

Village Theatre KIDSTAGE

Spring Production 2025



Shrek the Musical Jr. **CASTING NOTICE & CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

KIDSTAGE Mission

KIDSTAGE is a youth development program focused on building "Skills for Theatre Skills for Life." Our mission is to provide a program for young people which uses theatre arts to teach creativity and responsibility, to encourage teamwork and personal integrity, and to foster self-esteem and appreciation for live theatre.

KIDSTAGE Inclusion Statement

Village Theatre KIDSTAGE believes that everyone benefits from an inclusive, multi-cultural environment of students, staff, and programming. We welcome people of every ethnicity, race, faith, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, and ability.

Casting Note from KS Productions Team

We encourage actors of all genders, ethnicities, bodies, abilities, and skill levels to audition for all roles. As a team, we are committed to intentional casting that embraces the unique identities and gifts of every performer. We look forward to seeing you at auditions!

Character Breakdown

This section includes specifications that reflect the identity of the characters in the show. We strongly encourage performers with ANY identity/gender expression to audition for ANY role.

CAST SIZE: 28-32 actors

Shrek: Big ogre with a big heart. Looking for solid singer and excellent actor, with comedic chops. Scottish dialect not required!

Feature Songs: "Big Bright Beautiful World," "Travel Song," "I Think I Got You Beat"

Donkey: Brash, loud, fast-talking animal, and Shrek's loyal sidekick. Looking for experienced performer and dynamic singer, with lots of presence and character.

Feature Songs: "Travel Song," "Make a Move"

Princess Fiona: Audacious, humorous, more than the stereotypical princess. Looking for triple threat performer, with loveable spirit and great sense of humor.

Feature Songs: "I Know It's Today," "This is How a Dream Comes True," "Morning Person," "I Think I Got You Beat"

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Lord Farquaad: Power hungry leader of Duloc Kingdom. Short man with big ambition! Looking for comedic actor and good singer, not afraid of making big choices or looking silly.

Feature Songs: "What's Up, Duloc"

Dragon: Ferocious guard of Fiona's Tower, who finds surprising love in Donkey. Looking for lots of soul and charisma, great pop-singing voice.

Feature Songs: "Forever"

Pinocchio: Wooden boy who can't tell a lie without his nose growing. Begins story in a sour mood but ends as a natural leader. Looking for lots of personality, sings well, aware of body and can move.

Feature Songs: "Story of My Life," "Freak Flag"

Gingy: Gingerbread Man who runs away and gets captured by Duloc Guards. Earnest, adorable. Looking for great energy, funny character choices, and pop-singing voice.

Feature Songs: "Freak Flag"

Wicked Witch: Big personality! Looking for character actor with a good voice.

Feature Songs: "Story of My Life"

Three Little Pigs: Classic pigs with a German twist. Looking for fun and dynamic trio, singing as a trio would be a bonus. Able to learn German dialect.

Feature Songs: "Story of My Life"

Big Bad Wolf: Pretty tame at this point in their life, and wears a granny dress. Looking for actor not afraid to make big choices.

Feature Songs: "Story of My Life"

Peter Pan: Continues to never grow up. Looking for good physicalizing of character.

Feature Songs: "Story of My Life"

Ugly Duckling: Gaining self-confidence and finding friends in the story. Looking for fun comedic actor, with a good voice.

Feature Songs: "Story of My Life," "Freak Flag"

Three Bears - Mama, Papa, & Baby: Classic family unit. Looking for a trio of actors that make a complimentary group. Mama Bear needs a poppy riff voice.

Feature Songs: "Story of My Life," "Freak Flag"

Storytellers: Narrators who set up the story and move it forward. Looking for bold, energetic actors, with natural stage presence and clear voices.

Feature Songs: "Big, Bright Beautiful World", "Make a Move"

Mama & Papa Ogre: Shrek's parents. Looking for a dynamic duo that start the show, with strong singing voices and good energy and presence.

Feature Songs: "Big, Bright Beautiful World"

Little Ogre: Younger version of Shrek. Looking for actor with good expression. No lines or singing.

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Young Fiona & Teen Fiona: Younger versions of Fiona. Looking for solid singing voices, able to naturally play Fiona's sense of humor.

Feature Songs: "I Know It's Today"

Dwarf: Farquaad's short and grumpy dad. Cameo role, no singing.

Captain of the Guard: Head of the Duloc Guards. Looking for actor with inherent authority and strength, big voice and presence. No singing.

Dragon's Knights: Dragon's prisoners/backup singers. Looking for good singers with some soul.

Feature Songs: "Forever"

Ensemble: the heart of the show! A variety of fun supporting characters, including Dulocians, Duloc Guards, Dragon Puppeteers, Rooster, Birds, Deer, Pied Piper, Rat Dancers, Bishop, and more!

Feature Songs: "What's Up, Duloc", "Travel Song", "Morning Person"