. It had those catchy tunes that are found in the movie and those lovable furry characters flowing through every scene. It had me drawn in and eager to flip to the next page and see what opportunities lied ahead for the future cast of Aristocats.

Once the show was cast and the first rehearsal approached, there were many questions I had about how the rehearsal process was going to go, but there was one thing was for certain: this cast was talented. Although talent is a huge component of what makes a live theatre production great, it is not and cannot be the end all be all of a production. A production needs professionalism, comedic timing, stage presence, commitment and so much more. As the rehearsal days passed and I got to know this cast, it became clear to me that this cast showed all of those traits. Each child brought something unique and special that made them an integral part of the musical, but one trait that they all shared was understanding. Understanding for each other, the script, and the story of Disney's Aristocats. This show is about forgetting differences, prejudices, and assumptions, and learning that we're all more alike than we realize. Whether we're Alley Cats, Dogs, Mice, Geese, or even the Aristocats, we all have something in common, and we all have something unique that the others can learn from. And I think that message rang true for me seeing the kids work. They all have something to offer, something wildly different, some kids are bold, some are subtle, some are hilarious, some are thought provoking, and all of them are fun, passionate, and respectful.

It has been a pleasure bringing this show to life as well as taking on a new role as a director at Ovation Theatre Company, and I sincerely thank you for supporting the kids as well as live theatre. Enjoy the show!

—Jenna Sullivan

OVATION THEATRE COMPANY

proudly presents

Disney

THE ARISTOCATS KIDS



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MARCH 29-30, 2024

Music and Lyrics by **Richard M. Sherman** and **Robert B. Sherman**,
Al Rinker and **Floyd Huddleston**

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music by **Bryan Louiselle**

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by **Michael Bernard**

Based on the 1970 Disney film *The Aristocats*

DISNEY'S THE ARISTOCATS KIDS

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

www.mtishows.com

**A strobe light will be used during this production.
All photography and videography is strictly prohibited. Please
turn your cell phones completely off.**

Cast

DUCHESS	Charlotte Van Ledtje
MARIE	Clara Curtis
BERLIOZ	Levi Freilich
TOULOUSE	Arabella Olivia Clark
MADAME	Sarah Snyder
EDGAR	Lily Tessier
ROQUEFORT	Mirabel Welch
NAPOLEON	Cooper Jean
THOMAS O'MALLEY	Crosby Curtis
ABIGAIL GABBLE	Lyra Dominguez
AMELIA GABBLE	Alice Kevorkian

ALLEY CATS

<i>SCAT CAT:</i>	Charlotte Latour
<i>MAD CAT:</i>	Aliyah Gunawan
<i>HEP CAT:</i>	Gianna Benoit
<i>SLICK CAT:</i>	Mackenzie Ryan

DOG BRIGADE

<i>PRIVATE MARTIN:</i>	Morgan Haverty
<i>PRIVATE VICHEY:</i>	Ella Kearns
<i>PRIVATE LAFAYETTE:</i>	Ally Nicholas
<i>PRIVATE ALLARD:</i>	Hailey Penta
<i>PRIVATE BEAUFORT:</i>	Sarah Snyder
<i>PRIVATE SSOISE:</i>	Eden Timinski

Production Team

Director	Jenna Sullivan
Music Director	Michaela Horan
Choreographer	Ryan Kaplan
Producer	Meg Gore
Stage Manager	Maddy Buchanan
Costume & Props Coordinator	Meg Gore & Jenna Sullivan
House Managers	Dan Gore & Shawna Carroll
Poster & Program Design	Tim Gore

The Cast

GIANNA BENOIT | HEP CAT

Gianna Benoit is 11 years old and in the fifth grade. This is her first show at Ovation and is loving it! Gianna has also performed at her school in *Aristocats* and *Willy Wonka*. Gianna enjoys singing, dancing, and being around her friends. Gianna loves summer and is looking forward to the warm weather, going to the beach, swimming, and going on walks with her mom!



ARABELLA OLIVIA CLARK | TOULOUSE

Arabella Olivia is 7 years old, and this is her first musical theater performance. She is excited to have the opportunity to be on stage. She enjoys acting and has been on shows on ABC, Hulu, Disney Studios, and Amazon Prime as well as numerous TV commercials and print ads. She loves sailing, gymnastics, dance, and aerial. Thank you Ovation for this opportunity!



CLARA CURTIS | MARIE

Clara Curtis, a second grader from Brentwood, NH, is thrilled to be making her Ovation debut as Marie in *Aristocats Kids!* She has previously performed with Pine Street Players of Exeter, NH, and her favorite role to date was as Gretl von Trapp this past holiday season with the Ogunquit Playhouse at the Music Hall in Portsmouth, NH. She is so excited to be sharing the stage with her brother Crosby and her big sister Brigitta...Charlotte V! Thank you to her biggest brother, Carson, for bringing her into the Ovation family!



CROSBY CURTIS | THOMAS O'MALLEY

Crosby is a 4th grader from Brentwood, NH and enjoys gaming, playing the drums and flag football. He's excited to make his Ovation debut as O'Malley and has previously performed with Pine Street Players of Exeter, NH. Favorite roles include a Wickersham Brother in *Seussical Jr.* and Underlying in *The Drowsy Chaperone Jr.* Thanks to the directors for taking a chance on this cool cat! Crosby hopes everyone (including Carson) really, really, really enjoys the show! Crazy, man — crazy!



LYRA DOMINGUEZ | ABIGAIL GABBLE

Lyra is very excited to be a part of *The Aristocats* production. This is her first theater role and she has enjoyed the interactions and skills developed, as well as the friendships she has made. She looks forward to continuing in the realm of theater. Her hobbies include gymnastics, singing, and dancing.





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LEVI FREILICH | BERLIOZ

Levi is so happy to be playing Berlioz in *Aristocats Kids!* When he is not acting in shows with his Ovation family, Levi loves sketching, reading, and robotics. Levi is so grateful to his family and friends for their support — you are all the cat's meow!



ALIYAH GUNAWAN | MAD CAT

Aliyah is so excited to be a part of her first Ovation production!! She loves performing and is just as vivacious when off stage. Aliyah's other passion is caring for animals and learning all about them. She plans on being a zoologist.



MORGAN HAVERTY | PRIVATE MARTIN

Morgan is very excited to be part of the wonderful cast bringing this fun show of the *Aristocats* to you! She has a love of theatre and bringing smiles and laughter to everyone.



COOPER JEAN | NAPOLEON

Aristocats Kids is Cooper's 11th performance with Ovation Theatre Company. He is proud to work alongside the fabulous cast members, led by an All-Star Crew! He is grateful for your continued support and hopes you enjoy the show!



ELLA KEARNS | PRIVATE VICHEY

Ella is a 5th grader in Londonderry. This is Ella's 2nd production with Ovation and she is excited to be part of an amazing cast, crew and directors. Ella has had such fun being part of the Dog Brigade and has enjoyed performing with her Ovation family again. She knows everyone will be awesome!

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ALICE KEVORKIAN | AMELIA GABBLE

Alice is 8 years old and is so excited to be a Gabble Girl in this show. She previously played Young Anna in last year's Ovation summer camp and was a Seagull in *Finding Nemo Jr.* In her spare time, Alice enjoys taking Dance and Gymnastics classes and hanging out with her family and friends.



CHARLOTTE LATOUR | SCAT CAT

Charlotte is so excited to be a featured dancer in this production of *Aristocats Kids*. She is a 6th grader at LMS, where she just finished a production of *Madagascar* and is a member of PopStars. This is her 8th show to be involved in, and her love of singing, dancing and acting continues to grow. She looks forward to being involved in many more productions in the future.



ALLY NICHOLAS | PRIVATE LAFAYETTE

She's just here for the jazz.



HAILEY PENTA | PRIVATE ALLARD

Hailey is so excited to be a part of *The Aristocats Kids!* She is in 3rd grade at South School in Londonderry. This year she performed in *Nemo Jr.* and *Mean Girls Jr.*, and is looking forward to her fourth year performing at Ovation's Summer Camp. When she's not acting, you can find her dancing or writing.

Hailey hopes you enjoy the show!



MACKENZIE RYAN | SLICK CAT

Mackenzie is so excited to be performing in her second show with Ovation! She performed in *Finding Nemo Jr.* in the fall. Besides theater, Mackenzie enjoys art, music, and horseback riding. Her favorite song in *Aristocats Kids* is Thomas O'Malley. She hopes you enjoy the show!



The Cast



SARAH SNYDER | MADAME / PRIVATE BEAUFORT

Sarah is so excited to be in *Aristocats Kids* and show you what the amazing cast and crew had worked on these past several weeks! This is her 3rd show with Ovation, and she's looking forward to doing many more! Outside of theatre, Sarah loves spending time with her friends, family, and her dog Gus. She hopes you enjoy the show! EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE A CAT!



LILY TESSIER | EDGAR

Lily is thrilled to be playing Edgar in Ovation's performance of *Aristocats*. This is Lily's third show with Ovation and she's never loved theatre more. There's so many new opportunities and amazing people to meet! Lily loves each and every member of this cast and crew and hopes you enjoy the show. Achoo!



EDEN TIMINSKI | PRIVATE SSOISE

Eden is excited to be performing in her first (but not last) Ovation Theatre production. She has enjoyed working with the cast and can't wait to bring the *Aristocats* story to life.



CHARLOTTE VAN LEDTJE | DUCHESS

Charlotte is so excited to be playing Duchess for Ovation Theatre's *Aristocats*. She's an accomplished ballerina playing her dream role of Clara in the *Nutcracker*, is a National Dance Title Holder, and assists her sister, Liv, as a presenter and creator on LivBits. Charlotte played Brigitta in Ogunquit Playhouse's professional production of *The Sound of Music*, and is looking forward to her next role as Jane Banks in *Mary Poppins* this summer.



MIRABEL WELCH | ROQUEFORT

Mirabel is excited to perform in her third Ovation production as Roquefort the Mouse! She was Jetsam in *The Little Mermaid* and a featured dancer in *Finding Nemo*. Outside theatre, her hobbies are dancing, skiing, and soccer. She wants to give a shout out to her big brother Jonas for helping her practice her lines. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Musical Numbers

“Prologue / The Aristocats”	Alley Cats, Aristocats, Madame, Edgar
“Scales and Arpeggios”	Aristocats, Edgar, Roquefort
“Night Kittens”	Edgar
“Use Your Nose”	Napoleon, Dog Brigade
“O’Malley Enters”	Thomas O’Malley, Aristocats
“Thomas O’Malley Cat”	Thomas O’Malley, Aristocats, Alley Cats
“The Gabble Girls”	Abigail Gabble, Amelia Gabble, Aristocats, Thomas O’Malley
“Ev’rybody Wants to Be a Cat”	Company
“Timbuktu”	Edgar
“Roquefort to the Rescue”	Roquefort and Aristocats
“Somebody is Looking for a Cat”	Roquefort and Alley Cats
“Use Your Nose (Reprise)”	Napoleon and Dog Brigade
“The Gabble Girls (Reprise)”	Abigail Gabble and Amelia Gabble
“Finale”	Company

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May 3-4, 2024

Rock of Ages

It's the tail end of the big, bad 1980s in Hollywood, and the party has been raging hard. Aqua Net, Lycra and Heavy Metal flow freely at one of the Sunset Strip's last legendary venues.

But the rock 'n' roll fairy tale is about to end when German developers sweep into town with plans to turn the fabled Strip into just another capitalist strip mall. Can Drew, Sherri and the gang save the strip – and themselves – before it's too late?

Only the music of hit bands Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Whitesnake and more can hold the answer.

Tickets on sale soon!



June – August 2024

Summer Camps

June 24-28, 2024: Devising Camp | Participants work in small groups to devise their own original show.

June 24-28, 2024: A Year with Frog and Toad Kids | Friends celebrate the differences that make them unique and special.

July 8-12, 2024: The Jungle Book Kids | Join Mowgli's adventure through the jungle based on the Disney classic.

July 29 – August 9, 2024: Willy Wonka Jr. | Enigmatic candy manufacturer Willy Wonka stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars.

Registration open now!



July – August 2024

Summer Productions

Legally Blonde: Elle Woods' life is turned upside down when her boyfriend dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Six: Teen Edition: From Tudor Queens to Pop Icons, the SIX wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into a Euphoric Celebration of 21st-century girl power.

Audition registration open now!



Fall musical announcement coming in August!

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