

JUNIOR MUSICAL REVUE

BCMA's Weekday Junior Musical Theatre students present

BOUND FOR

BROADWAY

A JUNIOR MUSICAL REVUE



3.30pm Saturday 28th & 10am, 3pm Sunday 29th June
Gay E. Gough Theatre

MADAGASCAR

SOPHIE WILKIE AS ALEX THE LION



Sophie is thrilled to be returning for her fourth year at BCMA, taking on the roaring role of Alex the Lion. At 12 years old, she's no stranger to the stage, having previously appeared as a Townsperson in Frozen Jr. and in a memorable turn as a green Seahorse, in Finding Nemo Jr., complete with flippers and flair!

Sophie believes that if Alex had a secret talent, he'd be a savage New York food critic, writing dramatic reviews that would make even the fanciest pretzel cart operator cry. If given the chance to add a song to the show, she'd choose Dig a Little Deeper from The Princess and the Frog, imagining Alex singing it to Marty in a heartfelt (and slightly jazzy) pep talk.

Her dream destination from the musical? The mysterious speck of dust from Seussical because who wouldn't want to explore a tiny, magical world?

IIVY HANNEYSEE AS MARTY THE ZEBRA

This is Ivy's third year at BCMA, and she loves to take every chance she can to get on stage! Her favourite role so far has been Pearl in Finding Nemo Jr., especially because it was her very first BCMA show. Since then, she's also had fun playing the Mayor of Munchkinland in & Dorothy and the Duke of Weselton in Frozen Jr.

Ivy is passionate about singing and dancing. She trains in Acro, Ballet, Contemporary, and FiPs. Her favourite song in this year's show is Wild and Free, she says it's both fun and full of heart.

Ivy thinks Marty would be the perfect best friend: fun, kind, and just the right amount of crazy, just like her!



MUNRO JOHNSON AS GLORIA THE HIPPO



Munro began performing at just two years old with calisthenics and is now developing her musical theatre and tap skills at BCMA. Bound for Broadway is her second BCMA show, and she's absolutely thrilled to be back on stage for another magical adventure!

She has a passion for playing bold and quirky characters, especially villains! Some of her favourite character solos so far include Marie from The Aristocats, Scar from The Lion King and Dr. Facilier/Shadow Man from The Princess & The Frog.

Off stage, Munro loves reading, writing, and creating amazing artwork. She's especially excited to wear a microphone for the very first time and strut her stuff as Gloria, a role that matches her fun and sassy personality! Her favourite number to perform is It's Showtime! because of all the cheeky lines and those #BoomBoom dance moves.

If Munro had three wishes, she'd time travel, have a never-ending supply of beads for making jewellery, and collect every pom pom keyring in the world! Her dream destination is Paris so she can climb the Eiffel Tower and if she were an animal, she'd be a cat, because "Everybody wants to be a cat!"

AMELIA BLOCK AS MELMAN THE GIRAFFE

Amelia is 11 years old and began her journey at BCMA at the start of this year. Outside of BCMA, she keeps busy with Irish dancing, aerial dance, and playing the violin. Amelia is also a proud bookworm, you'll often find her with her nose in a book! Her favourite musicals include Aladdin, Beauty & the Beast, Matilda, and Zombies. Amelia's favourite line from the show is, "Don't let the bed bugs bite. Seriously! There's an outbreak!" She thinks if Melman had a superpower, it would be the ability to speak human English, just so people could properly hear all his dramatic whining! One thing Amelia has learned through this production is how much hard work happens behind the scenes, and how perfectly each person has been cast to match their character.

Amelia hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed being part of it.



AVA TURNER AS ZOOKEEPER ZOE

Ava would love to visit Paris for the amazing French cuisine and says Marty the Zebra would be her best friend, because he's hilarious, and she loves being around funny people! Her favourite part of performing is sharing her passion with others and trying new experiences. If she were an animal, she'd be Alex the Lion, for his kindness and inclusiveness.



ASHA ROMÉIN AS ZOOKEEPER ZEKE

Asha would love to visit Madagascar to meet Zeke the Zookeeper in real life and check on Melman's spot and Marty's freedom! If granted three wishes, Asha would end inflation, set Marty free, and wish for a little peace from an annoying sibling. Asha thinks Marty would make the best real-life best friend because he's funny, determined, and loves his freedom!



EDITH QUAI-HOI AS ZOOKEEPER ZELDA AND WACKY CAT GROUP LEADER

If she could visit anywhere in the show, Edith would dive under the sea, she loves the peace and watching fish swim by. Her three magical wishes? A pen and notebook that never run out, and for everything she writes or draws to come true! Edith says her best friends from the show would be Sebastian, Flounder, or Abu, because she simply loves animals.



OLIVE HEWITT-GUNN AS SKIPPER

Olive would love to explore under the sea and discover all the amazing sea creatures! Her favourite thing about performing is the supportive community and knowing that mistakes are okay just keep going! If granted three wishes, Olive would see her grandad again, get a caravan for family adventures, and welcome a third dog to the family.



NELLY HOWLETT AS RICO

Nelly would love to visit Paris to soak up the culture, admire the beautiful architecture, and try all the delicious French food. If she were an animal, she'd be King Julien because fun, friendship, and good times are always a priority!



MADDIE LEE AS KAWOLSKI

If Maddie could visit one of the places featured in Bound for Broadway, she would dive under the sea to explore all the amazing sea creatures, combining her love of swimming and adventure! She'd stay a penguin just like Kowalski, because they're small, determined, and cute and she loves that they originated in Australia!



EDWARD ROTHBERG AS PRIVATE

Edward would love to visit Paris to see iconic sights like the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. His favourite part of performing is becoming a specific character or creature and, of course, getting to sing on stage!



THE LION KING

EMILY WILKIE AS YOUNG SIMBA



Emily is seven years old and excited to roar onto the stage as Young Simba in her second BCMA concert. After a year of ballet, she's now thriving in FiPs and Acro, where she loves flipping, stretching, and shining on stage.

Her favourite part of the musical is singing and dancing with her friends. The funniest part? All the laying around while "nearly dying" on stage—turns out, playing dramatic is very relaxing!

If the show were real life, Emily's best friend would totally be a monkey—because they're just as fun and cheeky as she is!

NOAH FISHER AS TIMON

Noah joined BCMA this year and is so excited to bring to life Timon in his first ever production.

Noah loves all things Harry Potter, Jurassic Park and Spider-Man and he is super inspired by the fact that his hero Tom Holland started his career in musical theatre at a young age.

He can't wait to "swing" onto the stage, although he is a bit concerned that perhaps the grubs won't really taste like chicken. Noah loves that he gets to say "Pumbaa, not in front of the parents!" and thinks "Hakuna Matata" really is a wonderful phrase!



BYRON MORTON AS PUMBAA



Byron is 9 years old and in his second year at BCMA. He began in Boys Dance, briefly tried Ballet, and now thrives in FiPs. Since joining BCMA, Byron's confidence has soared, he's even become a regular speaker at school assemblies and events. Pumbaa is his first major role, and it couldn't be a better fit! With his wit, humour, and love of off-key opera, Byron was made to play this lovable warthog. He can't wait to make the audience laugh!



THE LITTLE MERMAID

AUBREY JONES AS SEBASTIAN



At just nine years old, Aubrey Jones is making big waves on stage! Aubrey began performing at the age of three and joined the BCMA family in mid-2023. Since then, she's jumped headfirst into singing, jazz, musical theatre and absolutely loves entertaining the Ballarat community whenever she can!

You may have seen her shine as The Lead Munchkin in & Dorothy and The Housekeeper in Frozen Jr., and now she's bringing her energy and charm to the role of Sebastian in this year's magical mid-year production of Bound for Broadway.

When she's not on stage, Aubrey's rocking out on the drums, singing with her school choir, or performing with her Taiko Drums Team. Her dream addition to the show? "You're Welcome" from Moana, because Disney magic runs in her veins!

ALEX FROST AS ARIEL

Alex Frost is eight years old and joined FIPs at BCMA in 2023. She has always loved being on stage and knew from a young age that she wanted to perform for an audience. Since joining BCMA, Alex has been part of four productions, with Frozen Jr. being her favourite so far. Bound for Broadway marks her first lead role, and she is very excited to take the stage!

Outside of drama, Alex enjoys playing basketball and netball, and she's passionate about all things horses. Her favourite movie is Harley's Hill, and if she could visit any place from the show, she would choose Paris to see the Eiffel Tower.

If Alex could be best friends with a character from the show, it would be her own, Ariel, because she's kind and funny. Alex hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has loved being part of it!



LUCA DUNBAR AS NEWT



Luca would love to visit Paris, home of the Aristocats, where he could enjoy delicious food and see amazing art like the Mona Lisa. If he had to pick a best friend from his favourite shows, it would be Ariel the Little Mermaid! Why? Because her underwater world is filled with beautiful fish, and he'd love to visit them all at her magical undersea home.

ZOE HUASNICKA AS PLAICE

If Zoe could travel anywhere from her favourite shows, she'd head straight to Paris to visit Disneyland! Her dream bestie? Raja the Tiger, because he's just too cute. If a genie granted her three wishes, Zoe would wish to be the richest person in the world, have a chocolate fondue fountain, and have her very own pet dragon! On stage, Zoe shines brightest when she's singing and seeing big smiles in the audience. If she were an animal, she'd be a kitten, because they're adorable and silly, just like her playful spirit!



IRIS YOUNG AS CHUB



Iris would love to visit Madagascar to see all the animals dancing just like in the show, especially the lemurs, who would definitely be the funniest! Their favourite part of performing on stage is getting to share the experience with friends and having fun together.

GINGER LANDRIGAN AS FLUKE

Ginger says Gloria from Madagascar would be her best friend, she's hilarious and would be so much fun to be around! Her favourite part of performing is showing family and friends everything she's been learning at BCMA, and seeing their smiles from the stage.



THE JUNGLE BOOK

MAX RICHTER AS KING LOUIE



Max Richter, age 11, is excited to be performing as King Louie from The Jungle Book in Bound for Broadway! Max has previously played King Agnarr in Frozen Jr. and has been part of the ensemble in & Dorothy and Beyond the Wardrobe. He studies Junior Vocal Ensemble, musical theatre (FiPs), and Piano at the Ballarat Centre for Music and the Arts.

Max's favourite musicals include Dear Evan Hansen, which he saw earlier this year at the MTC, as well as Hamilton, Matilda and Grease.

Outside of performing, Max enjoys singing, drawing, crafting, riding his bike with friends, and collecting Pokémon cards, Tinkaton is his favourite! If he could travel anywhere in the world, Max would choose Paris or Japan for the amazing food. He hopes you enjoy the show!

DENNISE RIVERA AS BAGHEERA

Dennise began her journey at BCMA at age 12 and has discovered a real passion for dance and musical theatre. After training in FiPs and Contemporary, she's thrilled to step into her very first role as Bagheera, especially since she sees so much of herself in the character! If she could be any other character from the show, it would be Ariel, because of her quiet curiosity and determination. Dennise is so excited to take the stage and share this performance with you!



MIAH RYAN AS BALOO



Miah Ryan is 11 years old and is in her fourth year as a student at BCMA. A lifelong lover of classical ballet, Miah has also explored contemporary and hip hop dance, and is now excited to be stepping into her very first production role! She's loving her FiPs class and the start of her musical theatre journey.

When she's not at BCMA, Miah enjoys creating art, singing along to Taylor Swift and Olivia Rodrigo, doing gymnastics, and obsessing over her favourite animal, dogs! She's a big fan of adventure movies, and her favourite musical is The Sound of Music.

If Miah could be best friends with a character from the show, she'd choose Ariel, so they could learn about each other's worlds and help her find true love on land. Miah is so excited to play Baloo in a big blue costume and can't wait to be like YOU! She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has!

KAIRA SRINIVASAN AS ASHANTI

Kaira is 9 years old and has been part of BCMA since she was five, starting out in the Little Froggies class. Over the years, she's had opportunities to be a featured singer and understudy, but this is her first time performing a lead role, and she's absolutely thrilled!

Outside of the studio, Kaira enjoys playing piano, riding her bike, playing cricket, and doing anything crafty. If she could visit any place featured in the show, it would be a tie between under the sea and Paris, as both scuba diving (preferably at the Great Barrier Reef!) and seeing Paris are at the top of her bucket list.

Kaira loves everything about being on stage - the preparation, the makeup, the backstage nerves, and that magical moment when the lights come up and it's time to perform. She can't wait to share the show with you!





PENELOPE YEO AS MONKEY GROUP 1 LEADER

Penelope would love to visit Madagascar, she imagines it smells like vanilla and is full of cool animals! If she had to choose a best friend from the shows, it would be Ariel from The Little Mermaid because she's courageous, kind, caring, and curious. Penelope's favourite part of performing is making new friends, being with her castmates, and stepping into exciting new characters on stage!

ELIZA ABREU AS MONKEY GROUP 2 LEADER

Eliza is excited to swing into action as one of the Monkey Leaders in this year's show! If she had three wishes like Aladdin, she'd wish for her own YouTube channel, a bigger role in the next play, and a super cute Cavoodle puppy. Eliza loves being on stage and can't wait to bring the jungle to life with her monkey crew!



EVANGELINE HARUIE AS MONKEY GROUP 3 LEADER

When asked over dinner if she could visit anywhere from the show, Evangeline didn't hesitate - it would be Paris, because it's "very pretty" and she'd love to see the Eiffel Tower in person. If she were a character from one of the musical stories, she'd choose Marty the Zebra from Madagascar, because he's funny, full of energy, and just the right kind of crazy. Evangeline brings that same fun-loving spirit to the stage and is so excited to be part of Bound for Broadway!



THE ARISTOCATS

LARA GREEDY AS SCAT CAT



Lara began at BCMA a few years ago and her first show was Finding Nemo Jr. where she was cast in the role of Sheldon's Parent. Her favourite role so far has been Kristoff in Frozen Jr. and she's also been in the ensemble of BLOC Junior's Peter Pan Jr., and currently rehearsing as a Munchkin in BLOC's senior production of The Wizard of Oz. She is doing Music Theatre classes and Contemporary dance at BCMA, along with basketball and singing lessons during the week.

Lara's favourite movie is Harry Potter and her favourite musical is Wicked. She would love to play the character of Glinda or Elphaba in Wicked one day.

She is loving playing the character of 'Scat Cat' in the years production and thinks Scat Cat's secret talent would be parkour.

ISLA PFUTE AS O'MALLEY

Isla Pfute is 11 years old and commenced at BCMA when she was six. Isla has tried a range of classes and currently trains in Acro, FiPs, and Junior Development Squad, where she is enjoying pushing her dance skills to the limit. Playing Thomas O'Malley in Bound for Broadway is Isla's first main role, though she has been part of many shows over the years.

Her favourite BCMA production so far was last year's Beyond the Wardrobe, with the highlight being cartwheeling out of the wardrobe and straight into a split jump! Isla would love to join Thomas O'Malley and Scat Cat from The Aristocats on a jazz tour of Paris, with a little bit of shopping thrown in too.



RUBY HOOD AS DUCHESS

Ruby Hood is 11 years old and is thrilled to be playing Duchess in Bound For Broadway! This is her first production with BCMA, but she's no stranger to the stage, she's been dancing since the age of five and has performed in annual dance concerts, with her favourite roles including John Darling in Peter Pan and Mrs. Potts in Beauty and the Beast.

Ruby also studies piano, guitar, and violin, and sings in her school choir. When she's not on stage or practising music, Ruby enjoys playing basketball and netball. Her favourite musical is Annie, and if she could be any character in real life, she'd choose Duchess from The Aristocats, because "she's independent!"

If she could add one more song to the show, it would be Love Is an Open Door from Frozen, just because it's so fun to sing! Ruby hopes you enjoy the show as much as she's loved being part of it.



EMMA FLECKNOE AS TOULOUSE



Emma is a second-year student at BCMA, where she first discovered her love of theatre playing Pabbie in Frozen Jr. This year, she's bringing the cheeky and creative Toulouse to life, a role that fits her to a tee with its mix of mischief, artistry, and bold personality.

Emma takes part in vocal coaching, FiPs, and JVE, and dreams of one day playing the drums and learning jazz dance. Her go-to song is "Megaverse" by Stray Kids, and anything she can belt in the car to drive her parents nuts.

Her current favourite musical is Mean Girls 2, but she's counting down the days to see Beetlejuice and Annie live in Melbourne this year. If she could be any Madagascar animal, she'd be Marty the Zebra: full of energy and always ready to dance!

If granted three wishes by a genie, Emma would ask for: unlimited food, all the squishmallows in the world, and world peace. Not necessarily in that order.

She hopes you love the show as much as she loves squishmallows, and that's saying something!

SAFIYA GLAUDE AS MARIE

Safiya is 10 years old and has been part of BCMA for four years. She currently studies FiPs and, this year, joined the Vocal Ensemble. Safiya is thrilled to be playing Marie in The Aristocats as part of Bound for Broadway, her first role! She has been practising her songs every day and can't wait to perform.

Her favourite musicals are Wicked and Matilda, and if she had to choose between seasons, Safiya would pick spring because she loves seeing baby magpies appear. Her favourite song to perform is Everybody Wants to Be a Cat, because the choreography challenges her and is also super fun.

Safiya's favourite part about performing in this musical theatre revue is learning new dance moves and sharing the stage with her classmates. She hopes you'll be just as delighted by the show as she's been to perform in it!



ISLA TURNER AS BERLIOZ

Isla is nine years old and has been part of BCMA since she was seven. She has previously performed in Finding Nemo Jr, Frozen, and Beyond the Wardrobe. Isla currently takes FiPs, Acro, and Guitar classes at BCMA, and even performed a solo guitar piece last year at the soiree at the Piano Bar!

She is so excited to be playing Berlioz from The Aristocats in Bound for Broadway and loves capturing the audience's attention when she's on stage. Isla has a real-life cat named Guinness who looks just like Berlioz! She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!



FINYA NAJERA-HINKO AS EDGAR

Finya would love to visit Paris one day to finally see the Eiffel Tower in person. If they were an animal from The Aristocats, they'd choose to be one of the geese because they're funny, kind, and full of personality. Finya is excited to bring a bit of mischief and fun to the stage as Edgar!





HELENA JONES AS SLICK CAT GROUP LEADER

Helena would love to visit Paris to see the Eiffel Tower and sample delicious treats like croissants, madeleines, and macarons from the city's famous bakeries. If she could choose best friends from The Aristocats, it would be Duchess for her fabulous fashion sense and Scat Cat for his love of a good party! Helena is excited to lead the Slick Cats with style and energy on stage.

MILA MATTHEWS AS MAD CAT GROUP LEADER

Mila says Jasmine from Aladdin would be her real-life best friend because she's kind, sweet, and generous. Her favourite thing about performing on stage is how it helps build her confidence and makes her feel proud and excited every time she steps into the spotlight!



ARTEMIS ANSLEY AS MAD CAT GROUP LEADER

Artemis would love to be best friends with Gloria from Madagascar, fun, fierce, and full of personality! If granted three wishes, they'd all revolve around meeting Taylor Swift (and maybe squeezing in a few chats with Gracie Abrams, Ariana Grande, or Dua Lipa too!). Artemis is thrilled to take the stage as the leader of the Mad Cats and bring some serious star power to the role.



SIENNA WALKER AS WACKY CAT GROUP LEADER

Sienna would love to visit Paris one day, it's her dream destination because of its beauty and charm! Her favourite thing about performing on stage is seeing the smiles in the audience and sharing the experience with her friends. She loves the joy and energy that performing brings!



SCARLETT SHELUDKO AS HEP CAT GROUP LEADER & UNDERSTUDY CAT IN THE HAT

Scarlett began her dance journey at age four, joining BCMA two years ago, and has been doing vocal training with Sarah Landy since the age of 8. Scarlett has taken on a variety of exciting roles, including Gretl in The Sound of Music (2023), Molly in Annie (2024) with Ballarat Lyric Theatre, and Oaken in Frozen Jr (2024) with BCMA. Scarlett also featured in Found | Home (Performing Artists Company), and most recently, shared the role of Little Cosette in the Australian leg of the Les Misérables: Arena Spectacular World Tour, performing in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane with Live Nation for Cameron Mackintosh.

Her on-screen experience includes TV and film extra work, along with a recent TVC for Bunch of Balloons (Sodaland Films).

If Scarlett could visit anywhere from the show, she'd dive under the sea to meet all the amazing sea creatures. Her dream best friend from the musical world? Abu, because who wouldn't want a cheeky monkey sidekick like him!



LYLA HARNEY HEP CAT GROUP LEADER

Lyla joined BCMA in 2024 and quickly found her groove in our FIPS program. Now, she's bringing all the cool vibes and confidence to the stage as the Hep Cat Group Leader! With her energy, style, and love of performing, Lyla is ready to lead the cats with flair!



MILLI BEVELANDER AS HEP CAT GROUP LEADER

Milli would love to visit under the sea, exploring while breathing underwater sounds like the ultimate adventure! Her ideal best friend? Aladdin, of course, because who wouldn't want a friend who can grant wishes? Her three dream wishes include world peace, infinite money, and a healthy planet Earth. Milli's favourite part of performing is sharing the experience with new friends, and if she were an animal, she'd be a giraffe, so she could see things from a whole new point of view!



ALADDIN

MACKENZIE HARBOUR AS KASSIM



Mackenzie is 11 years old and is so excited to be performing in her very first BCMA production, Bound for Broadway, where she plays Kassim from Aladdin Jr. She's loved being part of school plays like Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Peter Pan, and she currently trains in FiPs at BCMA.

Mackenzie has a background in ballet, enjoys playing soccer, and loves getting creative with arts and crafts. Her favourite movie is Sing 2, and she's known for putting tomato sauce on just about everything, except ice cream!

If Mackenzie had three wishes like Aladdin, she'd wish to never grow up, that her little sister would stop stealing her food, and to have a trillion dollars! She hopes you love the show and leaves you with this reminder: "I don't stay where I'm not appreciated!"

ANASTASYA MACAULAY AS BABKAK

Anastasya has been part of BCMA since she was three years old, starting in the Little Froggies group. Last year, she was the Understudy for Cheshire Cat Number 2 in Alice in Wonderland.

Anastasya is a fun, quirky, kind, and sharing person, although she admits she can get a little grumpy if things don't go her way! Her favourite musicals are Wicked and Willy Wonka (especially because she has a sweet tooth!).

Along with her performing arts classes, Anastasya also plays golf and has won several tournaments, including being named the Victoria Teammates Girl Player of the Year in 2024. She also takes piano lessons.

Anastasya's favourite thing about performing on stage is the excitement of expressing herself and sharing her creativity. She hopes you enjoy the show!



GEORGIA LYNCH AS OMAR

Georgia is nine years old and has been part of BCMA for three years. She is so excited to play her first big role as Omar, a middle-aged man, in Bound for Broadway! Being part of these productions is always so much fun for her.

Georgia's favourite class at BCMA is Acro, but she loves all her classes and can't wait to keep trying new ones each year. When she's not singing, dancing, or creating arts and crafts, you'll usually find her busy chatting away—talking is definitely her favourite pastime!

Her favourite musical at the moment is Wicked, and her favourite song from a musical is Naughty from Matilda, she says it's a little too easy to get into character singing it around the house!

Georgia hopes you enjoy the show as much as she's loved being part of it!



SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

MIA BRUTY AS THE CAT IN THE HAT

Mia has been a proud BCMA student for five years, starting in Little Froggies and now loving her time in FiPs. Playing the Cat in the Hat marks her first-ever stage role, and she couldn't be more excited!

Mia's favourite part of performing is the thrill of being on stage under the bright lights and sharing the fun with an audience. If she could be any animal from Madagascar or The Aristocats, she'd be a lion, because he's the king and good-looking!

Given the chance to travel anywhere in the show, she'd head straight to Paris to see the beautiful Eiffel Tower. And if she had three wishes? A candy world, invisibility, and a duet with Ariana Grande, of course! Mia can't wait to bring fun and mischief to life as the Cat in the Hat!



EMILY PARKE AS SOUR KANGAROO



Emily Parke is 10 years old and has been part of BCMA since 2022. She's no stranger to the stage, having played the bubbly Grouper in Finding Nemo Jr. and the cheeky Four of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland. Emily currently trains in Jazz and FiPs Intermediate, and she absolutely loves singing, especially songs from her favourite musical, Matilda!

In Bound for Broadway, Emily is excited to step into the fabulously feisty role of Sour Kangaroo. Her favourite number to perform is Biggest Blame Fool because it's loud, full of energy, and super fun!

When she's not on stage, Emily enjoys watching Harry Potter, reading, and playing with her cat Colin and dog Penny. If she could visit anywhere from the show, she'd head Under the Sea to hang out with Sebastian!

VIOLETA GUZZONI AS HORTON

11-year-old Violeta Guzzoni has always had a deep love for music, some of her earliest memories are dancing to Latin American rhythms with her Papi. She's no stranger to the stage, having played Tiny Tim in Ballarat National Theatre's A Christmas Carol, and the Two of Clubs in BCMA's last year production of Alice in Wonderland.

Off stage, Violeta is just as creative. She has a flair for baking, especially when it involves planning elaborate high teas, and she brings serious speed and skill to the rink during Wednesday night rollerskating at Doug Dean Stadium.

A proud bilingual performer, her favourite Spanish word is fruitilla, strawberry! Violeta is thrilled to step into the role of Horton in Bound for Broadway and can't wait to share this heartwarming story with the audience.



LUPITA GUZZONI AS JOJO

At just seven years old, Lupita Guzzoni is bursting with energy and excitement as she takes on the role of Jojo in Bound for Broadway! Now in her second year at BCMA, Lupita loves tumbling through cartwheels, nailing walkovers, and swinging from monkey bars. She also adores her time doing calisthenics.

Her favourite musicals are Six and Hamilton, and she's often found belting out songs in her bedroom, though her two tabby cats don't always join the chorus.

As Shakespeare might say, Lupita is "little, but fierce", and while she may be small, her YOPP can definitely be heard for miles!



NIAMH MCMAHON AS GERTRUDE



Niamh's second year at BCMA, and she absolutely loves the chance to sing, dance, and let her heart be free on stage. She's had a blast learning all things Bird Girl and Gertrude and can't wait to share the magic with you!

Niamh dreams of one day visiting Paris, where she can snack on croissants (her favourite food!), admire the Eiffel Tower, and see the most famous painting in the world.

If she could be any Disney princess, it would be Ariel, because swimming freely under the sea sounds like the dream!

Niamh's three wishes?

- . A healthier world
- . Unlimited chocolate
- . Peace and happiness all around at BCMA

She's been rehearsing hard, even through with a pesky cold and is so looking forward to stepping into Gertrude's feathered shoes for this whimsical show!

EMMA GREEDY AS MAYZIE

Emma began at BCMA in 2022 and has loved her classes in Musical Theatre and Ballet. Last year, she played the Butler in Frozen, and she is so excited to be playing Mayzie in this year's production of Bound for Broadway!

Emma also trains in Ballet with DSD and is looking forward to performing with the troupe at South Street. She keeps busy during the week with swimming, piano, and basketball too!

Emma's favourite movie is Harry Potter, and her favourite musical is Wicked.

If she could be any animal in the world, Emma would be a kitten so she could play at home all day with her three cats—Mellie, Cassie, and her new little kitten, Alice!



ELYSE MCGRATH AS YOUNG KANGAROO

Elyse is 7 years old and making her musical theatre debut, but she's no stranger to the stage, having performed Tap, Ballet, and Jazz solos since the age of three. Elyse would love to visit Madagascar to meet all the amazing animals, and says her best friend from the show would be Young Simba, because the little ones have to stick together!



MACK HANNAFORD AS WICKERSHAM LEADER GROUP 1

Mack would love to visit Madagascar, mainly to hang out with the Penguins! If he were an animal, he'd be a lemur because he loves their black and white stripes. Mack says Aladdin would be his real-life best friend, and his favourite thing about performing is having lots of people watch him on stage!



IRIS WAGHORNE AS WICKERSHAM LEADER GROUP 2

Iris loves bringing characters to life on stage, whether in the spotlight or helping to shape the world of the story from the ensemble. If she were an animal, she'd be a cat because they're cool, cute, and totally amazing. Her three wishes? World peace, stopping global warming, and rescuing animals already affected by it. Iris brings heart and purpose to every performance!





ELIZA GARDINER AS WICKERSHAM LEADER GROUP 3

Eliza joined BCMA earlier this year and is already making a bold entrance in her very first show as a Wickersham Leader!

With her fierce stage presence and playful spirit, Eliza is bringing the sass and strength needed to lead the mischievous Wickersham crew. We're so excited to see her shine in her BCMA debut!

BRIDGET LEITH AS BIRD GIRLS

Bridget would love to visit Paris so she could see the Eiffel Tower, and she thinks Toulouse from The Aristocats would be her best friend in real life. If she had three wishes, she'd wish to live forever, befriend a unicorn, and live at Hogwarts! Her favourite thing about performing on stage is getting to perform in front of her family. If she were an animal, she'd be a cat—because everybody wants to be a cat and knows how to swing!



IMOGEN LEITH AS BIRD GIRLS

Imogen would love to visit under the sea so she could breathe underwater and maybe even swim in the Great Barrier Reef! She thinks the Penguins from Madagascar would be the perfect best friends because she loves to waddle like a penguin. If she had three wishes, she'd choose to fly a unicorn, eat lollies every day, and have magical powers. Imogen's favourite part of performing on stage is getting to wear all the fun costumes!

HONORA BAKER AS BIRD GIRLS

Honora loves performing for her family and friends and says there's something magical about being on stage. If she could visit anywhere from the show, it would be under the sea to swim with turtles and sea creatures. Her dream? To own a zoo, starting with a kitten, a monkey, and a red panda!



CLAIRE PERDRISAT AS BIRD GIRLS

Claire would love to be best friends with Ariel from The Little Mermaid, she seems so friendly and adventurous! Claire's favourite thing about performing on stage is getting to show her skills and dances to her family. She's excited to be part of Bound for Broadway and hopes you enjoy the show!

JESSICA DRENNAN AS YERTLE

Jessie would love to visit under the sea because she thinks it would be so much fun to see all the fish! Her favourite part about performing on stage is the excitement she feels when everyone is dancing and singing together. She can't wait to share that joy with the audience!



WINNIE TEMPLE AS MRS MAYOR

Winnie's favourite thing about performing is the joy of being in concerts, especially the feeling of being a little nervous and doing it anyway! If she were an animal from the show, she'd be the lion from Madagascar because she loves to roar! She's excited to hit the stage and hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

EDWARD YAKLEY AS MR MAYOR

Edward would love to visit Paris one day to see the Eiffel Tower in person! If he could be best friends with any character, it would be Flounder from The Little Mermaid because he's fun and plays great music. Edward says he'd be a lemur if he were an animal, because they're funny and cheeky, just like him! He loves performing on stage and bringing characters to life for an audience.

