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a love letter to the
theatre....

**BY STUDIO OWNER
COURTNEY WALSH**



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HAPPENS
WHEN YOUR
BIG DREAMS
DON'T TURN
OUT LIKE YOU
THOUGHT
THEY WOULD?**

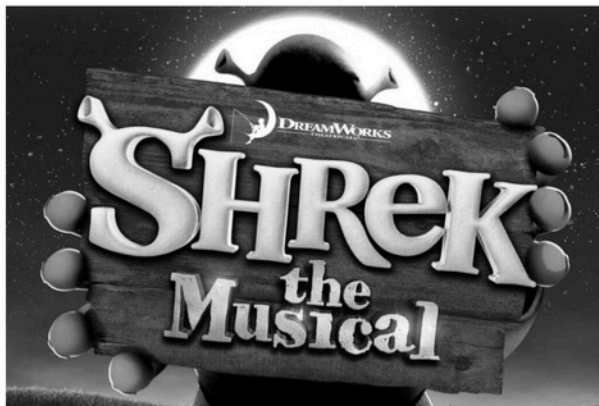
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Choreographer: Gloria Kaluhiokalani
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Production Administrator: Tarah Curry

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SHREK THE MUSICAL

based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and the book by William Steig

Book & 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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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Yesterday, as I was driving home from rehearsal, I said, out loud (because I talk to myself a lot...) "How lucky am I that I get to spend so much time with so many amazing people?"

It's been about a year since I've directed a show, and when I say "directed", I really mean "co-directed" because by now, Adam and I are a team in this...and if I'm honest, you'll see a lot more of his influence on the stage for this one than you will of mine. But I am more sentimental than he is, and being back at it after a few shows away, I can't stop thinking that thought... *how lucky am I...*

Because this cast *shows up*. They are some of the most insanely talented people I've ever been around, but more than that... they're also the kindest. The hardest working. The most fun.

But it's not just the cast. It's the small village tirelessly working behind the scenes. We take this all so seriously, and there are people who don't think we're crazy for it. In fact, they jump in to help.

How lucky are we?

If I'm honest, I didn't think I liked this show when we started. The cartoon is not my humor, and I assumed this wouldn't be either. But then I read it. And I listened to it. And I watched it. And then I saw the puzzle pieces fit together to create a cast that is absolute perfection for a show that I find myself loving more every single day.

Sure, it's witty and clever and the songs get stuck in your head. Of course, I love the over-the-top characters and I am a huge fan of any show that's just plain fun... but also, there are these great messages hidden in the threads of this musical, and that makes it shockingly moving.

So, no matter what you came in here worrying about, no matter what's weighing heavy on your shoulders, our hope is that this story gives you a chance to get lost for a while. To forget all the things you *have* to do and let yourself escape to a world of the unlikeliest of friends as they go on a fairytale adventure unlike anything else you might've seen.

And remember... what makes you special makes you strong.

Courtney Walsh



Congratulations, Kyla!

**We are so proud
of the amazing
person that you
are and all that you've
accomplished!**

**We can't wait to see
what God has in store
for you! We love our
Ogre Princess!!**

Love,

Mom, Dad, & Isaac

Genni,



Sing baby like you've never sung before!! Proverbs 16:3

Love, Noni and Papa



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Director



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Asst. Choreographer

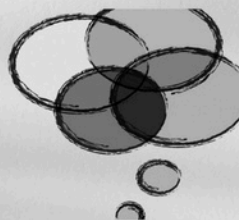


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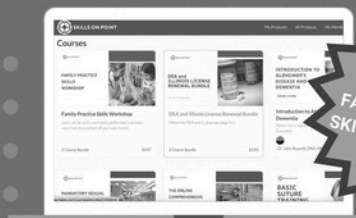


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Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Big Bright Beautiful World.....	Shrek, Young Shrek, Mama Ogre, Papa Ogre, Fiona, Young Fiona, King Harold, Queen Lillian, Happy People/Mob
Story of My Life.....	Fairytale Creatures & Fairytale Ensemble
The Goodbye Song.....	Fairytale Creatures & Fairytale Ensemble
Don't Let Me Go.....	Donkey
Regiment #1.....	Captain & Thelonius, Guard Ensemble
Regiment Reprise.....	Captain & Thelonius, Guard Ensemble
What's Up Duloc.....	Farquaad, Lead Ensemble, Featured Dancers, Captain & Thelonius, Guard Ensemble, Ensemble
I Know It's Today.....	Young Fiona, Teen Fiona, Fiona
Travel Song.....	Donkey, Shrek
Forever.....	Dragon, Donkey, Featured Dancers, Lead Ensemble, Ensemble, Guards
This is How a Dream Comes True.....	Fiona
Who I'd Be.....	Shrek

ACT TWO

Morning Person.....	Fiona, Pied Piper, Rat Tappers
I Think I Got You Beat.....	Shrek, Fiona
Ballad of Farquaad.....	Farquaad, Thelonius, Captain, Guards
Make a Move.....	Donkey, Three Blind Mice
When Words Fail.....	Shrek
Morning Person Reprise.....	Fiona
Build a Wall.....	Shrek
Freak Flag.....	Gingy, Pinnochio, Fairytale Creatures, Fairytale Ensemble
Wedding Procession.....	Full Cast
Big, Bright, Beautiful World Reprise.....	Shrek
Beautiful Ain't Always Pretty.....	Shrek
Finale.....	Full Cast
I'm a Believer.....	Full Cast



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Cast of Characters

SHREK.....	Arend Darge
PRINCESS FIONA.....	Kyla Otto
DONKEY.....	Malakhi Hilton
LORD FARQUAAD.....	Bennett Gillies
DRAGON.....	Genni Martin
GINGY.....	Lucy Parlapiano
PINOCCHIO.....	Jayne Lynde
YOUNG FIONA.....	Emma Mallo (Weekend One) Genevieve Dallio (Weekend Two)
TEEN FIONA.....	Norah Vogrinc
BIG BAD WOLF.....	Brian Huff
THREE LITTLE PIGS.....	Gabe Coletta, Sawyer Krug, Tim Krug
WHITE RABBIT.....	Cadence Vogrinc
FAIRY GODMOTHER.....	Mary Huff
PETER PAN.....	Kirra Fluegel
WICKED WITCH.....	Jenna Harms
SUGAR PLUM FAIRY.....	Lorelai Fishe
UGLY DUCKLING.....	Jordan Johnson
MAD HATTER.....	Ben Hirst
ELF.....	Chloe Baumgartner
PAPA BEAR.....	Michael Dallio
MAMA BEAR.....	Alexis Gray
BABY BEAR.....	Nora Jakymiw
HUMPTY DUMPTY.....	Remy Seehawer
PIED PIPER.....	Luke Paddock
THREE BLIND MICE.....	Paxtyn Freund, Grace Markhardt, Emma Reedy
DWARF.....	Hanna Roberts
BRIAR ROSE.....	Samantha Hirst
QUEEN OF HEARTS.....	Norah Vogrinc
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD.....	Monika Jahn
ALICE IN WONDERLAND.....	Carrie DeCoster
PAPA OGRE.....	Tim Krug
MAMA OGRE.....	Frances Rylatt
KING HAROLD.....	Brian Huff
QUEEN LILLIAN.....	Becca Knaul
CAPTAIN.....	Nathaniel Hirst
THELONIUS.....	Paul Raimbault
GUARD.....	Asher Wiegartz

LEAD ENSEMBLE

Chloe Baumgartner, Carrie DeCoster, Lorelai Fishe,
Paxtyn Freund, Jordan Johnson, Grace Markhardt, Luke
Paddock, Emma Reedy, Remy Seehawer, Cadence Vogrinc,
Norah Vogrinc

FEATURED DANCERS

Megan Anton, Yemaya Arce-Lynch, Claire Johnson,
Lauren Kaiser, Savannah Little, Madison Mahan, Genni Martin,
Ireland McGuire, Lauren Mohr, Analise Ramos, Raine Sides,
Addie Scott, Abigail Turnrose, Megan Vandergrift, Evie Wilson

GUARDS

Dom Coletta, Tommy Dallio, Andrew Hills, Lucas Hirst,
Sam Mohr, Ryan Nosbisch, Louis Raimbault, Noah Ramsey,
Maddux Teresi, Garrett Vandergrift

RAT TAPPERS

Yemaya Arce-Lynch, Megan Anton, Carrie DeCoster,
Lorelai Fishe, Paxtyn Freund, Mary Huff, Jordan Johnson,
Lauren Kaiser, Savannah Little, Grace Markhardt, Lauren Mohr,
Luke Paddock, Analise Ramos, Emma Reedy, Addie Scott,
Remy Seehawer, Megan Vandergrift, Evie Wilson

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Charlotte Krieger, Evelyn Newman, Sophia Norris,
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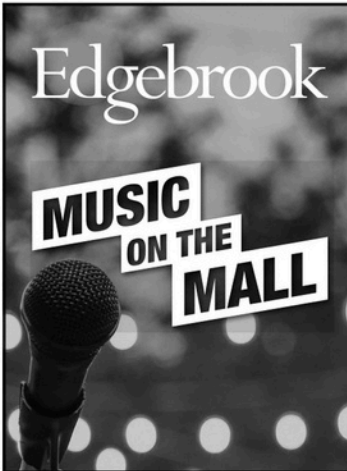
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Mom, Dad and Sophia