

McAuliffe Lion Prints Newspaper

**McAuliffe Drama Club
Performs Madagascar
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On March 15, 16 and 17, the Christa McAuliffe Middle School Drama Club performed an outstanding show of **Madagascar: A Musical Adventure Jr.** filled with joy and entertainment. The audience was silent throughout the performance because they were on the edge of their seat; you could hear a pin drop in the isle. Lion Prints Newspaper interviewed Melissa Diamond, who played the main lemur named Lars, a zoo guest, and a server, about the production:

Lion Prints Newspaper: Why did you want to be involved in the production?

Melissa: I wanted to be in the production because it's so fun to sing and I love all of the people I worked with. They are kind and overall it is just really fun.

Lion Prints Newspaper: What do you most love about your characters?

Melissa: I love my character for his funny and good personality that was fun to act out

Lion Prints Newspaper: If you could be any other character who would you be?

Melissa: I would have wanted to play the funny character Maurice, the little Lemur

Another cast member we questioned was Savannah Still, who played A Foosa and a zoo guest. We asked her the same questions as Melissa but they both had very different responses:

Lion Prints Newspaper: Why did you want to be involved in the production?

Savannah: I wanted to be in the play because I knew the acting would be fun and there were many roles I could try out for

Lion Prints Newspaper: *What do you most love about your characters?*

Savannah: I loved being a Foosa because I got to sneak around on stage and circle the lemurs. As a zoo guest, I liked that I got the opportunity to sing.

Lion Prints Newspaper: *If you could be any other character who would you be?*

Savannah: I would love to be the beloved King Julian because of his funny character and all the dances that he does.

Now let's go backstage and see what some of the backstage crew members had to say. In this backstage job, you get to help out by painting sets and even moving the sets around during the show. Lion Prints Newspaper interviewed some of the backstage crew, including member Kayla Carvajal.

Lion Prints Newspaper: *Why did she want to be in the production?*

Kayla: I love to paint and build things and thought it was a great idea to be apart of the club helping out the school

Lion Prints Newspaper: *What pieces did you help build or paint for the show?*

Kayla: I painted the hippo habitat, palm trees, the beach painting and the giraffe habitat. I also helped move the hippo habitat and beach during the show.

Lion Prints Newspaper: *If you were to do drama again what would you want do, backstage crew or perform on stage?*

Kayla: This is a tricky question but I definitely want to stay backstage and see the behind the scenes.

We also interviewed another backstage member, Jillian Cassidy. We interviewed her with the same questions as Kayla but she had a different perspective on things.

Lion Prints Newspaper: *Why did you want to join the production?*

Jillian: I thought it would be a fun and interesting idea. Also some of my friends were doing it so I wanted to see what it was about.

Lion Prints Newspaper: *What pieces did you help build or paint for the show?*

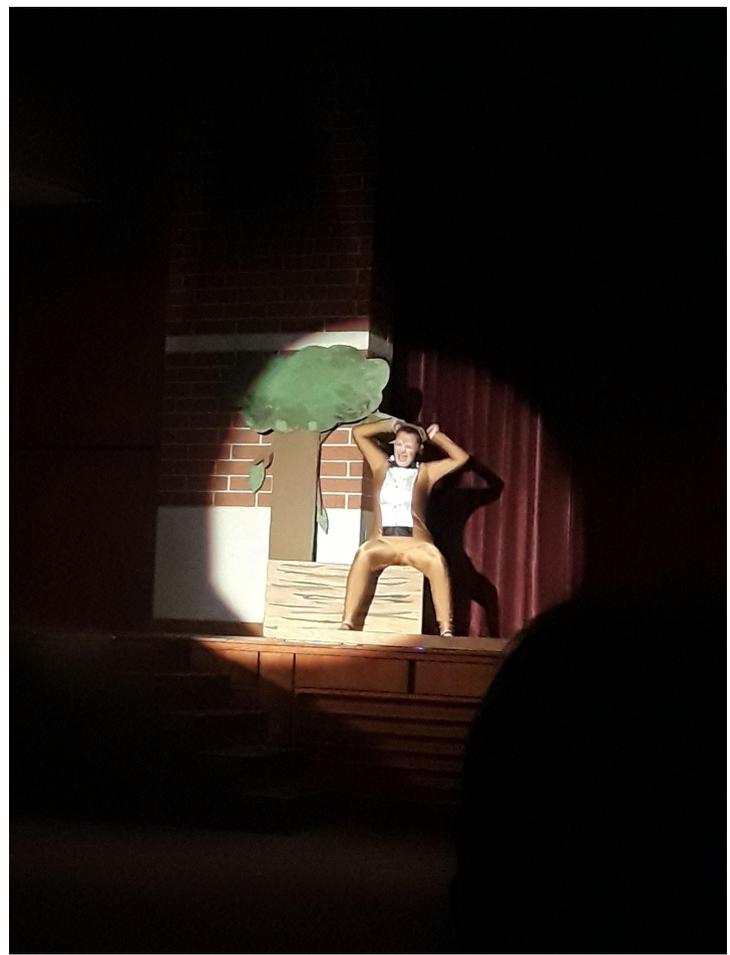
Jillian: I did the giraffe habitat, some of the hippo habitat, and the monkey habitat.

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Jillian: (Without hesitation) I would probably perform live on stage!

After hearing from the cast and crew members, we asked spectators who attended the performance their thoughts on the show. Lion Prints Newspaper asked Kathryn and Delaney Spaltoff who said the show was very exciting and entertaining. They enjoyed it and exclaimed that it looked like a lot of fun to do. All in all the performance was very well done and I would recommend anyone interested in drama and performing, to consider trying out for backstage crew or performing on the big stage.



*Shown above:
Some photographs from various acts of
the performance*

McAuliffe's Very Own Volley For Love Tournament

For the first time ever, McAuliffe Student Council ran it's Volley for Love fundraising tournament without a Goetz- McAuliffe rivalry matchup. McAuliffe's Student Council chose to run the tournament independently allowing McAuliffe students to go up against one another to see who would be victorious as the best team in the school.

Four teams from McAuliffe versed one another in the tournament, with one coming out as champions. The four teams played in a round robin tournament bracket to determine the winner. A round robin tournament is when all teams get the opportunity to play one another to determine a winner. The winning team was the Ragin' Raptors, a group of sixth and seventh grade boys.

The event raised \$278 for the Ocean of Love charity. The Ocean of Love charity, based out of Toms River, helps families of children with cancer. They provide emotional and financial support to the families.

McAuliffe is proud of everyone who came out to play some volleyball and to support such a wonderful cause.



*Shown left:
Ragin' Raptors- The WINNING team
Dylan Teopaco, Elijah Elias, Thomas Cito,
Giovanni Batista, Jose Mayorga, Xavier
Morales, and Trevor VanValkenburgh*



*Shown right:
The 4 teams who participated
and competed in the Volley for
Love tournament.*