

# SUMMER CAMP FINALE 2023

DMAB Presents  
our Production of

# Disney MOANA JR.

Based on the  
2016 Disney film  
MOANA

## JULY 29, 2023

### 11:00 AM

Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts  
Terry Theatre

Music & Lyrics by  
LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA,  
OPETAIA FOA'I & MARK MANCINA



DON'T MISS A  
**BEAT**

LAKISHA MAY -DIRECTOR  
LISTON GREGORY III -MUSIC DIRECTOR  
MICHELLE SMITH -CHOREOGRAPHER

SUMMER EDITION 2023  
SUMMER CAMP  
MUSICAL THEATRE  
DANCE  
VOCALS  
Drama  
VISUAL ARTS  
BEYOND THE RHYTHM  
**BROADWAY**  
EXPERIENCE

## Letter from Artistic Director

Welcome to the Don't Miss A Beat Broadway Summer Camp Finale at Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts. This is literally history in the making for DMAB to perform downtown at the same venue that hosts tons of touring Broadway Shows. It was very important to me for our children and team to experience performing on this stage; because for many of them; this experience is a foreshadowing of their eminent future in the performing arts.

Upon selecting the production this year, we chose to focus on "Moana Jr." to highlight this new crop of talent that has joined DMAB within the last year; given the surge of talented students ages 7-14 that have recently become part of our After School program, and the Summer camp. We are also incredibly excited to welcome a new director, costume department, new teaching staff and even a new process of how we operate daily at DMAB. A key element in growth is to avoid comfort, and persist toward the path of the unknown into uncharted territory, and we have done just that this year at DMAB.



Sit back and enjoy the incredible work and talent that is coming from your children directly to you, the audience and our community.

Continue to discover your rhythm with us as we seek to operate with our updated mission which is; "To enlighten and active kids through Musical Theatre Production and Community Engagement."

Sincerely,  
Ulysses Owens Jr.  
Artistic Director  
Don't Miss A Beat

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## Notes from the Director

Most of us are familiar with Moana, as it is one of my favorite animated films. In this staged production you will experience the same themes found in the movie. Te Fiti gets her heart stolen by a demigod (Maui) trying to win the love of humans. Angry Te Kā emerges and begins to suck the life out of the islands. A young girl (Moana) has the courage to leave behind her traditional royal responsibilities and restores the heart, healing her land and her people through an epic journey to protect the land and people she loves. The movie has also been adapted into a musical so of course there is song, dance, and fun adventures within the portrayal of the story.

The performers were encouraged to learn about pacific islander culture and to step outside of their comfort zones to embody some larger than life characters. This production also highlights how we as humans don't show love to the earth. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a collection of marine debris in the North Pacific Ocean.

Marine debris is litter that ends up in the ocean, seas, and other large bodies of water. Some estimate that the great pacific garbage patch is about twice the size of



Texas. Inspired by the great pacific garbage patch, the monsters and Tamatoa in our production are covered in bioluminescent plastic and other marine debris that humans directly or indirectly throw into the ocean.

I hope you enjoy, have fun, and also leave with a greater love/appreciation for this one beautiful planet we are blessed to share with other living organisms.

Sincerely,  
Lakisha May

# Moana Jr. Programme

July 27th & 29th, 2023

## Scene 1 - Prologue

Songs: ..... In the Beginning, Tulou Tagaloa

Characters: ..... Chief Ancestor, Young Moana, Ocean Ensemble

Ocean Dancers: ..... Maui, Te Kā/Te Fiti

## Scene 2 - The Shore/The Village

Songs: ..... Where You Are

Characters: ..... Moana, Sina, Chief Tui, Gramma Tala, Pua, Hei Hei, Villagers

## Scene 3 - The Village

Characters: ..... Moana, Sina, Chief Tui, Fishermen, Villagers

## Scene 4 - The Shore

Songs: ..... How Far I'll Go, We know the Way, Where You Are Reprise,  
How Far I'll Go Reprise

Characters: ..... Moana, Pua, Hei Hei, Ocean Dancers, Gramma Tala,  
Chief Ancestors, Ocean Ensemble, Villagers, Sina, Chief Tui

## Scene 5 - Maui's Island

Songs: ..... You're Welcome

Characters: ..... Moana, Maui, Maui Ensemble

## Scene 6 - Canoe at Sea

Songs: ..... Warrior Face

Characters: ..... Maui, Moana, Ocean Dancers

## Scene 7 - Lalotai

Songs: ..... Warrior Face

Characters: ..... Maui, Moana, Monster Ensemble

## Scene 8 - Tamatoa's Lai

Songs: ..... Shiny

Characters: ..... Moana, Maui, Tomato, Right Claw, Left Claw, Shiny Ensemble

## Scene 9 - Canoe at Sea

Songs: ..... Warrior Face Reprise/Logo Te Pate

Characters: ..... Moana, Maui, Ocean Dancers

## Scene 10 - Canoe at Sea, Near Te Kā

Songs: ..... Song of the Ancestors, Know Who Your Are,  
Te Fiti Restored, Tulou Tagaloa Reprise

Characters: ..... Maui, Moana, Ocean Dancers, Chief Ancestors,  
Gramma Tala, Ocean Ensemble, Te Kā/Te Fiti

## Scene 11 - Montunui Shore

Songs: ..... We Know the Way Finale

Characters: ..... Moana, Sina, Chief Tui, Pua, Hei Hei, Villagers,  
Gramma Tala, Chief Ancestors, Maui,  
Ocean Dancers, Ocean Ensemble

# DMAB Moana Jr. Credits

Lakisha May	Director
Liston Gregory III	Musical Director
Michelle Smith-Lee	Choreographer
Allyson Williams	Assistant Choreographer
LaFredrick Coaxner	Vocal Director
Chris Farago	Production Manager
PRI Productions	Lighting Designer
PRI Productions	Sound Engineer
Bob Stark	Prop Design (Boat and Mountain)
Dorathy Johnston	Costume Designer
Sonia Ricca	Assistant Costume Designer
Tiera Jones-Newton	Seamstress
Gunean Hooks	Seamstress
Tiffany Rodriguez	Set Design Artwork
Seth Langner	Photographer
LOL-Adam and Monique Madrid	Production Videographer
Caitlin Lewis	Program Design
On Ideas Agency	QR Code Program Design

## Band

Liston Gregory III	Aux Keys, Sound Design & Programming, Music Director
Royce Turner	Keys 1
Jon Hansel	Bass
Nat Stokes	Drums
Henderson Olivares	Percussion
Timothy Pickering	Percussion
Andre Liggins	Percussion
Background Vocals	Rachel James

## Executive Staff

Artistic Director	Ulysses Owens Jr
Educational Consultant	Dorothy Sibley
Director of Programs	Esther Poitier
Director of Operations	Felicia Bass
Director of Development	Gwendolyn Owens
Director of Finance	Iris Owens
Director of Compliance	Juanita Ings

## Camp Staff

Tavian Cox	Assistant Vocal Director
Gemma Smith	Musical Theatre Director
Julie Humphress	Creatively Young Instructor
Allyson Williams	Dance Director
Barbara Battle	Artpreneur Store
Alaina Sugar	Site Supervisor
Ulysses Owens Sr.	Maintenance and Transportation Director
Craig Pedroza	Videographer
Timothy Pickering	Band
Jamaine Tucker	Band

## Board Members

Nia Bradberry	President
Jennifer Ryan	Secretary
Andrea Mims	Director
Dr. Nina Garrett	Director
Dr. Michael Spencer	Advisor
Michael Spector	Advisor

## Youth Workers

MicGracious Grant, Mikeelah Pate, Bryce Smith, McKinley Taylor

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