

# Young Stars Theatre *Winter Camp* **REGISTRATION OPEN**

***One week camp - Ages 8-18***

## Disney **Winnie the Pooh** KIDS

**December 27-31, 10am –3pm**

**Four Performances January 1-2**

**\*ALL Dates, Times, Cost, Other  
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WINTER CAMP

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## Disney **FROZEN** JR.

**BASED ON THE 2013 DISNEY FILM "FROZEN"**

Book and Lyrics by  
**David Lindsay-Abaire**

Music by  
**Jeanine Tesori**

Originally produced on Broadway by  
**Dreamworks Theatricals**  
and  
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Directed by  
**Jack J. Bennett**

Musical director & Choreographer  
**Gloria Bennett**

**December 2021**

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## ***A Brief History of Young Stars Theatre***

Young Stars Theatre was originally formed in Jacksonville Beach, FL in 2000. The program founders, Jack and Gloria Bennett, were doing a yearly summer musical theatre and drama camp with 40-50 youth (18 and under) every summer. It hit them after a few years of doing the summer camps that there was very little opportunity for these youth to participate in theatre the rest of the year, and this realization inspired the idea to create a community theatre just for youth actors. Young Stars Theatre was born. They literally carved out a performance space in Gloria's private studio. After a little over 2 years of this, the building where the theatre was located was sold, and the new owners wanted to raise the lease by nearly 30%, which made it prohibitive to stay at that location. The studio moved to a smaller space, and YST was in limbo.

In 2004, Jack and Gloria moved to Los Angeles, and in 2007, Young Stars Theatre made its Southern California debut with a production of *The Sherlock Society*, an original play by George Demme (Gloria's father) at The Actor's Workout Studio in North Hollywood.

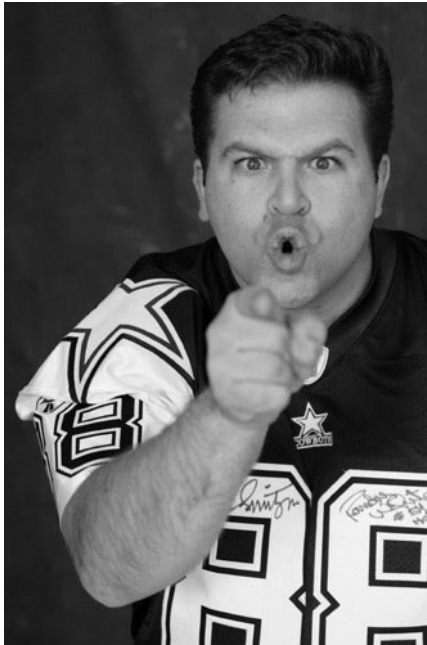
The idea of community theatre for youth actors seemed to strike a real chord in Los Angeles. Soon, YST was looking for a theatre to call their own. At the beginning of 2008, Gloria found a retail space on Sherman Way. Where other people saw a big empty room with little but a front door, a toilet and a sink, Gloria saw a theatre. With the help of donated labor from a contractor, Bill Lippold, donated pews, other building materials found on Craigslist, and a few thousand dollars in new materials, they were up and running with their first show in February of 2008.

Young Stars Theatre produced 11 shows in 2008 in their new space, nearly one a month, most with at least two and sometimes three completely different casts. Jack was working a full-time day job, and spending nearly every night at the theatre, either rehearsing, teaching, or building, and Gloria maintained a full roster of private voice students while also spending nearly every night at the theatre.

This schedule proved exhausting, and both Jack and Gloria ended up in the hospital at different times at the end of the year. These health issues, along with the slipping economy, forced Jack and Gloria to scale back to just 10 shows for 2009. The economic reality of 2009 still caught up with YST, and their final show in that space was *A Christmas Carol*. They shut the doors for the last time on December 15, 2009.

In late 2015, YST stumbled onto the beautiful Fremont Centre Theatre and fell in love! As of December 2021, despite all the challenges of the last 2 years, YST is still here thanks to people like you!

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## SCENES and SONGS

### ACT ONE

Scene 1—Kingdom of Arendelle, Summer Festival

*Let the Sun Shine On*

Scene 2—Castle Interior

*A Little Bit of You*

*First Joik*

Scene 3—Castle Interior, a few months later

*Do You Want to Build a Snowman?*

Scene 4—Castle Interior, three years later

*For the First Time in Forever*

Scene 5—Castle Interior, Coronation Ceremony

*Dangerous to Dream*

Scene 6—Castle Interior, Coronation Ball

*Love is an Open Door*

Scene 7—Snowy Mountainside

*Reindeer(s) are Better than People*

*You're Hired*

*In Summer*

Scene 8—Wandering Oakens

*Hygge*

Scene 9—North Mountain

*Let It Go*

### 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

### ACT TWO

Scene 1—Mountain Path

Scene 2—Elsa's Palace

*For the First Time in Forever (reprise)*

*Mountain Fall*

Scene 3—Foot of the Mountain

*Kristoff's Joik*

*Fixer Upper*

Scene 4—Castle Interior

*Colder by the Minute*

*Finale (Part 1)*

*Finale (Part 2)*

Bows



# Disney FROZEN JR.

## CREW

Producer.....Gloria Bennett  
Director.....Jack J. Bennett  
Music Director.....Gloria Bennett  
Choreographer.....Gloria Bennett  
Stage Manager.....Gloria Bennett  
Set Design.....Jack J. Bennett  
Set Artists.....Ellia White, Cassy Nehring  
Lighting Design.....Sam Phillips  
Lights and Sound.....Gloria Bennett  
Prop Master.....Gloria Bennett  
Costume Design.....Gloria Bennett  
Production Assistants.....Augie Matsuura  
Annie Sawran

## ***Special Thanks to...***

- ◇ Volunteer poster hangers for getting us seen
- ◇ Sam Phillips for coming almost directly from the airport to get our lights done
- ◇ Ellia and Cassy for providing their art skills once again

## THANK YOU TO YST DONORS

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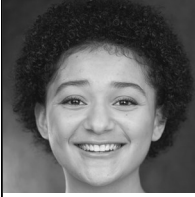
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### Eden Wright



Eden is so excited about her first performance with YST! She's an avid fan of musical theatre, as well as anime and video games. Eden began doing theatre in middle school and has been an active member of the community ever since. Previous roles include Ronette in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid*, and Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast*!

### Alena Zepkowski



Alena is thrilled for her debut musical performance in *Frozen Jr.* Alena studies dance at Sierra Madre Dance Center and piano with Betsy Wright. Alena is also passionate about songwriting. She was the South Pasadena district finalist for the National PTA Art Reflections Contest in 2020 for her original song, "Special In This World".

### Jack J. Bennett Director



Jack has at least tried his hand at nearly every aspect of show business, including stand-up comedy, where he had the pleasure of opening for Larry the Cable Guy for two weeks. He has appeared on the live theatre stage thousands of times, as well as directing close to 200 live shows. Favorite roles include Sweeney Todd in *Sweeney Todd*, Derek Coburn in *Smoke and Mirrors*, Starbuck in *The Rainmaker* (for which he won a Best Actor/Season award), and Man 2 in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Jack is also a veteran of more than 100 television commercials, as well as film and television appearances including *Ballers*, *All the Way*, *Desperate Housewives*, *House*, *The Bold and the Beautiful*, *Medium*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *Melissa and Joey*, *The Mindy Project*, and most recently *The Offer*, a dramatized "making of" *The Godfather*, airing on Paramount Plus in 2022.

### Gloria Bennett Producer/Music Director/Choreographer



In addition to directing, producing and/or stage managing more than 200 productions, Gloria is also a professional singer and actor. Favorite roles include Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*, Momma Rose in *Gypsy*, Woman-2 in *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, Donna in *Tony N' Tina's Wedding* and Aunt Eller in *OKLAHOMA!* Gloria also teaches private voice, and is a health and fitness coach. She'd like to thank George, Jack, and Miranda, for their love and support!

### Riley Barone



*Frozen Jr.* is Riley's 21st show with YST and she's excited to reprise her role as Young Anna. Recently, she played Matilda in *Matilda Jr.*, Amy in *Little Women*, and Fiona Starkweather in *Murder's in the Heir*. Other roles include: *Annie Jr* (Annie), *James and the Giant Peach Jr* (James), and *Shrek Jr* (Pinocchio/Young Fiona/Dragon). She dedicates her performance to her biggest fan, Grandpa Kelly, whom she misses dearly.

### Daniella Belkin



Daniella is 6 years old and is very excited to perform in her first in-person theatre production with YST! In her free time, Daniella loves drawing, singing, dressing up, and putting on make-up. She would like to thank her family, friends, and Jack and Gloria for all their support!

### Bennet Bostic



Bennet is 10 years old and thrilled to be performing in her first YST production as Oaken! Bennet loves dancing and musical theatre and is very excited to become part of YST. Thank you to Jack and Gloria for this incredible opportunity!

### Ramona Chambers



This is Ramona's first show with YST! She is happy and thrilled to be working with YST. Her latest role was Scrooge, in *A Christmas Carol*. Ramona thanks YST for giving her this amazing opportunity.

### Sophie Converse



Sophie recently moved to Pasadena and was thrilled to join YST, playing Nancy in *Murder's in the Heir* in June 2021. Before that she graced the stages of Los Angeles playing Tamatoa in *Moana* (Youth Academy of Dramatic Arts), Mary Poppins in *Mary Poppins Jr* (Marlborough Summer Camp), Zazu in *The Lion King* (St. James Episcopal School) and many more. Sophie loves singing, dancing, reading and playing with Uni, her pet Tiger Rabbit.



### **Madeline Cooper**

Maddie is thrilled to be playing the role of Middle Anna in her 2nd production with YST. She is a 5th grader at Mayfield Jr. School and loves to sing, dance, and act. In her free time, she can be found at dance where she recently started on pointe, singing, with her family or friends, or practicing with the 5th grade Cheer Club that she founded at her school.



### **Ella Dan**

Ella is 11 years old and is so excited to be playing Princess Anna! *Frozen Jr.* is Ella's 5th show with YST, most recently performing in *Matilda Jr.* as Matilda. Aside from acting and singing, Ella enjoys reading, writing, spending time with friends, and playing with her dog, Teddy. She is immensely grateful to Jack and Gloria for the opportunity and all they have taught her.



### **Alexandria Dominguez**

Alexandria is in first grade. She loves to sing, dance, and act. She would like everyone to know she recently lost her first tooth.



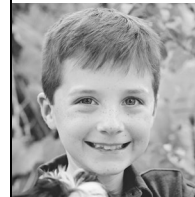
### **Kalea Hoshi**

Kalea is thrilled to be back on stage at YST performing as middle Elsa. This is her 7th production with YST. Kalea is a happy 10 years old who loves to read, sing, dance and create. Kalea wants to thank her friends and family for their love & support. She also would like to thank Jack and Gloria for the opportunity to be part of YST.



### **Luana Hoshi**

Luana is excited to be back on stage at YST performing in *Frozen Jr.* Luana has previously appeared in productions of *Annie Jr.*, *Elf Jr.* and *Matilda Jr.* She is a happy 8 year old homeschooler who loves to sing, dance, play piano and read. Luana wants to thank her friends and family for their love & support. She also would like to thank Jack and Gloria for the opportunity to be part of YST.



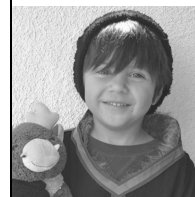
### **James Pudi**

James is thrilled to be joining the cast of *Frozen Jr.*! He started performing with YST when he was 5 years old and has created so many wonderful memories with this theatre company!



### **Annie Sawran**

Annie's in 8th grade and overjoyed to play Olaf in *Frozen Jr.* Annie loves character roles and some of her favorites have been Sponge in *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*, Miss Hannigan in *Annie Jr.*, and Agatha Trunchbull in *Matilda Jr.* Annie also enjoys voicework, tap dancing, ASL, and binge-watching TV. YST is Annie's home away from home and I'm pretty sure she wishes Jack and Gloria were her parents.



### **Hudson Sawran**

Hudson is in 5th grade and is super excited to play Sven in *Frozen Jr.* This is his 4th YST production. *A Christmas Carol* has been his favorite show so far. In his free time, Hudson enjoys gaming, playing baseball, making up jokes, researching roller coasters, and hanging out with his friends. Hudson would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bennett for casting him in his dream role.



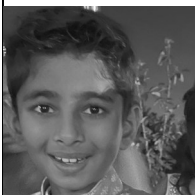
### **Sunny Schiff**

Sunny Mae Schiff is 9-years-old and in 4th grade. *Frozen Jr.* is her first show with Young Stars Theater. She previously was in productions of *Cinderella*, *Jungle Book*, and *Snow White* at California Arts Academy. Sunny loves acting and doing anything expressive and creative. She plays guitar and loves to draw and write stories.



### **Madeline Rose Smith**

Madeline is a seventh grader and is very excited to be cast in her first musical production ever! In her free time, Madeline enjoys cooking, drawing, going to Disneyland and visiting new places. She especially loves all things Harry Potter. Madeline is thrilled to be a part of the *Frozen Jr.* production and is grateful for this opportunity to try something new and have fun!



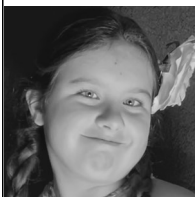
### **Dhiren Karnani**

Dhiren is thrilled to be starring in his very first performance at YST! Dhiren thanks her family members and her friends at YST for their support and encouragement. Outside of YST, Dhiren loves playing and watching football, drawing, reading, coding, math, and tennis. He hopes to one day help athletes recover from their injuries by becoming a sports medicine doctor!



### **Milan Karnani**

Millie is so excited to be a part of *Frozen Jr.*! This will be her second production with YST. Millie thanks her family members and her friends at YST for their love, support, and encouragement. Outside of YST, Millie loves singing, dancing, and playing tennis. She loves cheetahs and puppies. She hopes to one day become a pediatric disease specialist.



### **Zoe Keller**

Zoe is thrilled to be back on stage after a long hiatus. She has been a member of YST since 2018. She loves to sing and dance and currently sings in a local musical group. She is also learning to play the violin. Her favorite activities are going to the theater and horseback riding.



### **Augie Matsuura**

In her 10th production at YST, Augie's favorite roles have been Mayzie in *Seussical Jr.*, Mrs. Potts in *Beauty and the Beast*, and Emily in *Elf Jr.* Now, she is excited to be member of royalty as Queen Iduna. Augie is a sophomore and is a member volleyball and track teams. She is also involved in choir, class council, and is a student ambassador. Augie enjoys attending sports games and weekend getaways.



### **Fiona Pudi**

Fiona is so excited to play Young Elsa! She has been performing with YST since she was 5 years old and enjoys working with all the other children and Jack and Gloria. Fiona also loves to swim, read and anything and everything having to do with Harry Potter!

**Gloria Bennett would like to congratulate her private voice students who have worked SO very hard in this show!**

*Annie Sawran  
Riley Barone  
Maddie Cooper  
Ella Dan  
Francesca Pantleo*



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## December 2021

<b>Young Anna</b> .....	Riley Barone*
<b>Young Elsa</b> .....	Fiona Pudi*
<b>Middle Anna</b> .....	Maddie Cooper*
<b>Middle Elsa</b> .....;	Kalea Hoshi*
<b>Anna</b> .....	Ella Dan*
<b>Elsa</b> .....	Eden Wright
<b>King Agnarr</b> .....	James Pudi
<b>Queen Iduna</b> .....	Augie Matsuura*
<b>Pabbie/Cook</b> .....	Francesca Pantleo
<b>Bulda</b> .....	Madeline Smith
<b>Bishop</b> .....	Ramona Chambers
<b>Kristoff</b> .....	Sophie Converse*
<b>Sven</b> .....	Hudson Sawran
<b>Hans</b> .....	Harrison Farley*
<b>Weselton</b> .....	Sylvie Shapiro*
<b>Olaf</b> .....	Annie Sawran*
<b>Oaken</b> .....	Bennet Bostic
<b>Oaken's Child 1/Townsperson 2</b> .....	Alexa Dominguez
<b>Oaken's Child 2/Townsperson 3</b> .....	Luana Hoshi*
<b>Oaken's Child 3/ Townsperson 4</b> .....	Daniella Baskin
<b>Oaken's Child 4/ Townsperson 5</b> .....	Milan Karnani
<b>Oaken's Child / Townsperson 1</b> .....	Alena Zepkowski
<b>Housekeeper</b> .....	Zoe Keller*
<b>Handmaiden</b> .....	Sunny Schiff
<b>Butler</b> .....	Willow Shapiro*
<b>Steward</b> .....	Dhiren Karnani