

CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

RAFIKIBuyi Zama
 MUFASADionne Randolph
 SARABITryphena Wade
 ZAZUMark David Kaplan
 SCARDerek Smith
 YOUNG SIMBAZavion J. Hill, Adante Power
 YOUNG NALAKailah McFadden, Sade Phillip-Demorcy
 SHENZIRashada Dawan
 BANZAIKeith Bennett
 EDRobbie Swift
 TIMONNick Cordileone
 PUMBAABen Lipitz
 SIMBAJelani Remy
 NALASyndee Winters
 ENSEMBLE SINGERSRussell Joel Brown, Ntomb'khona Dlamini,
 Portia Magwaza, Tonoccus McClain, Vusi B. Mhlongo,
 Marquis Moss, Sihle Ngema, Rob Parks, Maurica Roland,
 Mpume Sikakane, John Sloan III, Tryphena Wade, Electra Weston
 ENSEMBLE DANCERSAmyia Burrell, Erynn Marie Dickerson, Shameika Hines,
 J.E. Johnson, Selena Moshell, Kevin Petite, Paul B. Sadler, Jr.,
 Derrick Spear, Lilli-Anne Tai, Sharron Lynn Williams, Dion Wilson
 STANDBYSSCAR: Tony Freeman, Michael Hollick; ZAZU: Tony Freeman;
 TIMON: Tony Freeman; PUMBAA: Tony Freeman, Michael Hollick

UNDERSTUDIES

(Understudies never substitute for listed players unless announced at the time of the performance)
 Rafiki—Ntomb'khona Dlamini, Deidre Lang, Mpume Sikakane;
 Mufasa—Russell Joel Brown, Frank Wright II; Sarabi—Deidre Lang, Maurica Roland, Electra Weston;
 Zazu—Robbie Swift; Shenzi—Deidre Lang, Farah Lopez, Maurica Roland;
 Banzai—Andrew Arrington, Tonoccus McClain, John Sloan III; Ed—Andrew Arrington, Rob Parks;
 Timon—Robbie Swift; Simba—Marquis Moss, Rob Parks;
 Nala—Portia Magwaza, Maurica Roland

SWINGS

Andrew Arrington, Deidre Lang, Mykal D. Laury II, Jason Lewis,
 Farah Lopez, Kendra Moore, Theresa Nguyen, Frank Wright II

DANCE CAPTAINS

Jason Lewis, Kendra Moore

SPECIALTIES

Circle of Life Vocals—Vusi B. Mhlongo, Sihle Ngema; Mouse Shadow Puppet—Sihle Ngema;
 Ant Hill Lady—Erynn Marie Dickerson; Guinea Fowl—Paul B. Sadler, Jr.; Buzzard Pole—Dion Wilson;
 Gazelle Wheel—Lilli-Anne Tai; Gazelles—Kevin Petite, Paul B. Sadler, Jr.;
 Lioness Chant Vocal—Vusi B. Mhlongo; Acrobatic Trickster—Derrick Spear;
 Giraffe Shadow Puppets—Russell Joel Brown, Marquis Moss; Cheetah—Sharron Lynn Williams;
 Stilt Giraffe—Derrick Spear; Scar Shadow Puppet—Russell Joel Brown, Tonoccus McClain, Marquis Moss;
 Simba Shadow Puppet—Vusi B. Mhlongo, Rob Parks, John Sloan III; One By One Vocal—Sihle Ngema;
 One By One Dance—Vusi B. Mhlongo, John Sloan III; Fireflies—Erynn Marie Dickerson;
 Pumbaa Pole Puppet—Tonoccus McClain; Nala Pole Puppet—Shameika Hines;
 Lioness/Hyena Shadow Puppets—Ntomb'khona Dlamini, Portia Magwaza, Marquis Moss, Maurica Roland,
 Mpume Sikakane, Electra Weston.

Ntomb'khona Dlamini, Portia Magwaza, Vusi B. Mhlongo, Sihle Ngema, Mpume Sikakane and Buyi Zama
 are appearing with the permission of Actors' Equity Association.

TOURING ORCHESTRA

Conductor—Rick Snyder

Associate Conductor—Jamie Schmidt; Keyboard 1—Chris Neville; Keyboard 2—Doug Reed;
 Keyboard 3—Mark Snedegar; Guitar—Robert Tye; Drums—Bobby Economou; Bass—Hugh Mason;
 Marimba—Mike Faue; Percussion—Stefan Monssen, Reuven Weizberg; Flutes—Kay Ragsdale;
 Concert Master/Violin 1—Woonkuo Soon

Music Coordinator—Michael Keller

Based on the Disney film

**THE
LION KING**

Directed by Roger Allers and Rob Minkoff; Produced by Don Hahn
 Special thanks to all the artists and staff of Walt Disney Feature Animation

SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

Scene 1 Pride Rock
 "Circle of Life" with "Nants' Ingonyama" Rafiki, Ensemble
 Scene 2 Scar's Cave
 Scene 3 Rafiki's Tree
 Scene 4 The Pridelands
 Scene 5 Scar's Cave
 Scene 6 The Pridelands
 "I Just Can't Wait to Be King" Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, Ensemble
 Scene 7 Elephant Graveyard
 "Chow Down" Shenzi, Banzai, Ed
 Scene 8 Under the Stars
 "They Live in You" Mufasa, Ensemble
 Scene 9 Elephant Graveyard
 "Be Prepared" Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Ensemble
 Scene 10 The Gorge
 Scene 11 Pride Rock
 "Be Prepared" (Reprise) Scar, Ensemble
 "Nao Tse Tsa" Rafiki, Sarabi, Young Nala
 Scene 12 Rafiki's Tree
 Scene 13 The Desert/The Jungle
 "Hakuna Matata" Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Simba, Ensemble

ACT TWO

Entr'acte "One by One" Ensemble
 Scene 1 Scar's Cave
 "The Madness of King Scar" Scar, Zazu, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed, Nala
 Scene 2 The Pridelands
 "Shadowland" Nala, Rafiki, Ensemble
 Scene 3 The Jungle
 Scene 4 Under the Stars
 "Endless Night" Simba, Ensemble
 Scene 5 Rafiki's Tree
 Scene 6 The Jungle
 "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala, Ensemble
 "He Lives in You" (Reprise) Rafiki, Simba, Ensemble
 Scene 7 Pride Rock
 "King of Pride Rock"/"Circle of Life" (Reprise) Ensemble

THERE WILL BE ONE 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION

SONG CREDITS

All songs by Elton John (music) and Tim Rice (lyrics) except as follows:
 "Circle of Life": by Elton John (music) and Tim Rice (lyrics) with "Nants' Ingonyama": by Hans Zimmer and Lebo M;
 "He Lives in You" ("They Live in You"): Music and lyrics by Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Lebo M; "Nao Tse
 Tsa": Music and lyrics by Jacques Loubelo; "One by One": Music and lyrics by Lebo M; "Shadowland": Music by
 Lebo M and Hans Zimmer, lyrics by Mark Mancina and Lebo M; "Endless Night": Music by Lebo M, Hans Zimmer, and
 Jay Rifkin, lyrics by Julie Taymor; "King of Pride Rock": Music by Hans Zimmer, lyrics by Lebo M

ADDITIONAL SCORE

Grasslands chant and Lioness chant by Lebo M; Rafiki's chants by Tsidii Le Loka.

WARNING



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 photographing or sound recording inside the theatre, without the written permission of the management,
 is prohibited by law. Offenders may be ejected and liable for damages and other lawful remedies.

WHO'S WHO in the CAST

DEREK SMITH (*Scar*). Broadway: *The Lion King*, *The Green Bird* (Tony® nomination), *Ring 'Round the Moon*, *Jackie*, *Getting and Spending*, *Timon of Athens*, and *The Government Inspector*. Off-Broadway: *The Witch of Edmonton* (Joe Caloway award 2011); *Sylvia* (Drama League, L.A. Ovation Awards), *The Green Bird* (Obie Award), *King John* and most recently *The Government Inspector* in Washington, DC. Film and TV: *Jungle to Jungle*, *The Stand-In*, *Hyde in Hollywood*, *Advice from a Caterpillar*, "The Equalizer," *Internal Affairs*. Derwent Award recipient.

DIONNE RANDOLPH (*Mufasa*). Regional credits include *Smokey Joe's Café* (Fred), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Audrey II), *Once On This Island* (Agwe'). Dionne is originally from Gainesville, GA, attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, and now calls Orlando, FL home. He has recorded many voiceovers, radio spots, and commercials for the Walt Disney Co., Norwegian Cruise Lines, McDonalds, Dunkin' Doughnuts, and the Anheuser Busch Corp. to name a few. He is very proud to be working with so many wonderfully talented people in this amazing piece of theater. Member AEA.

BUYI ZAMA (*Rafiki*). A Proud Kwa-Mashu, Durban, South Africa native is thrilled to be back on the gazelle tour, Theatre credits: *The Lion King* (Las Vegas, Taiwan, South Africa, Shanghai, Australia, And West End), Awarded the 2004 MO award for female musical performer of the year and nominated for 2004 Australian Helpmann awards for best female in a musical... much love to JEHOVAH, Sizwe Zako, Rebecca Malope's The Nokwe's, My Mom and all my family, Buyi Zama (@buyizama) on twitter love and light. www.Zuluchyld.com.

NICK CORDILEONE (*Timon*). Off-Broadway: *Widowing of Mrs. Holroyd* (Mint Theater), *Hamlet* (Theatre by the Blind) Regional: *The Alchemist* (Shakespeare Theatre Company), *Lobby Hero* (The Old Globe), *Crime and Punishment* (Cincinnati Playhouse & Actors Theatre), *Henry VI*, *Richard III* (Alabama Shakespeare Festival), *Comedy of Errors*, *Taming of the Shrew* (Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey) Film: *Step Up 2*. LOVE: Amy & Hero.

MARK DAVID KAPLAN (*Zazu*), happily returns to *The Lion King* having toured in the original company of the 2nd National. Off-Broadway: *Forbidden Broadway*. Regional credits: *Ragtime* (Tateh-Jeff Award-Drury Lane, Chicago); *Forbidden Broadway* (Jeff Award-Royal George);

...*Spelling Bee* (Panch-James Lapine, dir./Chicago); and many premieres with Chicago Shakespeare, Marriott, Skylight, and Indiana Repertory, among others. Proud AEA Councillor. To my family and MAC - oxox

BEN LIPITZ (*Pumbaa*). Broadway: *The Lion King*. Stage: *God of Carnage*; *The Producers* (Walnut St. Theatre); *Red, Hot and Blue* (Goodspeed Opera, Papermill Playhouse); *Just So* (Goodspeed Opera); *ART*; *Dirty Blonde*; *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*; *Forum*; Cleveland Playhouse, Kennedy Center. TV: "The Sopranos", "Law & Order", "100 Centre St.", "Homicide". Film: *The Giraffe* and *Find Me Guilty* (with Vin Diesel). Member of The Actors' Studio. Love and kisses to my wife, Rosalie, my son, Matthew and my daughter, Mikaela. Proud member of Actors' Equity.

JELANI REMY (*Simba*). Coming from the Las Vegas production, Jelani is excited and blessed to be working with the Disney family again! A few past shows include Disney's *High School Musical*, *Parade* and *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. Much love and thanks to Shirley Grant Management, all of his family, teachers, LKLV and friends. AEA.

SYNDEE WINTERS (*Nala*) is psyched to be with the *Lion King* family. A graduate of Five Towns College, Syndee's background ranges from dancing as a NY Knicks City Dancer, performing with artists such as Rihanna, Jordin Sparks, and Demi Lovato. She thanks The Universe, her family, and friends. Follow me on Twitter: @syndeewinters. www.syndeewinters.com.

KEITH BENNETT (*Banzai*). Broadway credits include Richie in *A Chorus Line*, BJ in *OH KAY!*, Wonder Boy in *The High Rollers*, Horace in *Olympus On My Mind*, Banzai in *The Lion King*. Tours include: *Dancin*, *The Tap Dance Kid*, *Sophisticated Ladies*, *Five Guys Named Moe*. Regional: *Stand Up Tragedy*, *Betsey Brown*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Bo Bo's*, *A Son Come Home*. Show dedicated to wife Deidre and my lovely daughters Tyler and Jordan. Big shout out to my Lord God.

RASHADA DAWAN (*Shenzi*) joins *The Lion King* National Tour from the cast in Las Vegas. Theatre credits include: *Big River* (BoHo Theatre), *The Other Cinderella* (Black Ensemble Theatre), *The Wiz-the Remix* (Cornerstone Productions), *Dreamgirls* (FAMU Theatre), *For Colored Girls Who Dance* (B.FLI Productions, Inc.), *From the Mississippi Delta* (Fleetwood

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Jourdain Theatre), *I Am That I Am* (AOP Productions) and *Aida* (Bailiwick Chicago). Thanks to her Chicago family and friends and love to her daughter, Genesis, for always using her powers for good. Tweet@RashadaDawan and visit www.RashadaDawan.com Love in flight.

ROBBIE SWIFT (*Ed/Understudy Timon & Zazu*). is honored and excited to return to *The Lion King* family. Stage credits include: *Snoopy!*, *Rumbles*, *The Red Flower*, *Water Children*, *Our Town*, *Godspell*, etc. Film/Television: *On The Run* (Hyperboy), "Fastlane" (Fox), "Urban Graffiti" (Fox), "Scrubs" (NBC), etc. Many thanks to God, Mom, Dad, The Starting Five, Family and Friends. Special thanks to Barry, Karen and Lois Yvonne. Robbie is a proud member of AEA, SAG and ASCAP. I dedicate this show to my beautiful wife, Lisa. You are my heart, my life, and my inspiration. Thanks for marrying me.

ZAVION J. HILL (*Young Simba at certain performances*) is thrilled to be making his debut as Young Simba. Zavion is a 9 year old from Springfield MA. He has performed in several productions in his hometown at Dream Studios Inc. Zavion enjoys skateboarding, reading and video games. Special thanks to Dream, church family, LMC, mom, dad and baby sis—I love you. You rock!

KAILAH McFADDEN (*Young Nala at certain performances*) of Douglassville, PA is excited to be a part of Disney's *The Lion King* Family. Kailah's love and passion for music and acting was discovered at age 2. She Graces everyone with her soulful sound and wonderful personality performing in school musicals and singing at Church. She's thankful her parents C'mane, Benitta and brother Mane Mane support her dream.

SADE PHILLIP-DEMORCY (*Young Nala at certain performances*) is nine years old from Valley Stream, NY. She is ecstatic to have her debut role and be apart of *The Lion King* Tour. Her passion for the arts has grown into dancing, singing, and playing the piano. With the love and support from her parents Myena and Wadley. Her younger siblings Jayden and Kayla. She is accomplishing her dreams.

ADANTE POWER (*Young Simba at certain performances*) is delighted to join *The Lion King* family! He expressed the desire to become a performer at the age of 6 years old. Credits include: *The Greatest Movie Ever Made*, *Empire State Of Mind (part II) 9/11 Tribute*, *Dragon Fly Tale* and Abyssinian Church Youth Choir. Special thanks to God, family, friends and mentor for sharing their wisdom and support.

ANDREW ARRINGTON (*Swing/Understudy Banzai & Ed*). Regional Premiere of Kander & Ebb's *Scottsboro Boys*. *The Lion King* Las Vegas. Nat'l tours: *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. New York: *Showboat* (Carnegie Hall), *Godspell* (workshop), Disney's *High School Musical 2*, *Respect* (NYSAF); TV: CBS "My Broadway Debut." University of Michigan.

RUSSELL JOEL BROWN (*Ensemble/Understudy Mufasa*). Morehouse College graduate. Professional credits: *Smokey Joe's Cafe* (1st National, Japan), *The Scarlet Pimpernel* (1st National), *The Lion King* (Cheetah Tour, Mexico, Taiwan); *Big River* (Goodspeed; Best Actor- Connecticut Critics Circle).

AMYIA BURRELL (*Ensemble*) is thrilled to be a part of *The Lion King* cast. She has performed with Disney since 2003 appearing in shows at Tokyo Disney and Disney World. She would like to thank her family (especially Noah and Tally) and friends for their constant love and support. She gives God thanks for continuous blessings and grace. Proud member of AEA.

ERYNN MARIE DICKERSON (*Ensemble*) began her artistic studies at the Debbie Allen Dance Academy, where she was cast in various musical theater productions at the Freud and Geffen Playhouse. She then graduated from Fordham University and the Alvin Ailey school with B.F.A. and a minor in communications. Since then she has appeared in various print ads, TV shows, commercials, music videos and films.

NTOMB'KHONA DLAMINI (*Ensemble/Understudy Rafiki*) is from South Africa and was in the original Broadway casts of *The Lion King* and *Sarafina*. Her soundtrack credits include *Power of One*, *Fantasia*, and PBS Children's Network *Between the Lions*. All thanks to The Creator, the late Rev. SB Dlamini, my mom, husband and son.

TONY FREEMAN (*Understudy Pumbaa, Scar, Timon and Zazu*) has played Zazu (and occasionally Scar) on Broadway and across the country over 3,000 times since the year 2000. Now he's added Timon and Pumbaa. He did Tony Kushner's musical *Caroline, or Change* in Los Angeles and San Francisco with the original Broadway cast. Tony has performed guest roles on both "Law and Order" (twice) and "Law and Order, SVU".

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SHAMEIKA HINES (*Ensemble*) is a California native, graduated from the L.A. County HS for the Arts. Her credits include six years with the Lula Washington Dance Theatre, national and international television, music videos, award shows, scholarships and competitions.

MICHAEL HOLLICK (*Standby Scar and Pumbaa*). After a successful run in Las Vegas, Michael is excited to rejoin his friends on *The Lion King* National Tour. Broadway: *Tarzan, Jumpers*. Off-Broadway: *Fuerza Bruta, De La Guarda*. TV: "Law & Order", "Sex and the City", "Guiding Light". Regional: *The Wilma*, Goodspeed Opera House, Pittsburgh CLO, Great Lakes Theatre Festival. BFA, Carnegie Mellon. Michael starred as Niko Bellic in the video game *Grand Theft Auto IV*. Love to my wife Angela and our little cub Max. Follow our tour adventures at 3fortheRoad.com!

J.E. JOHNSON (*Ensemble*) trained at the Chicago Academy for the Arts. He's danced with Forces Of Nature, Creative Outlet, Hubbard Street 2, DanceWorks Chicago, Cleo Parker Robinson, Lyric Opera, Chicago Opera, Cirque Du Soleil (Beatles LOVE), and the National Tour of *The Color Purple*.

DEIDRE LANG (*Swing/Understudy Rafiki, Shenzi and Sarabi*). Broadway: *The Lion King, Ragtime, Tommy*. National Tours: *Ragtime* (LA), *Tommy, Hairspray, Cats*. International Tours: *Smokey Joe's Café*. TV: Fox's "In Living Color" as a FlyGirl. Dedicates this performance to Keith, Tyler and Jordan!

MYKAL D. LAURY II (*Swing*) is honored to be a part of *The Lion King* National Tour. Stage: Philadanco, *Aida* (China Tour), *The Phantom of the Opera* (Broadway & National Tour); TV and Film: *Victoria Secret's Fashion Show, Beyonce, "Friends with Benefits"*. Thanks to MSA and my parents for all their Love!

JASON LEWIS (*Swing/Dance Captain*), from Long Beach, California, Jason has worked commercially with such artists as Britney Spears, Toni Braxton and Missy Elliott. He has trained with Lula Washington, Karen McDonald and Ailey. He is thrilled to be in *The Lion King*.

FARAH LOPEZ (*Swing/Understudy Shenzi*). A native of Montreal Canada, is so honored to be a part of this amazing company. She began her journey with the *The Lion King* Las Vegas Company 2 years ago and she's so thankful and blessed for the amazing opportunity to now be a part of The National Touring Company. She

would like to thank her family for their support.

PORTIA MAGWAZA (*Ensemble/Understudy Nala*). Born: Durban, South Africa. TV appearances: "South African Music Awards (2004)", Gospel Gold with Joyful Sound G.G., Christmas by Candlelight (Australia). Theatre: *The Lion King* in Australia and Shanghai (Nala). Other credits: E-Connexion Band (performed in Egypt), African Summit at ICC (Durban). Film: *Elephant's Tale* soundtrack.

TONOCCLUS McCLAIN (*Ensemble/Understudy Banzai*) is proud to be making his Touring debut! He could be seen reporting on "Channel One News", performing in Los Angeles Opera's *Porgy and Bess*—3 Academy Awards® live telecasts and heard singing in televisions "Glee", "The Good Wife" and film soundtracks *Avatar, Star Trek, The Simpsons Movie*.

VUSI B. MHLONGO (*Ensemble*), from Durban, South Africa, toured Europe with *Mama and Sarafina 2*. In addition, he sang on *The Lion King* movie soundtrack and won the Best New Actor Award in Durban. "Being a part of the show is the greatest experience of my life. I thank God and my family."

KENDRA MOORE (*Swing/Dance Captain*) is Canadian born and trained in Edmonton, Alberta. A member of *The Lion King* Cheetah tour from 2003–2008, Kendra has danced with Ballet Austin, Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. She has traveled extensively with all these companies. Love to my family and friends.

SELENA MOSHELL (*Ensemble*) is from Orlando, FL and a Rollins College graduate (Environmental Studies). She has performed with the Pittsburgh CLO, Orlando City Ballet, Royal Caribbean, and Walt Disney World (dancer/aerialist). Selena is grateful to God, family and friends for their love and support. www.selenamoshell.com

MARQUIS MOSS (*Ensemble/Understudy Simba*). A Washington, DC native and Clark Atlanta University Alumnus. I thank God, family, and friends for constant love and support! Each time I touch the stage, I honor my hero – my beloved grandmother, Ruth R. Moss (truly an angel). For more about me, visit www.marqmoss.com

SIHLE NGEMA (*Ensemble*). Born in Newcastle, South Africa, vocally trained by Boycie Phokeng & Mbongeni Ngema. Theatre: *The Lion King* (Australia & Shanghai), *Dance Through Me, Mama, Woza My Fohloza, Jika The Musi-*

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cal. Television: "X Factor", "Nelson Mandela 80th Birthday Celebration". Film: *Elephant Tails* Soundtrack Vocals.

THERESA NGUYEN (*Swing*). 5th LK Company, NY/Regional: *Radio City Christmas Spectacular, South Pacific* (Hollywood Bowl); *Flower Drum Song*. Europe: *CATS, Saturday Night Fever, West Side Story, Grease*. Jazz Dance World Congress Soloist. www.etsy.com/shop/theresajewelry.

ROB PARKS (*Ensemble/Understudy Simba & Ed*) is a native of Grand Rapids, Mi., now residing in NYC, Rob is thrilled to be a part of the National Tour of *The Lion King*! Rob has sung throughout the U.S. and China singing musical theater, jazz and opera. Many thanks to Avalon Artists and Prestige Management.

KEVIN PETITE (*Ensemble*), Fort Worth, TX, trained at Dian Clough West Studios, Debbie Allen Dance Academy and The Ailey School receiving the prestigious Alvin Ailey Fellowship. Professional credits include Ailey II, and tours of *Radio City Christmas Show and Movin' Out*.

MAURICA ROLAND (*Ensemble/Understudy Nala, Shenzi & Sarabi*) is a Pensacola, FL native and Louisiana State University graduate. Recent credits: *American Vybe* at Disney World, Orlando, *Hairspray* First National Tour (swing, u/s Dynamite). "Thanks be to God, family, and friends for your love and support." www.mauricaroland.com

PAUL B. SADLER, JR. (*Ensemble*) is a native Clevelander and attended Wilberforce University. He is delighted to join the cast of *The Lion King*. Broadway debut: *Phantom of the Opera*. Other credits: The Philadelphia Dance Company (principal), Cleveland Ballet, and the American Dance Guild. Paul thanks god for his talent and wife Loreen for all her love, support, and partnership in the creations of their children Chase and Noah. AEA member since 1993.

MPUME SIKAKANE (*Ensemble/Understudy Rafiki*) has worked with renowned writer, producer, director M'bongeni Ngema since 1989. Toured internationally with *The Zulu* and released album Babaka Mdudu in 2002. Love and thanks to God, Simon, Thandekile and family.

JOHN SLOAN III (*Ensemble/Understudy Banzai*). Detroit native and University of Michigan graduate, John Sloan III is excited to perform with a talented cast and crew. Regional theatre: *Aida, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Julius X*. John thanks God, his family, friends, agent, cast, and crew.

DERRICK SPEAR (*Ensemble*) is a native of Washington, D.C. He has danced with Washington Reflections Dance Company and National Ballet of Santa Domingo.

LILLI-ANNE TAI (*Ensemble*). Born in Queens, New York, Lilli graduated from the Ailey/Fordham University BFA program with Departmental Honors in dance in 2009. And was a member of Evidence Dance Company/Ronald K. Brown.

TRYPHENA WADE (*Sarabi/Ensemble*). A Columbus, Ohio native and Howard University graduate. Credits include: *The World Goes Round, Smokey Joe's Cafe, Ragtime, The Secret Garden and Trojan Women*. Tryphena has traveled throughout the Mediterranean as a principal singer with Norwegian Cruise Lines. "This is TRULY a dream come true! Praises to God! tryphenawade@gmail.com

ELECTRA WESTON (*Ensemble/Understudy Sarabi*). Germany: *The Lion King* (Sarabi and Shenzi), *Little Shop of Horrors* (Chiffon). France: Releases: "Life," "Music and The Rhythm" (Warner), "Alright" (Sony). Film: Jonathan Demme's "The Truth about Charlie." Africa: Toured with "Diblo Dibala and Matchatcha (Congo)." As Filmmaker/Producer: "Maybe Dreams Can Come True." (www.PariSoul.net).

SHARRON LYNN WILLIAMS (*Ensemble*) is a proud native of Miami, FL and high school graduate of New World School of the Arts. She has worked extensively as a concert and commercial dancer and was recently filmed as a featured dancer in Scary Movie 5. She is also a model and holds two B.A. degrees from Florida State University in Applied Economics and Interdisciplinary Social Science.

DION WILSON (*Ensemble*), a native of Baltimore, MD. BFA from SUNY at Purchase and graduate of the Baltimore School of the Arts. He was a member of Philadanco, The Dance Theatre of Harlem, and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre. Awarded a Princess Grace Foundation Fellowship for dance. Dion is proud to be a part of *The Lion King* for his son Cameron.

FRANK WRIGHT II (*Swing/Understudy Mufasa*). Frank joins the Gazelle Company after having been blessed with performing in the Cheetah and Broadway companies of *The Lion King*. He thanks God for his wife, Charlotte and son, Paden. With God all things are possible.

JULIE TAYMOR (*Director, Costume Design, Mask/Puppet Co-Design, Additional Lyrics*) won