

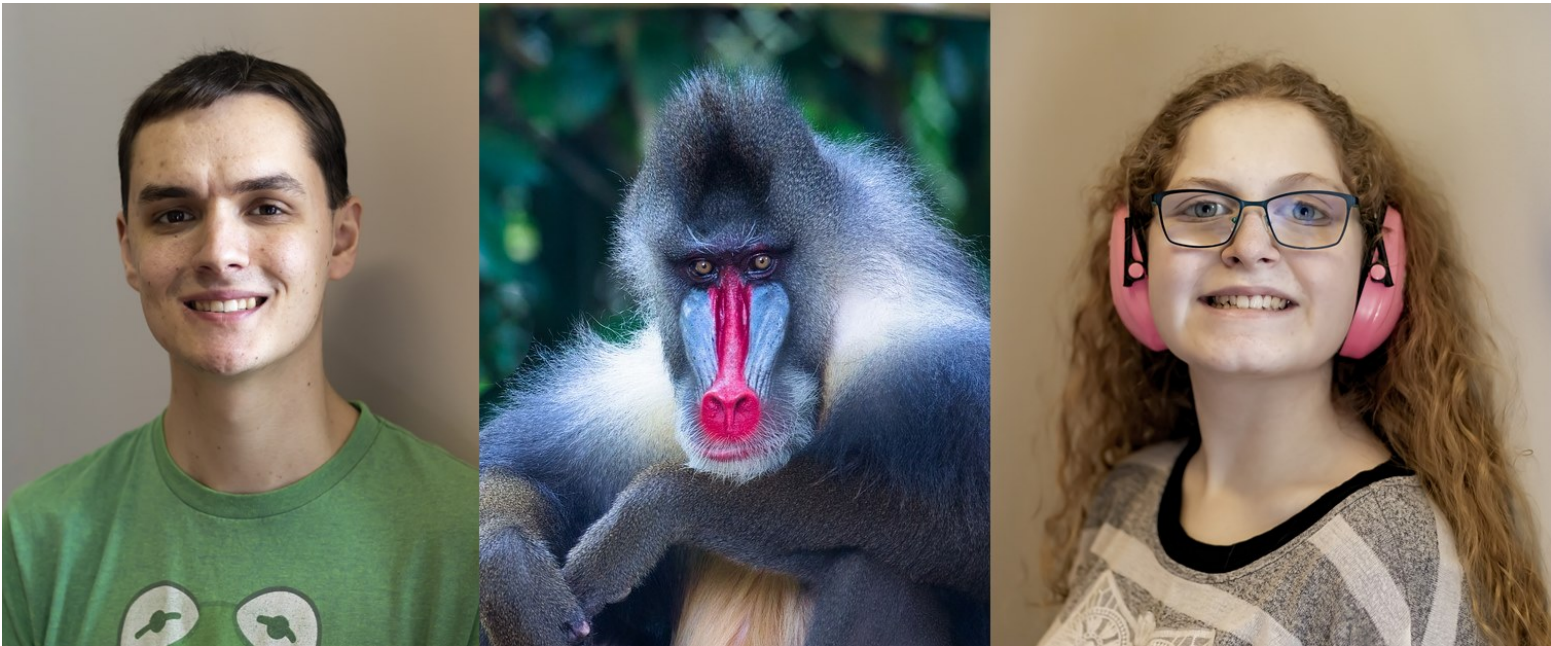


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## CAST SPOTLIGHT: THE “RAFIKI” PLAYERS

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA—Two participants in STEPVA’s adaptation of Disney’s “The Lion King KIDS” will have double roles! In addition to their roles as the assistant director, and young Nala respectively, Noah Finch and Meredith Archer will share the role of Rafiki as well.



Noah Finch

Besides his role as the assistant director, Noah Finch will also be playing Rafiki, the baboon shaman who presents Baby Simba to society and serves as the narrator of Disney's "The Lion King KIDS, during the first half of the show.

"The best part of being involved with this musical is that I've seen [Disney's] 'The Lion King', & I like it," he replied early on when asked what his favorite part of being involved with the show was.

However, Mr. Noah (as he is affectionately called by his castmates) is also the Rafiki who has to see Mufasa die, which he says is the most challenging part of the show for him because of how sad it is.



Meredith Archer

Meredith Archer will play Rafiki during the second half of the show, during which she sings "He Lives In You," persuades Simba to return to the Pridelands and challenge Scar, and crowns Simba as the new king by

the end of the show!

“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.

Plus, she loves the spotlight, adding, “I like performing on the stage and seeing all of the audience members.”

The “Circle of Life” will continue in Disney’s “The Lion King KIDS” from Saturday April 30 at 7pm to Sunday May 1 at 3pm at Fredericksburg Christian School, 9400 Thornton Rolling Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22408. Tickets are \$10; children 5 and younger are free.

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