

# Acting Academy and TheatreTECH PRESENT



*Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture  
and the Book by William Steig*

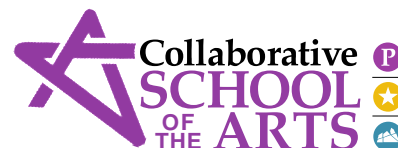
*Book and Lyrics by  
David Lindsay-Abaire*

*Music by  
Jeanine Tesori*

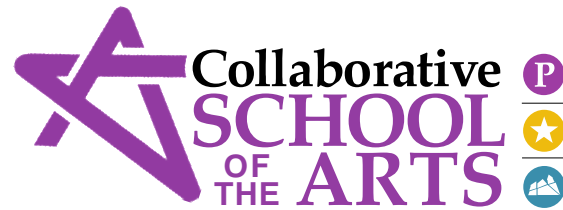
*Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals  
and Neal Street Productions*

*Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford*

*"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond*



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CEO of Proctors.....Phillip Morris  
Director, Collaborative School of the Arts..... Christine Sheehan  
Education Programs Manager.....Shai Davenport  
Youth & Community Programs Manager.....Angel Flores  
Director/Choreographer.....Claudia Bertasso  
Assistant Director..... Shavon Tate  
Music Director.....Chenya D’Arcangelis  
Sound Designer..... Mark Norfolk  
Costume Designer..... Renee Roy  
Lighting Designer..... Gabrielle Ramsundar

## Musical Numbers

**Big Bright Beautiful World**...Storytellers, Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Shrek, Little Ogre

**Story of My Life**...Captain of the Guard, Fairytale Creatures

**What's Up Duloc (Part 1)** .... Duloc Performers

**What's Up Duloc (Part 2)** .... Guards, Duloc Performers, Farquaad

**What's Up Duloc (Reprise)**...Guards, Duloc Performers, Farquaad

**I Know It's Today**.... Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Fiona

**Travel Song**.....Donkey, Shrek, Ensemble

**Forever**.... Dragon, Donkey, Knights

**This is How A Dream Comes True**.... Shrek, Fiona

**Morning Person**.....Fiona, Pied Piper, Ensemble

**I Think I Got You Beat**.... Shrek, Fiona

**Make a Move**.....Donkey, Ensemble, Fiona, Shrek

**Morning Person (Reprise)**.... Fiona

**Freak Flag**.... Fairytale Creatures, Shrek

**Big Bright Beautiful World (Reprise)**.... Shrek

**Finale**..... All

**I'm a Believer**...All.



## CREW

**Sound**.....Damien DeJesus  
**Lights**.....George Jensen  
**Stage**.....Ren Nygaard, Olivia Pinsett  
**Projections**.....Damien DeJesus

\*We are proud of our partnership with the Schenectady City School District to provide the high school level workforce development program **TheatreTECH**. Students who participate in TheatreTECH receive on-set training in all aspects of theatre: lights, sound, costumes, wardrobe, make-up, and set construction. This program directly leads students to paid work in the theatre industry while still in school and post-graduation.

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## Cast

**Storyteller**.....Nailah Soto  
**Mama Ogre**.....Giada Lownsbury  
**Papa Ogre**.....Memphis Brown  
**Young Shrek**.....Jahni Anderson  
**Shrek**.....Infinite Martin  
**Captain of the Guards**.....Makiyah Lovelace-Williams  
**Pinocchio**.....Memphis Brown  
**Big Bad Wolf**.....Alina Robinson  
**Pig 1**.....Coryanah Robinson-Lewis  
**Pig 2**.....Neveah Caston  
**Pig 3**.....Sanya Caston  
**Wicked Witch**.....Londynn Olmeda  
**Peter Pan**.....Londynn Edwards  
**Ugly Duckling**.....Emma Van Baaren  
**Mamma Bear**.....Samye Duncan  
**Baby Bear**.....Yemaya Gaines  
**Donkey**.....Jahni Anderson  
**Lord Farquaad**.....Angelina Bonilla  
**Gingy**.....Evelyn Carroll  
**Young Fiona**.....Karlie Birkett  
**Teen Fiona**.....Giada Lownsbury  
**Princess Fiona**.....Olivia Merfield  
**Knight 1**.....Yemaya Gaines  
**Knight 2**.....Karlie Birkett  
**Knight 3**.....Evelyn Carroll  
**Dragon**.....Jazarra Jackson  
**Pied Piper**.....Emma Van Baaren  
**Bishop**.....Giada Lownsbury  
**Dwarf**.....Emma Van Baaren  
**Rooster**.....Giada Lownsbury  
**Duloc Performers**.....Alaina Robinson, Memphis Brown, Emma Van Baaren, Yemaya Gaines, Coryanah Robinson-Lewis, Neveah Caston, Sanya Caston, Jazarra Jackson, Londynn Edwards, Samye Duncan  
**Rats**...Yemaya Gaines, Evelyn Carroll, Londynn Olmeda, Londynn Edwards, Jazarra Jackson, Makiyah Lovelace-Williams, Karlie Birkett, Samye Duncan, Coryanah Robinson-Lewis  
**Deer**.....Alaina Robinson, Memphis Brown, Giada Lownsbury

## Meet the Creative Team!

**Claudia Bertasso, Director/Choreographer**-went to school in Miami Florida at Barry University and obtained her BFA with a specialization in acting and stage combat. Claudia first fell in love with theater in Schenectady High with her first production being Ragtime. Since then, she has been in countless productions working on and off stage as well as directing and choreographing. She would like to thank Shai and Shavon for all their support and endless help through this production, her parents and boyfriend Justin for their love and support, and of course every student in Acting Academy to be the best part of her day!

**Shavon Tate, Assistant Director** – Shavon has 20 years of experience working with children, including working as a third-grade teacher, an afterschool program director, and an art specialist. She holds her BS from Sage College. This is Ms. Tate's second year working at Proctors and she has enjoyed learning about the theater.

**Chenya D’Arcangelis, Music Director** – Chenya D’Arcangelis acquired her Music Education degree at SUNY Potsdam from the esteemed Crane School of Music and has been engrossed in the field as a Music Educator for four years. Currently she teaches grades 6-8 Chorus, General Music, and Instrumental Lessons in the Schalmont Central School District. Ms. D’Arcangelis also directs the Color Guards at Schalmont and Draper Middle Schools. Chenya’s primary instrument is the flute, but her versatile skill set is proven by her vocal abilities as well. Her latest endeavor finds her very excited about the opportunity to work with the cast and crew at Proctors Theater!

**Mark Norfolk, Sound Designer** – Mark has been involved in all aspects of live sound as a designer and mixing engineer for over twenty years and in many different genres of music, dramatic, and musical theatre as well as for corporate events. For many years Mark concentrated on musical theatre and brings all his knowledge and experience to bear in designing for this very specialized musical form.

Mark has designed touring audio systems and show control for many popular tour shows including: *Smokey Joe’s Café* with Gladys Knight, *The Music of Andrew Lloyd-Weber* featuring *Michael Bolton*, *Grease*, *Chicago*, *Brigadoon*, *Camelot*, and *The Sound of Music* to name just a few.

**Renee Roy, Costumer Designer** – Renée Roy is a local designer, and this is her second time working on a Proctors Collaborative show! Prior to this she worked for the past four years as the head of the costume department and designer for the RPI Players and has been working in costumes since 2015. She hopes to eventually work in the theatre industry as a costume designer. Thanks to the cast and crew for being so fun and lovely to work with, and to the whole company for being such a welcoming and creative space. Break legs!

**Gabrielle Ramsundar, Lighting Designer** – Gabi Ramsundar graduated with their Bachelor’s Degree in Theatre from Lee University in 2020. They have spent two summers working for an opera company in upstate New York as Assistant Technical Director and Stage Manager, this is their second production as Lighting Designer for Acting Academy.