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CAST SPOTLIGHT: MEREDITH ARCHER & EMILIA MICHAUD

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA– STEPVA’s version of Disney’s “The Lion King, KIDS” is coming up soon, and every lion needs a strong lioness. Enter Meredith Archer and Emilia Michaud, who will portray the “time-gap” version of the same character. Meredith will play Young Nala, while Emilia will play the adult Nala, who teams up with an adult Simba, to defeat Scar, the latter’s uncle, in STEPVA’s performance of the show. STEPVA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that “empowers people with disabilities and their families through creative expression and sensory exploration.”



Meredith Archer

As mentioned before, Meredith will be portraying a young version of Simba’s friend, Nala, who she says is her “favorite character.”

“I love to sing. I love to act. I love being with my friends,” Meredith replied when asked what the best part of being in the show was, as well as adding that, compared to last year’s show, “There are lots more characters and lots more singing and dancing. I have lots more lines.”

Speaking of dancing, she, as well as her counterpart, Emilia, have both said that the dances in this year’s show are harder than normal, but they’re doing great! As one might expect from someone who’s playing a prominent character in this show, Meredith also added that her favorite song is “I Just Can’t Wait To Be King,” in which she has several solos. And for those who want to be part of the audience for the show, here’s something to keep in mind: she loves the spotlight! “I like performing on the stage and seeing all of the audience members,” she added on the topic.





Emilia Michaud

Emilia Michaud will be playing an older version of Nala, and like Meredith, she believes that her biggest challenge is the dancing.

“The most challenging part of this year’s musical has been the dances, because during almost every rehearsal or warm-up, I would either end up losing my balance or falling over,” she said.

Emilia also loves singing, so it’s no surprise that her favorite part of the show is “Can You Feel The Love Tonight,” where she has a solo as Nala. She enjoys “anything that has to do with love,” so the song seems perfect for her!

For Emilia, this show is much more different from her previous musical experience last year, “A Special COVID-19 Musical,” in which she portrayed Tim Croakee’s mother.

“I think it’s a bit different because now that COVID-19 is not as dangerous as it was before, we’re able to do all our rehearsals in-person again, and that makes it a lot more fun and interactive.”

STEPVA would love for you to come see Meredith, Emilia, and the rest of the STEPVA cast perform Disney’s *The Lion King, Kids!* on Saturday, April 30 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. Performances will take place at Fredericksburg Christian School, 9400 Thornton Rolling Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22408. Tickets are \$10; children 5 and younger are free.

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