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Disney's
Cinderella
KIDS

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From our Principal...



Welcome!, Forest Street Family, to our Grade 3-5, student production of **Disney's *Cinderella Kids!***

We are honored to have you here once again in our Forest Theater to help us celebrate the dedication and hard work of our young thespians. Our children have put their heart and soul into long hours of rehearsal to make this Disney show the best it can be! I am certain you will be thrilled by this wonderful and magical performance.

Special thanks to Director Theresa Jones, and Assistant Director Torenzo Blair, and all the staff of *Cinderella*, who have spent many long hours rehearsing to prepare our young cast members. Thanks to Ernesto Lorenzo, Forest Street's Family Liaison, and *Cinderella Kids* photographer and videographer, for capturing precious moments. Finally, my heartfelt thanks to our parents, guardians, families, teachers and staff for always encouraging and supporting our students, actors and crew as they pursued this goal. I know that your inspiration behind the scenes is the secret, magic ingredient that will result in a great show!

Now, please sit back with pride and enjoy our wonderful Forest Street production of *Cinderella Kids!*

— Dr. Yancisca Lofton Cooke
Principal, Forest Street School



Directed and Choreographed by
Theresa Jones

Assistant Director
Torenzo Blair

Produced by Dr. Yancisca Loften Cooke and Bill Donnelly

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Assistant Production Manager: Alejandrina Museses

Stage Manager: Jacob Warta

Music Director: Marianne Mroz

Assistant Music Director: Daniela Antunes

Choreographer: Theresa Jones

Assistant Choreographer: Monique Walker

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Music & Lyrics by

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and Jerry Livingston

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by

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Music Adapted and Arranged by

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Synopsis

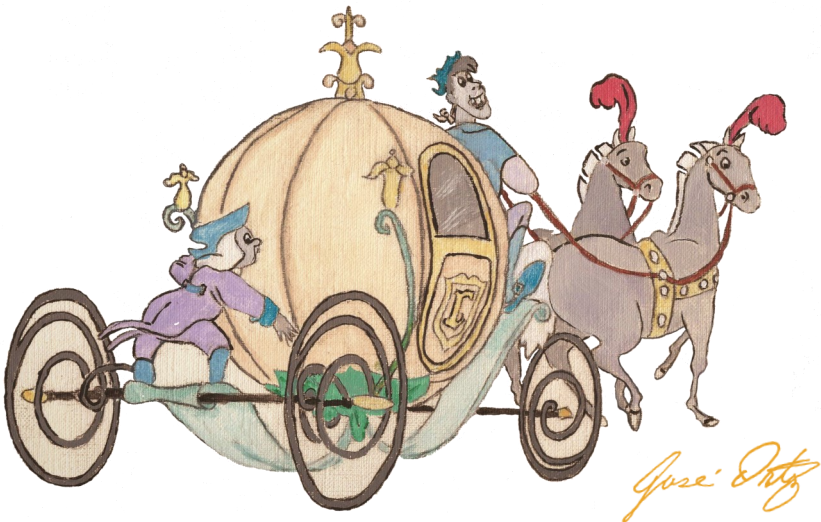
By Bill Donnelly



Young Cinderella is a poor girl who has to live with her mean stepmother and jealous stepsisters. Instead of accepting her as a member of their family, they treat her very poorly, and make her work for them like their servant.

When all the young ladies in the kingdom are invited to a Royal Ball at the palace, and she hears that her stepsisters are going, she wants to go too. But her wicked stepmother breaks her heart by denying her the chance to go. It seems there is no hope for poor Cinderella —until her little mice friends come to her rescue—and her Fairy Godmother intervenes with some magical help!

Will Cinderella get her chance to go to the Royal Ball after all? Will she meet the prince? Will she fall in love, and will all her dreams come true?





*Many of the Cast of Cinderella KIDS
Forest Street School, 2018*

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Friday, April 27, 2018 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 28, 2018 2:00 PM
Saturday, April 28, 2018 5:00 PM



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Congratulations!
Forest Street School



May you reign superior
forever!

Dr. Howard
Deputy Superintendent

Cast of Characters

Stepsister	Tavia Ashman
Stepsister	Christie Blaise
Stepsister	Michele Tong Navarro
Cinderella	Melynn Bailey
Fairy Godmother	Lissette Yahira Quiroz
Grand Duke	Elijah Collin
Gus	Jasir Carter
Herald	Cameron P. Phillips
Jaq	Johntae Trent
King	Jaylin Green
Luke	Amira Gordon
Narrator	Jhosefin Tamay Naranjo
Narrator	Alonah Carter
Narrator	Asar Culver
Narrator	Janniella Rodriguez
Perla	Melanie Arriola
Prince	Luca Gamboa
Stepmother	Alexis Dowell

Congratulations

Forest Street School
Students and Staff on Your Production of

Cinderella KIDS

We applaud each and every one of you for a job well done!
Keep up the GREAT WORK!



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Supporting Cast



MICE L to R

Amira Gordon

Johntae Trent

Melanie Arriola Magana

Jayson Mendoza

Lyric White

Sharif Brown (Kneeling)

Jasir Carter (Inset)



**Congratulations
and
Best Wishes !!!**

**to the wonderful and amazing
Cast and Crew of Cinderella Kids**



“You Are All MY Shining Stars!!!”

Dr. Yancisca Loften Cooke
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Nyree Delgado
Assistant Principal

Renee Willis
Administrative Assistant

Jacqueline Murphy
Guidance Counselor

Hydah Kilonzo
Nurse

Dawn Martin
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Supporting Cast

TOWN CRIERS

L to R

Aaliyah Carter

Skyla Jeter

Amiya Creekmore



Musical Numbers



The Tale of Cinderella Company

A Dream Is a Wish Your
Heart Makes Cinderella

A Dream Is a Wish Your
Heart Makes (Reprise) Mice, Cinderella

The Work Song Jaq, Mice

The Work Song (Reprise) Gus, Jaq, Perla, Mice

Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo Fairy Godmother, Mice

To the Ball Fairy Godmother, Mice

Cinderella / Dream Finale Company

Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Bows Company



Supporting Cast

VILLAGERS L to R

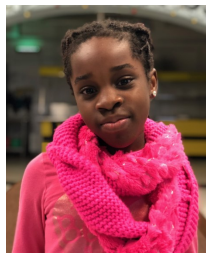
Cristal Escalante

Stephany Sosa

Alivia Echols

Kamsiyochukwu

Ihuoma (Inset)



Fatima Jouaq

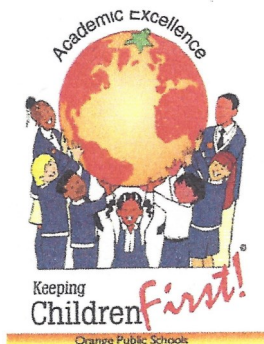
Nathalie Cisneros

Khilan Mussenden

Toni Gamboa



**The Orange Board of Education
Congratulates
Forest Street School**



Good Luck

Cinderella KIDS!

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Jarteau Israel

Cristina Mateo

Jeffrey Wingfield





Sofia



Catherine



Marjorie



Marelin



India



Anastasia



Vionicio



Haley



Justina



Tamara



Nathalia



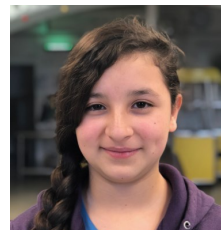
Malancie



Marisol



Samia



Diana

Stage Crew—Production Assistants

Sofia Acosta

Marelin Cax Ramos

Vionicio Cineus

Tamara Correa Polkman

Marisol Guemes-Giles

Catherine Harris

India Hubbard

Haley Jean

Nathalia LeSane

Samia Lockhart

Marjorie Menjivar

Anastasia Merisier

Justina Oakley

Malancie Parham

Diana Pineda-Tejada

Kimberly Rosales

Jamileth Serrano Perlera

Samuel Time

Amiyah Warner

Maurice Williams



Kimberly



Jamileth



Samuel



Amiyah



Maurice

Who's Who in the Cast and Crew

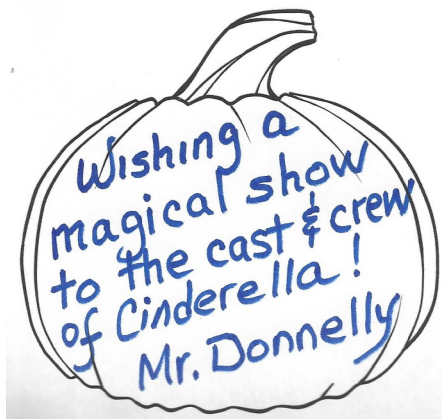


Melanie Arriola (Perla, Mouse) — says she portrays “a nice character”, Perla the Mouse, who helps Cinderella as much as she can.” Melanie’s favorite subjects in school are Science and Math. When she’s at home, she enjoys spending time with her sister and playing on her computer. “And I like to sing!”, she adds happily. “When I grow up I want to be a dress designer.” The person who inspires her the most is her friend Melynn, who always reminds her to do her best. She is in the fourth grade and her teachers are Ms. Miguel and Ms. Donnerstag. Last year, she appeared as Shanti in *Jungle Book Kids*. She does not know what university she wants to go to yet, but for now, she wants to give thanks to her mom and dad for letting her be in Cinderella. She also sends good luck to the cast and crew!



Tavia Ashman (Stepsister) — is making her debut appearance tonight in Cinderella, her very first musical. When she first auditioned, she says they not only liked her acting, they found her to be “so sassy, they wanted to make her a star...yah!” But she really believes, “acting is about being the best you can”, and she is determined to do her very best! In her words, “I know how to act and I don’t care what you say! My heart tells me what I love and what I don’t love.” In her free

time, Tavia enjoys dancing, singing, doing cheerleading, and practicing her Cinderella lines whenever she can. In school, she feels she’s really good at Math and that it might even be a career choice for her.



Stage Crew—Rehearsal Assistants

Destiny Campbell-Martin

Shadé Gray

Magwrantz Lubin

Shamaya Simola



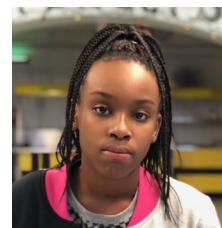
Destiny



Shadé



Magwrantz



Shamaya



Melynn Bailey (Cinderella) — is a very intelligent and creative girl. She is in the 4th grade and she’s 9 years old. Her favorite subject is E.L.A, but she thinks she might like Math even more. After she’s done with her homework, she listens to music until she has to go to sleep. Her favorite hobbies are dancing and sometimes singing. Her uncle Melvin has been a great inspiration to her, always motivating her to “just be yourself.”

Another source of inspiration is one of her favorite singers, Melanie Martinez. This may be her first play ever, but not her first time performing on stage. Last year she appeared in Forest’s winter concert. Her favorite teachers are Ms. Donnerstag and Ms. Miguel because, in her words, “they are both nice to me and they help me a lot!” After high school, Melynn plans to attend college to study theater and drama, and then to pursue her dream career as an actress and model. She is confident that if she keeps up her good work, she will have a bright future! Melynn also want to thank her mother, grandmother, Aunt Muna, and her little cousin Jaceon.



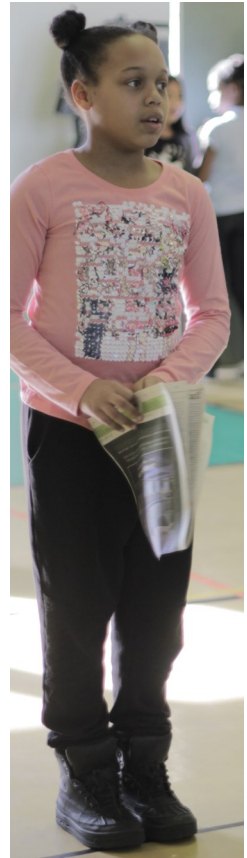
Christie Blaise (Stepsister) — is a 4th grade student at Forest Street School. This is her 2nd year playing in a Disney show and she reports it’s a lot of fun. Last year she appeared as an Elephant in *Jungle Book Kids*. At home, her interests include

dancing, singing, reading and drawing. Sometimes she even likes composing her own songs. At school, she’s interested in ELA and Math, and her favorite specials are Art and Gym. Her report card reads all A’s and B’s—proof that, in addition to being a talented actress, she’s also a great student at Forest.

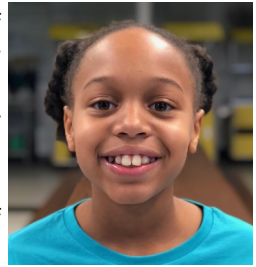


Aaliyah Carter (Town Crier) — is appearing here tonight for the first time in a Disney production. One of her favorite hobbies is doing Art work, but she loves the idea of being part of Cinderella because she will get a chance to act—something

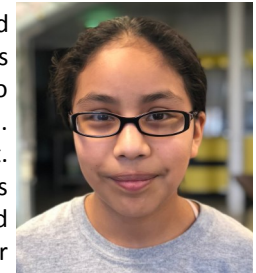
she has always wanted to do on the stage.



Alonah Carter (Narrator) — is in the 3rd grade class of Ms. Socolow at Forest and is appearing this year in her first Disney production. In her spare time, she loves dancing. Alonah points out that the *Narrator* is a key figure in the play because her role involves explaining the actions and movements of the other characters. In her spare time, she enjoys dancing and a variety of other hobbies, including reading, playing Star Wars and playing tag. When she grows up she's looking forward to a bright future and a career as an actress or possibly a Math teacher.



Marelin Cax Ramos (Production Assistant) — is and loves to be creative. This is her first time participating as a crew member for a Disney show and she is thankful to be on the team. Marelin is in the sixth grade class of Ms. Hunter and it's also her first year here at Forest. Marelin's favorite subjects are Math and Science. She is a hard worker who is smart and confident, and also kind and helpful. In her free time she plays games with her friends and siblings and also uses her electronic devices.



Marelin likes to try new stuff and loves sharing with her siblings. Her favorite junk food is pizza! Marelin does her best to be successful in life. She still doesn't know what she wants to be when she grows up. But, she knows there will be a time that she will need to decide what she wants to be in life. She wishes good luck to everyone who is participating in Cinderella.



Nathalie Cisneros (Villager) — is performing here tonight in her first Disney show. She is in the 4th grade and has many different hobbies. One hobby that she loves is Art. "Art is really artistic" she says "and I am going to like being in the Disney, Cinderella cast." She hopes someday to be a successful college student and then move on to a rewarding career. In addition to Art, Nathalie also likes Math. She enjoys being in class with both of these teachers: Ms. Bogle and Ms. Miguel. She says she likes playing the role of a Villager, "because I get to do a lot of singing and dancing and I love singing and dancing!" It might be her first year playing a Disney character, but she says she will always be a part of the Disney family.





Elijah Collin (The Grand Duke) — has had a passion for dancing ever since he began at age 7. “Someday, I want to dance like Michael Jackson” he explains. Last year he captivated audiences with his portrayal of the Silly Monkey in Forest’s production of *Jungle Book Kids*. To stay in top shape for *Cinderella*, he often practices singing and dancing with a group of friends. Though he loves to have fun, he also recognizes the importance of focusing on his schoolwork. In his spare time he plays basketball. In his future, he hopes to attend Rutgers University. But for now, Elijah says he enjoys studying History because he is learning about how things were a long time ago.



Amiya Creekmore (Town Crier) — enjoys practicing her Cinderella lines at home with her sister who is also in the play. She was inspired to do the Cinderella play because of the opportunity to sing and dance. She also appeared last year in *Jungle Book*. She appreciates that her teachers and the staff all take the play so seriously and that everyone helps when someone is struggling. She’s extremely happy to be working with this fantastic cast. She wants to thank all her cast members because they helped her when she needed it. She also wants to send a big “Thanks” to Skyla Jeter and all of the Town Criers for all their help during rehearsal.



Alexis Dowell (Stepmother) — is a fourth grader who is playing the challenging role of Cinderella’s stepmother. Last year she was Bee in the Forest production of *Jungle Book Kids*. She recalls, “Even though I wasn’t a main character, I still enjoyed being a bee!” In her free time, she likes to dance, sing, practice her lines and make her own movies. Her favorite subjects are ELA and Science. She is proud to be an excellent student at Forest Street School, achieving many A’s and B’s. She would like to thank the Disney cast and crew for being amazing and supportive to each other and for being the best Disney cast and crew ever!







I want to congratulate my boys, **Toni and Luca Gamboa**, for their participation in this well-known, fairy-tale play, ***Cinderella!***

I am sure you will do an outstanding job in your roles. I thank God for giving me both of you and I know I am blessed, for you two guys continue to make me proud each and every day. Keep up the great work, guys, and keep looking up as you grow and reach for greater challenges in life...



Now, "Break a leg!" and show everyone what Gamboa's are made of! Remember, I am always behind you and I love you.
—Charles



Alivia Echols (Villager) — is so excited to be performing this year in our latest Disney production. She explains that in her role as a Villager, she will be working with several other actors to create the town where Cinderella lives, and to illustrate all the things they do, like working and going about their business in the town. She also likes the role because she will get to sing a song about the lives of the Villagers. Alivia is in the 3rd grade class

of Ms. Socolow and this is her first appearance on the Forest stage! We are excited also to have her in the cast and we are all confident that she will do a great job!

Cristal Escalante (Villager) — is a 4th grader at Forest Street School. Her teachers are Ms. Donnerstag and Ms. Miguel. Cristal's favorite subjects are ELA and Science. She mostly enjoys practicing the piano at home. This is Cristal's first year performing in a Disney play. When Cristal grows up she plans to be a dentist and an artist. She really wants to go to Harbor University in Florida. In her free time she enjoys drawing, reading tongue twisters, reading poetry, and spending time with friends. "I really want to thank the Disney team for putting me in *Cinderella Kids* and I want to send good luck to the other members of the Disney play."



Luca Gamboa (The Prince) — Luca Gamboa is in 4th grade. His teachers are Ms. Miguel and Ms. Donnerstag. You might know him as "Prince Charming." His favorite subject is Math. He doesn't know yet what he would like to be when he grows up. Previously he appeared as a Snake Coil in *Jungle Book Kids*. He mostly spends his free time playing video games with his younger brother, Toni, and also watching TV. Some of the games he plays are Minecraft and Roblox. He wants to thank his mother and father for supporting him throughout the show. He would like to see some of his cast members in the next play. He wants to send out good luck to his younger brother, Toni Gamboa, who is also in the show.



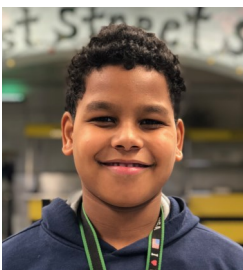
Toni Gamboa (Villager) — is in the 3rd grade classes of Ms. Swen, Ms. Socolow and Ms. White. His favorite subject this year is Social Studies. Toni has a vocal talent. His career plans include joining the United States Airforce and becoming a mechanical engineer. For now he spends his free time playing video games with his older brother Luca. Some games he likes to play are PlayStation, Nintendo Switch, and Roblox. He wants to thank his dad for helping him with his dance practice, and his mom for helping in many ways with the show. He wants to send out "Good Luck!!!" to his older brother Luca who is also in the show.





Amira Gordon (Luke, Mouse) — is just perfect for this production because she says she, “loves to dance and to practice dancing!” This is Amira’s debut appearance in a musical, although she tells us she is familiar with the stage from some previous appearances. Even though she claims to be “a little shy”, she really is a great dancer! Her favorite subjects in school are Art, Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts and Spanish! Her 3rd-grade homeroom teacher is Ms. Socolow.

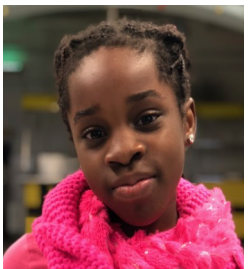
When she grows up, she wants to be an artist—and we are sure, a great one!



Jaylin May Green (The King) — loves playing basketball and hanging out with his friends. He loves to read and his favorite subject this year is Math. He is in the school band and says, “It’s a lot of fun playing the trumpet.” He has performed previously on the Forest stage in the Winter Concert but says he has never been in a show this big. He would like to thank his mom, dad and grandmother for helping him with his lines. He is very grateful to be a part of this year’s Disney show!

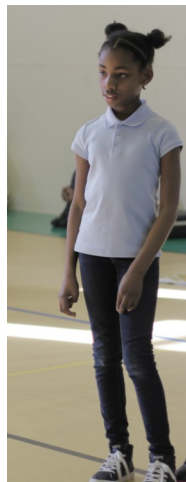


Marisol Guemes-Giles (Production Assistant) — is in Ms. Reed’s fifth grade class. Her favorite subjects are English Language Arts and Math. She just can’t wait to get to school each day to engage in those subjects! When she gets older, she plans to become a Doctor of Veterinary medicine or a teacher. Marisol spends her free time creating artwork, playing music, and sometimes even dancing.



Kamsiyochukwu Ihuoma (Villager) — likes to dance, sing and do flips during Disney rehearsals. “It is my first time being an actor in Disney”, she says, “I do not really sing, but my favorite hobby is to flip around the room and have fun with the others.” Kamsi, as she likes to be called, adds that she likes working with the Disney

cast too. Her favorite subjects in school are Math and Science, “because you get to do cool things!” She says that she is enjoying being a part of *Cinderella* so much, she is even considering a career as an actor when she grows up.



Skyla Jeter (Town Crier) — loves to dance and tumble about her house and feels that this has inspired her to join the *Cinderella* cast! But she’s no stranger to the Forest Street stage. Last year she appeared in the Forest production of *Jungle Book Kids* playing the role of a Sassy Monkey. She recalls it was lots of fun, but she is ready for the more serious challenges of *Cinderella*. She feels her new role as Town Crier is a great part for her because she gets to be very dramatic as she announces all the town news out loud. When she grows up, she wants to be a teacher or an actor.



Fatima Jouaq (Villager) — loves her role in *Cinderella Kids* and explains it this way: “You can do anything, like sing and dance and more others fun things!” Fatima enjoys gymnastics and dancing and is always learning new dance routines. She took on the challenge of acting in *Cinderella* because she wants to have a new experience. At Forest, she is in the forth-grade class of Ms. Donnerstag, and her favorite subject is Math. When she gets older, she would like to explore a career that involves gymnastics, but for now she is focusing on being the best she can be in her *Cinderella* rehearsals. “When I’m practicing in Disney”, reflects Fatima, “I feel like I am performing for real, dancing like a real dancer—and when I dance, I feel like I’m a star!”



**Best Wishes
to the AMAZING
Cast and Crew of
*Cinderella KIDS!***



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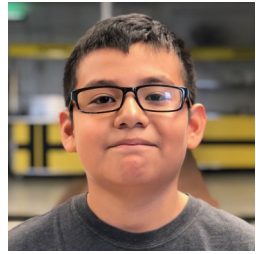


Samia Lockhart (Production Assistant) — likes acting but says she is very shy in front of people. She has attended Forest now for six years and adds that she is not shy in front of Ms. Bogle (Production Manager) because she has known her for a long time. “Ms. Bogle is a great director”, she explains, “even when she says she is not being patient, she really is!” Samia pauses and adds, “She’s not only a great director, she shows me how to create art.” Samia’s favorite colors are blue, red, black, and purple. “If I had to pick one”, she says “it would be blue!” Changing subjects one last time, Samia reminds everyone, **“I’M SHY AND I DON’T LIKE WHEN EYES ARE STARING AT ME !!!!!!!!!”**

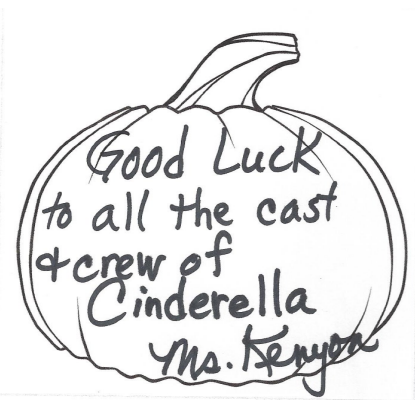


Magwrantz Lubin (Rehearsal Assistant) — loves to do a variety of activities from dancing to crafts. “I have many things that interest me” she says, “but one of the most important things, believe it or not, is my education! I am an ‘A and B’ student and have many friends.” Magwrantz appeared on the stage last year as a cast member of *Jungle Book Kids*, but this year she is helping ‘behind the scenes’ to round out her knowledge of a theatrical production. “Working as part of the crew is lots of fun from time to time”, she explains, “but the most important thing about it is the team work.”

Jayson Mendoza (Mouse) — is a 5th grader whose favorite subjects are Social Studies and Math ever since 3rd grade! When Jayson grows up he says, “I want to join the Marines or maybe try my dad’s job, which is more exciting than I thought it was!” His favorite sport is soccer and in his spare time he plays his Xbox One or computer. He also likes to play with his brother. Jayson adds, “I would like to send a huge ‘thank you’ to my big brother who was in *Jungle Book Kids* last year. He explains that his older brother inspired him to try out for *Cinderella Kids*.” Jayson also wants to thank his family and friends.



Marjorie Menjivar (Production Assistant) — is in 6th grade, in Ms. Stokes’ homeroom. Her favorite subjects this year are Math and ELA. In her spare time, she says she enjoys playing her guitar and has performed at many concerts. When she gets older, she is considering becoming an aeronautical engineer or a neurosurgeon, and with that in mind, she would like to go to Rutgers New Jersey Medical School or NJIT. She wants to thank all of her teachers for helping her to be successful. She also wishes good luck to all of the performers.



Khilan Mussenden (Villager) — returns to the Forest stage after playing the role of an Elephant in our production of *Jungle Book Kids* last year. “I also like playing basketball” he says, “and someday I’d like to be a professional NBA player.” Khilan is 9 years old now but started dancing when he was just a baby. In his free time, he likes to read and play basketball. Right now, his favorite subject at school is Art.





Cameron Price Phillips (The Herald) — is in the 5th grade class of Ms. Reed. We can honestly say he is an intelligent, responsible, and energetic guy. His favorite subject is Math right now. He says “I love to dance with my older brother Jalen.” He also loves to read, rap, play video games and participate in sports. And even though he currently does not play a musical instrument, he is a pro at watching YouTube videos. Last year he appeared as Mowgli in Forest’s production of *Jungle Book Kids*, and before that, he did some speeches. He has also taken some acting classes at Luna Stage in West Orange. He would like to attend the same college that his mom and older brother Dante attended. After that, he might want to act in some movies or possibly dance. He spends his free time now watching YouTube and dancing. “I would like to thank everybody—my teachers: Ms. Stokes, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Reed and Mr. Canares”, says Cameron. “Also, I want to thank my family for letting me do what I do, my friends for sharing laughs with me, and for being there for me.” He adds, “I also want to thank the cast: ‘You know, doing their thing!’ and I would personally like to thank Ms. Jones, Ms. Bogle, Mr. Blair, Ms. Walker, Ms. Mroz, Ms. Antunes, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Lorenzo and Mr. Warta. **Good Luck** to the stage crew and to the whole cast! **Break a leg!!!**”



Diana Pineda-Tejada (Production Assistant) — has joined the Cinderella team as a Crew member in order to learn about the mechanics of putting on a play. This is her first theatrical production at Forest and she is really excited to see how it all comes together. Diana, who is in the 6th grade class of Ms. Stokes, enjoys Science and Math the most. At home she likes playing PlayStation and spending time with friends. She also aspires to play the piano someday. As she considers her future career, she ponders becoming a doctor, “in order to help people who are sick”, she says. Diana would like to thank Mr. Donnelly and Ms. Stokes because, in her words, “They have helped me with learning and they never gave up on me when I needed help with anything.” She also wants to send out **GOOD LUCK!!!** to everyone in school to get good grades and to do well in whatever they try.



Kimberly Rosales (Production Assistant) — is in Ms. Stokes’ 6th grade homeroom. Her favorite subject is Math. When she grows up, she wants to be a designer. In her free time, she says she likes to go shopping. “I want to thank all the teachers who helped me with the Disney show”, she says, and adds. “I hope all the actors do an amazing job; I wish you all the best!!!”

Lisette Yahira Quiroz (Fairy Godmother) — is a 5th grader in Ms. Reed’s homeroom class. Her favorite subjects are ELA and Science, but her special talents are singing, acting and dancing. We know that she also

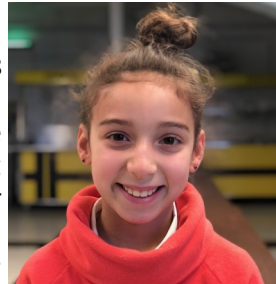


plays the violin very well. Previously, Lisette was a *Munchkin* in the play, *The Wizard of Oz*. She is widely remembered for her portrayal of the beautiful Purple Flower in the March 2017 performance of *Jungle Book Kids*, and then played Bagheera in the special performance of the same show when it was presented to the entire staff of the Orange Public Schools on *Opening Day of School* in September. Her professional training includes instruction at *Maria Priadka School of Dance* and *The Orange Dance Conservatory*. Lisette plans to attend Rutgers University and to major in Performing Arts. Some day she aspires to be a professional actor, singer and dancer. In her free time, she likes to watch dance shows and competitions, and spend time with her family. She wants to thank her parents, siblings, and family members for their ongoing support as she strives to achieve her goals and dreams. “My parents have supported



me so much!”, she says. “I couldn’t have asked for better parents!” Lastly, she says to all the Cinderella actors and actresses: **“Break a leg!”**

Janniella Rodriguez (Narrator) — has a special talent for singing and dancing, and even won a dance competition when she was only 8 years old, placing among the top 3 contestants! This year she’s in the 4th grade classes of Ms. Donnerstag and Ms. Miguel and reports that her favorite subjects are Math, Science, ELA, and Social Studies. “I also like cooking with my grandmas and my mom and dad”, she says, “and I spend my free time playing with my baby cousin and practicing my lines as Narrator #3 in *Cinderella*. She is enjoying the job of Narrator so much, that sometimes, when she’s wearing her headphones at a rehearsal, she just starts singing along with the troupe! She would like to send a special thanks to: “Mom and Dad for supporting me so much!” and a “Good Luck!!!” to the whole cast, but especially to Michele and Fiorella because, “They have been my best friends since kindergarten!”



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Jamileth Serrano Perlera (Production Assistant) — is working behind the scenes this year as a Crew member. She’s in the 6th grade class of Ms. Stokes and her favorite subject is Math. Her musical experience includes playing the violin. Looking ahead, she is considering attending Rutgers University to become a doctor. For now, in her free time, she enjoys all that Netflix has to offer on TV. She wants to thank Ms. Bogle and Ms.

Mueses for letting her be a part of crew of *Cinderella Kids*. She wishes GOOD LUCK to all the actors in the show and hopes they all have a lot of fun.



Stephany Sosa (Villager) — is a third grader in Mrs. White’s class. Stephany is very smart and loves Science. She feels honored to play a Villager in *Cinderella Kids*. She learned that sometimes what seems to be a little part can still be very important. She enjoys being in her classes and helping others in the class. In her free time, she loves to dance. And she just loves to be organized! She is a wonderful student and is so excited for this

opportunity to perform for everyone! With so much confidence and positive energy, we are sure she will not disappoint! Good Luck Stephany!!!



Jhosefin Tamay Naranjo (Narrator) — is into Art, Acting and Hip Hop! In her spare time, she also loves to read and do creative writing. Jhosefin is 10 years old and originally from Ecuador. When asked about her career plans, she expressed that she would like to be a doctor some day. She wants to thank director Ms. Jones and her mom because, “They have supported me in my effort to be an actress.” She adds that she is,

“thankful for everything!” and hopes the show is a great success.



Samuel Time (Production Assistant) — is appearing tonight for the first time on the Forest stage, although he previously appeared in a musical at the George Washington Carver school. Samuel is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade class of Ms. White. This year, he says that his favorite subject is Science, but we also know that he is a big fan of acting in the *Cinderella Kids* performance. Samuel lives at home with his mom and dad. As he looks ahead to his future, he says he is considering the

study of Medicine, as he puts it, “So I can help other people, the way my mom does whenever she has the chance.” He wishes “Good Luck” to the entire cast!

Johntae Naje Trent (Jaq, Mouse) — is appearing for the first time on the Forest Street stage and in a Disney production. Her favorite hobby is going out with her family to dance and sing! At school, her favorite “special course” is Art because, in her words, “You get to paint and free-draw.” She says she admires her mom because, “She takes good care of me and she is also helpful to others.” Johntae is happy to have made new friends during rehearsals and wishes good luck to all the cast and crew.



Lyric White (Mouse) — is in 5th grade and her teacher is Ms. Reed. Her favorite subject is Math and Math is her favorite thing to do! She can add big numbers mentally and has excellent grades in Math. She also has a special talent for dancing, and practices whenever possible. One day she’s hoping to be in a special, dance class that teaches different kinds of dance movements. She began playing the recorder two years ago and played really well because she practiced every day. She loves performing and she’s not that shy. When she grows up, she’d like to attend Rutgers University to become a teacher. She spends her free time reading books, watching her favorite TV shows and playing with her friends. She wants to thank her parents for giving



her love and caring for her. She also wants to thank all the teachers for providing her education and helping her to learn new stuff. She wants to thank the Disney cast and wishes they do the best they can and have a great day.

Amiyyah Warner (Production Assistant) — is in the fifth grade class of Ms. Reed. Her favorite subject is History because, she says, “The teacher, Mr. Canares, really makes it a lot of fun.” For now, rather than begin to learn how to play a musical instruments, Amiyyah prefers to develop her skill as a singer and to focus on expressions of personal creativity. She spends some of her free time painting and coloring, and also enjoys reading a book that she really likes. She would like to thank her mom and dad for pushing her to try her hardest. She sends “Good Luck” to everyone in the play and she hopes that the show goes really well!



Director and Choreographer



Theresa Jones — received a B.F.A. in Dance Performance and a Master of Education Degree in Dance Education from Rutgers University. She has had extensive training in Ballet, Lyrical, Modern, Hip Hop, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theatre, African, and Latin styles. Ms. Jones completed her dance training at *Broadway Dance Center* in New York City. There, she was a member of AIM Performance Company and a scholarship recipient. Ms. Jones has trained at *Steps on Broadway*, *Dance Sport*, and *The New Jersey School of Ballet*.

Some of her performances include: Madison Square Garden, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, The U.S. Open, MTV's TRL, Dancers Responding to AIDS, American College Dance Festival, Britney Spears Promotional Party, and ECA World Fitness Convention. Ms. Jones has also appeared in Dance Magazine. She recently directed *Jungle Book Kids* for Forest Street School, and has directed three musicals for Heywood Avenue, as well as numerous musicals for Norwescap Family Success Center. She is excited to work with NJPAC and the talented students of Forest Street School!

Assistant Director



Torenzo Blair — is a native of Hampton, Virginia, where he became involved with the arts at a very young age. He is an actor, dancer, singer, musician, carpenter and photographer. Blair is a graduate of Hampton University where he received his B.A. in Theatre Arts with a concentration in Performance. He has also trained at the *American Academy of Dramatic Arts* in New York City. His credits include performing in productions such as *Dream Girls* (Jimmy Early), *Joe Turners Come and Gone* (Bynum Walker), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Dentist), and *A Raisin in the Sun* (George Murchison), just to name a few. After graduating, he

returned to his Alma Mater as director for the main-stage production of Samm-Art Williams' *Home*. He has served as a crew member and carpenter for *The Virginia Lyric Opera* and *The National Black Theatre Festival*. Most recently he served, on tour, as a team member for Tyler Perry's stage play, *Madea On the Run*. Blair works as a substitute teacher in Orange as he continues to pursue his career in acting. He is thankful for the opportunity to work with the amazingly-talented students and staff of Forest Street School.

Producer

Dr. Yancisca Loften Cooke — is Forest Street School's principal, and the primary instructional leader overseeing the daily operations and instructional program of its 400+ students and 50+ faculty members. With over 25 years of experience in education, she served as a Special Education and General Education teacher with the New York City Department of Education, as well



as the assistant principal of Lincoln Avenue School prior to coming to Forest. It is her personal mission to be an advocate for *all* children, developing them into life-long learners as well as productive citizens. This philosophy is rooted in her belief that there must be a focus on the *whole child*—socially, emotionally, physically and academically—in order to successfully nurture and develop children. Dr. Loften Cooke holds a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and Education from Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, North Carolina, and a Master's Degree from Mercy College in New York, where she received her certification in School Administration and Supervision, and she most recently completed a doctoral degree from Kean University. Dr. Loften Cooke is an active member of the distinguished organization of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Rho Gamma Omega Chapter, which serves the Oranges and Maplewood. But she is most proud of the future leaders she has developed in her son, Erick, who currently attends Rutgers University, and her daughter, Yaara, a senior at Union High School. She is grateful that Forest has had an opportunity to work with *Disney Kids* for a second year. She sends her heartfelt thanks and best wishes to the staff and the entire cast and stage crew of *Cinderella Kids*!



Assistant Producer / Program Editor



Bill Donnelly — is in his 5th year as an ESL teacher at Forest, working with wonderful students in grades 3 to 7 to improve their English language, proficiency skills. He is active in a variety of school initiatives and programs, such as the *Latino Family Literacy Project* and *Friends of Forest*. He currently serves as chair of the *School Management Team* (SMT) and as Orange District Coordinator for Montclair State University's *Network for Educational Renewal*. He also collaborates with Forest's AmeriCorps Family Liaison, Ernesto Lorenzo, to stimulate greater parent and community connections in Forest's neighborhood.

Mr. Donnelly is a proud graduate of Kean University in Union, NJ, with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and Spanish, and a Master of Arts in Instruction and Curriculum. Although he has never acted on the stage, he has been active behind the scenes. In addition to this *Cinderella Kids* program booklet, he has previously produced similar booklets for *Jungle Book Kids* (2017), *Annie* (2014) and (2003), *Guys and Dolls* (2007), *Footloose* (2006), *While the Lights Were Out* (2006), *Hotel Paradiso* (2005), *You Can't Take It With You* (2005), and *Kiss Me Kate* (2005). Mr. Donnelly wishes to thank all of the parents, families, staff, administrators, sponsors and advertisers who made this booklet possible, and sends **Good Luck!** to the entire cast and crew of *Cinderella Kids*.

Production Manager



Avril Bogle — has been the Art Instructor at Forest Street School for more than 14 years. Outside of school, she is also a working artist and a teacher. She attended the New York City College of Technology (CUNY) for Graphic Design and Advertising, before going back to receive her teaching certificate in General Education. She began teaching Pre K-5 at a Montessori School in Brooklyn, NY, where she originally lived. She recalls about her experience, "Every year we prepared two shows for presentation at Art Design High School in Manhattan, and I was the set designer as well as the production manager for both of these showcases." When Ms. Bogle later moved to New Jersey, she returned to school to complete an Art Certification for grades K-12. Since joining the staff at Forest, she has been involved in many, many FSS productions, and is looking forward to another successful show this year. She wishes all the best to the production staff and student actors, and adds with a smile, "You are all doing a great job!"

Stage Manager

Jacob Warta — is a pillar of support at Forest Street School and the magician behind-the-scenes at many Forest productions. We thank him, once again, for being our “General Contractor”, and for handling all the logistics necessary to transform our multi-purpose



room into the perfect setting for each show! Outside our show, Mr. Warta is Forest’s Physical Education and Health teacher. In addition to being



the key person behind lighting and sound in this production, he has assisted with many previous Forest productions, including *Jungle Book Kids* (2017), *Annie, Jr* (2014) and numerous concerts before and after. As Stage Manager for *Cinderella Kids*, he has trained our student, stage crew to operate the sound equipment, and the new theatrical lighting you see overhead, as well as handle all the logistics of set design and scene changes. Mr. Warta wants to thank his terrific stage crew, and says with confidence, “They know what they’re doing and they’ve got everything under control!”

Music Director

Marianne Mroz — has served as a music teacher in the Orange School District for 20 years. She holds a BA, MA in Music Education & Music Performance from Montclair State, and an MA in Educational Leadership from Kean University. She has enjoyed working with the cast and staff on this musical, and wishes all, “Good luck on your performance!”



Assistant Music Director

Daniela Antunes — is in her third year as a Kindergarten teacher at Forest Street School. She is a graduate of William Paterson University and holds a BA degree in Psychology and Education. She began singing at the age of two years old. Outside of school, she has performed in various musical groups and as a solo act in venues. She has enjoyed assisting the cast with their musical numbers. “Break a Leg *Cinderella Kids*!”





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Assistant Choreographer



Monique Walker — is the 6th/7th grade ELA teacher here at Forest Street Elementary School. She is currently in her 16th year of teaching, and explains it this way, "I'm still here because I absolutely love interacting with my students from day to day." Ms. Walker is a graduate of Seton Hall University with a degree in Criminal Justice, and Walden University with a Master's degree in Reading and Literacy. As an ELA teacher, she is also Forest's "*Star of Stage and Screen*", winning District-wide awards both this year and last year as a result of her ELA students "beating the average NJ state PARCC scores" and achieving more academic progress in her English classes than most schools across the entire state. These outstanding achievements resulted in a large monetary awards for Forest Street School two years in a row. (**Thank you, Ms. Walker!!!**) In addition to serving as the Assistant Choreographer for *Cinderella Kids*' this year, and *Jungle Book Kids* last year, she is a former member of the *Teacher's Dance Ensemble* for Orange. She enjoys spending free time with family and, of course, dancing. She sends good wishes to the whole cast, "Break a leg, Forest Street Panthers!"

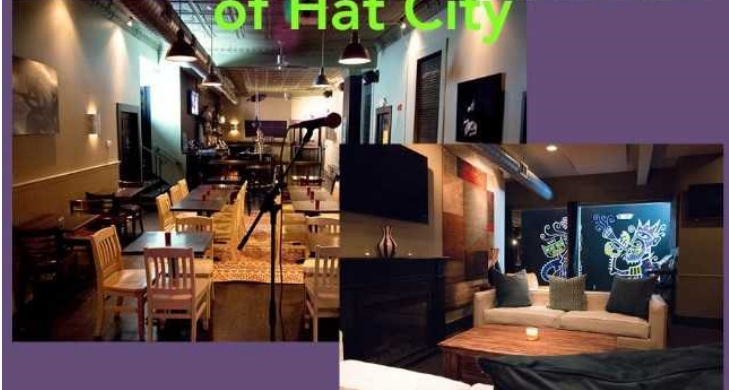
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Ernesto Lorenzo — is a talented and highly valued part of the Forest Street School staff. In his second year as our Montclair State University, AmeriCorps, "Family Liaison, he is tasked with integrating the Forest Street family and school communities to support the personal and academic development of our children. As the photographer for *Cinderella Kids*, Mr. Lorenzo is credited with all of the biography headshots and the great majority of the photos that appear in this booklet. In his tenure at Forest, he has been instrumental in organizing numerous school and community events, such as the Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets, the Christmas Giving Tree, as well as a number of Saint Barnabas parent workshops. Born and raised in Newark, Mr. Lorenzo attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, graduating in 2014 with a B.A. in Journalism and Media Studies. In 2012, he secured a \$25,000 business loan and started his own small business, a production company called *Eternal Circle Productions*. He has worked as a freelance cinematographer for the last 4 years, shooting short films, feature films, music videos and commercials.



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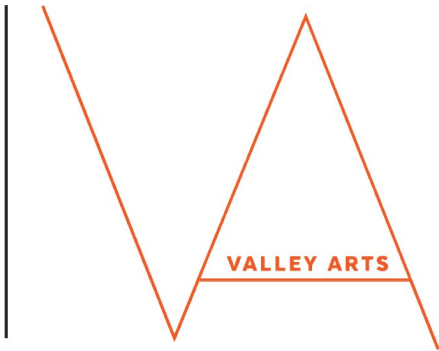
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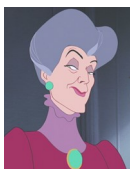
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