



**SAN DIEGO
JUNIOR THEATRE
PRESENTS**

WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE MOON

A MUSICAL ADAPTATION

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 15
CASA DEL PRADO, BALBOA PARK

Directed by
SARAH JANE SALONGA

Music Direction by
STEPHEN EVANGELISTA

Choreographed by
THERESA MAIGUE BENDORF

Book, Music and Lyrics by
MIN KAHNG

Based on the novel by
GRACE LIN

A commission by Bay Area Children's Theatre

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A NOTE FROM PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, JOEY PRICE



WELCOME to San Diego Junior Theatre's 78th season!

We are thrilled to welcome you on the extraordinary journey that is our 78th season, as we invite you to **Forge Your Path**. Each of our productions this year explores the courage and resilience it takes to find one's own way in the world. No matter where you are on your journey, we hope these stories will inspire you to embrace adventure, face challenges, and discover the power within yourself.

Our season begins with the timeless classic **Annie**, a story of optimism and perseverance in the face of hardship. Annie's journey reminds us that even in our darkest moments, we can always hope for a brighter tomorrow. Then, we venture into the icy world of **Disney's Frozen, JR**, where two sisters learn that true strength comes not from fear, but from embracing who they truly are.

In **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**, we follow Minli, a young girl who dares to seek her own destiny beyond what she has always known. Her journey to change her family's fortune is a testament to the power of storytelling and believing in the impossible. From there, we dive into the hilarious and heartfelt tale of **Shrek**, where an unlikely hero discovers that being true to oneself is the greatest adventure of all.

Our season continues with **A Bad Case of Stripes: The Musical**, a colorful story about self-acceptance and the courage to embrace individuality. And finally, we close Season 78 with the sweeping epic **Les Misérables**, where characters fight for freedom, redemption, and the pursuit of a better future – each forging their own path in the face of adversity.

Through these stories, we celebrate the dreamers, the adventurers, and the misfits who dare to carve their own way. We invite you to join us in the audience, experience the magic of live theatre, and be inspired by these unforgettable journeys.

Joey Price

WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE MOON

CAST

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MINLI..... | Valentina Cornelia |
| DRAGON..... | Pearl Salonga |
| BA/A-GONG..... | Caleb Dade |
| MA/AMAH..... | Nia Castro |
| MAGISTRATE/GREEN TIGER..... | Caleb Nayve |
| THE OLD MAN OF THE MOON..... | Kira Soonthornton |
| GOLDFISH MAN..... | Safina Hwang |
| XIAO MAO/LION..... | Lena Turk |
| BEGGAR/KING..... | Catherine Ji |
| A-FU..... | Dorian Lei Leano |
| DA-FU..... | Naomi Park |
| GOLDFISH 1..... | Jamie Graves |
| GOLDFISH 2..... | Cricket Ethridge LaShell |

VILLAGERS/VENDORS

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| Ashlyn Graves | Naia Okunor |
| Ava Macawili | Taj Plettner Booker |
| Elliana Gabai | Sloane Price |

Kaia Rae Cagasan

ENSEMBLE

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Angelina Noone | Maya Sithole |
| Destiny Snow | Olivia Robinson |
| Ellanora Paisley Vejar | Rachel Sciammas |
| Gwynn O'Leary Enterline | Reyna Sasson |
| Liliana Pomeranz | Sloane Ash |
| Liz Rodriguez | Sophia May |
| Marlo Ragadio | Yubo Ma |

UNDERSTUDIES

Minli - Dorian Lei Leano, Ba/A-Gong - Caleb Nayve, Ma/A-mah - Safina Hwang,
Dragon - Lena Turk, Beggar King - Kira Soonthornton,
Man of the Moon - Catherine Ji, Swings - Ashlyn Graves, Ava Macawili,
Goldfish 1 - Cricket Ethridge LaShell

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

Fruitless Mountain
The Proudful Magistrate
The Proudful Magistrate (Reprise)
Goldfish Sings
Minli's Journey Song
I Was A Figment
The City of Bright Moonlight
Act I Finale

ACT 2

Paper of Happiness
Moon Rain Village
Ma's Story
Minli's Journey Song (Reprise)
Fruitful Mountain
Finale

There will be a 15-minute intermission between Acts 1 and 2.

MUSICIANS

Piano - Stephen Evangelista
Erhu - Jeffrey Chen
Percussion - Marco Mexia

CREW

STAGE MANAGER.....Zoey Mendenhall
ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGERS.....Icoris Wyse, Penny Gage
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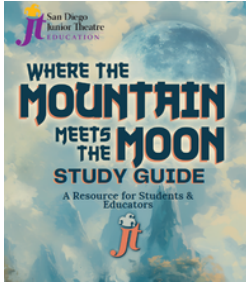
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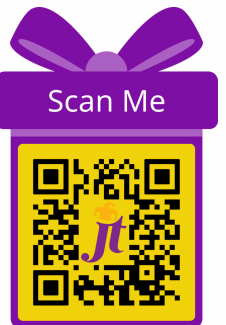
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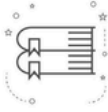
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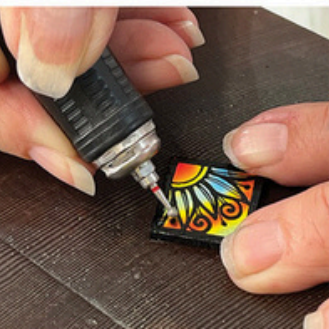
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