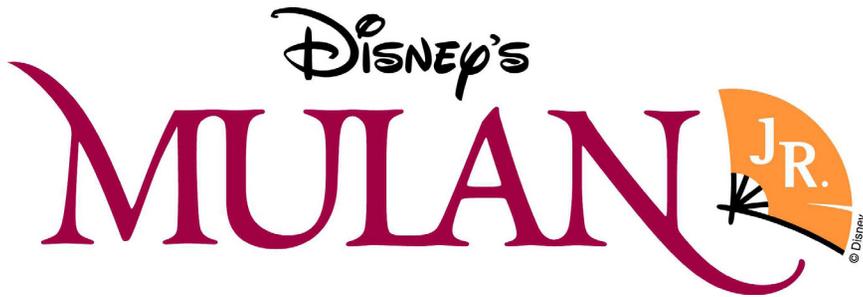


Finley Middle School Drama Club Production of



Music and Lyrics by
Matthew Wilder and David Zippel,
Stephen Schwartz,
Jeanie Tesori and Alexa Junge

Music Adapted and Arranged
and Additional Music and Lyrics
by **Bryan Louiselle**

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics
by **Patricia Cotter**

Based on the 1998 Disney film
“Mulan” and the story “Fa Mulan”
by **Robert D. San Souci**

Shout-Outs to Cast and Crew

Cast, Crew, and Creative Staff—Thank you so much for the incredible experience with the Finley Middle School Drama Club 2017–2018! I appreciate all you have given of yourselves to make this spectacular production of “Mulan Jr.” so full of HONOR, DESTINY, STRENGTH, LOYALTY, LOVE, and CHANGE! You’re the Best :)—Mme. Molvaut

Erin Purcell—I’d like to thank my parents and siblings, as well as all of my friends in the drama club.

Sarah—Good Luck on your many parts in “Mulan Jr.” We know you will give it your all during your performance.—Love you, Mommy and Daddy

Nadeera Ali—Wishing Nadeera and the cast and crew for “Mulan Jr.” a great show!—Love, the Ali Family

Hannah Byers—We are so proud of you!!—Love, Mom, Dad and Abigail

Emma Waters—Congrats on your first show! We love you!—Mom, Dad and Elizabeth

Joshua Youngquist—Congratulations Josh! We are so proud of you and can’t wait to see what else you accomplish this year!—Love, Mom and Faith

Delia Caruso—We would like to congratulate our daughter Delia on her first middle school play. Delia we are so proud of you and all of your hard work . We love watching you do what you love to do. Keep reaching for the stars they are limitless. We would also like to congratulate the entire cast and crew on an amazing performance.—Love Mom, Dad and Rocco

learned how to talk. I've been in dance for ten years. Singing dancing and acting are three things that I really enjoy doing. The last two years, I was in the Woodhull school plays. I was in "The Lion King" as a zebra and "High School Musical" as a cheerleader. I am very excited to be part of this production. I am also looking forward to what the years ahead hold for me as I pursue acting, dancing and singing in the 8th grade and the high school.

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Cast

Laozi, Ancestor.....Sophia Matheus
 Yun, Ancestor.....Sophia Segal
 Lin, Ancestor Lauren Holly
 Hong, AncestorErin Purcell
 Zhang, Ancestor..... Anaya Watkins
 Fa Zhou, Mulan's fatherJosh Youngquist
 Fa Li, Mulan's motherAlexis Kaloudis
 Grandmother Fa.....Angie Hernandez-Ramos
 Mulan..... Ally Kustera
 Mushu, Dragon..... Dylan Brinn
 Matchmaker Delia Caruso
 Chi Fu, Chinese bureaucrat..... Diana Harris
 Shan-Yu, Hun leader.....Josh Youngquist
 Captain Shang.....Mack Brenner
 Yao, Chinese soldier.....Jeffrey Gudiel
 Quin-Po, Chinese soldier..... David Canas
 Ling, Chinese soldierNick Barretta
 Emperor Morgan Colleuri
 Young Xiao, Villager.....Sarah Corwin
 Older Yi, Villager Maria Verfenstein
 Magyar, Hun soldierShannon Milner
 Subar-Tu, Hun soldier.....Christina Drummings
 Chen, Chinese soldier.....Charlotte Simon
 Liu, Chinese soldier.....Aislyn Franciscovich
 Cheongsam, Salesperson..... Katerina Damiano

Production Team

Director/Choreographer/Stage Manager Madame Molvaut
Junior Stage Manager Andy Ulloa
Music Director Victoria Garbarino
Technical Director Daniel Santangelo
Stage Designers Madame Molvaut, Daniel Santangelo
Ensemble Costumes Madame Molvaut, Amy Fives,
Lisa Suriano, Alexandra Mendikyan
Make-up Ensemble Victoria Garbarino, Carol Dow

Stage Crew

Crew Lighting James Kretschmer
Spots Aydan Bachman
Sound Jack Alba
Prop and Costume Master Hannah Byers, Katie Nunez
Stagehands Annika Galvin, Leda Reldon
Microphone Assistants Abigail Simons, Emma Waters

Parent Volunteers

Michele Kustera, Amy Fives, Alexandra Mendikyan,
Danielle Milner, Emma Boyle, Kristine Colleluori,
Eileen Purcel, Christina Kaloudis, Christian Waters

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Danielle Mendikyan (Ensemble) Danielle loves acting and has been in other plays. She is excited to present the play to her friends and family.

Andy Ulloa (Junior Stage Manager) Andy has always loved theater, whether he was performing or working backstage. In 6th grade Andy got the opportunity to do stage crew backstage on Little Mermaid Jr.” at Woodhull. He immediately fell in love with it. He continues to work/manage stage crew at Huntington High School. He wanted to gain more experience so last year he decided to help out the Finley stage crew. With his knowledge as a performer and technical theater he decided to student director this year and is gaining so much information.

Hannah Byers (Prop and Costume Master) This is Hannah Byers second year participating in stage crew. She also enjoys art club, dance and violin.

Christina Drummings (Subar-Tu, Hun soldier) I am Christina Drummings. I am in the 8th grade. I have been in previous plays. I was in “A Christmas Carol” as the warehouse clerk, Fred’s Guest 4, Child 4, and Child 2. I was in last year’s play “Oz” as the Light, citizens, and munchkins. I am also a dancer I have been dancing for eight years now.

Emma Waters (Microphone Assistant) Emma likes music, cats, reading, fencing, birding, and theater. This is her first time working on a production.

Delia Caruso (Matchmaker) My love for acting started at a very young age. I like acting because I feel like I am able to explore different parts of my personality. I started singing ever since

Erin Purcell (Hong, Ancestor) Erin has had so much fun playing Hong in the Finley production of “Mulan, Jr.” She hopes to take part in future plays.

Jack Alba (Sound) Hi, my name is Jack Alba and I’m in 8th grade here at Finley. This is my second year participating in stage crew. Last year I helped managed the sound for “Oz Jr.” and I had a lot of fun. I’m excited to be a part of “Mulan Jr.” in my last year at Finley and want to wish the cast and crew good luck!

Morgan Colleluori (Emperor) I am so excited to participate in Finley’s play “Mulan Jr.” as the Emperor. It’s been a great experience and I have made so many new friends. I have also participated in Woodhull’s plays “The Lion King Jr.” and “Annie Jr”.

Sarah Corwin (Young Xiao, Villager) My name is Sarah and I have worked with a ton of musicals. A few years ago I worked with “Aladdin” and last year I was in the production of “Cats”. I have also been in a few school plays the “Lion King” and “High School Musical”. I always loved theater and art so I decided to join this year’s production of “Mulan Jr.”

Nadeera Ali (Ensemble) This is Nadeera’s very first production. She has watched many of her brother Zubair’s plays and has always wanted to follow him. Nadeera is very excited for more productions to come.

Shannon Milner (Magyar, Hun soldier) This is Shannon’s fifth production. She has been in “Annie Jr.”, “The Lion King Jr.”, “Oz” and “Frog and Toad”. Shannon loves to sing, draw and act.

Synopsis

The Fa Family Ancestors take us back to ancient China, where Mulan’s big day to meet the village Matchmaker has arrived (“Written in Stone”). Mulan’s father, Fa Zhou, prays to the family ancestors (“Honor to Us All”) to no avail. A nervous Mulan wrecks her betrothal ceremony, dishonoring the family (“Honor to Us All—Reprise”) and making herself feel terrible (“Reflection”). Fa Zhou is unexpectedly called to the army by Chi Fu, the Emperor’s councilor, having no son to join for him. Against her feeble father’s command, Mulan steals Fa Zhou’s helmet and sword, dresses as a boy, and runs away from home to go in his place (“Written in Stone—Reprise”). The Ancestors have no choice but to send the misfit dragon, Mushu, to stop Mulan, who will be killed if she is discovered (“Honor to Us All—Reprise”).

As Shan-Yu and the Huns prepare to attack China, Mushu helps Mulan act like a soldier (“Keep ‘Em Guessing”). Mulan introduces herself as “Ping” and joins the Guys—Yao, Ling and Qian-Po—to endure Captain Shang’s grueling training (“I’ll Make a Man Out of You/Lesson No. 1”). The Chinese Soldiers march to defend a mountain village from Shan-Yu (“A Girl Worth Fighting For”), but arrive too late. While the soldiers grieve (“A Girl Worth Fighting For – Reprise”), the Huns attack. Mulan creates noise to trigger an avalanche, which covers the Huns and saves the Soldiers from destruction. Shang honors Ping, only to discover Mulan beneath the helmet. He spares Mulan’s life for saving his, but leaves her behind (“Written in Stone/Reflection – Reprise”).

Suddenly, Shan-Yu and the Huns emerge from the avalanche and race toward the Imperial City. Mulan runs ahead to warn Shang

("Written in Stone—Reprise"). At the Emperor's Palace, the Chinese people celebrate the defeat of the Huns. While Shang ignores Mulan, Shan-Yu surprises and kidnaps the Emperor. Mulan convinces Shang and the Guys to dress as women to distract Shan-Yu while Mushu signals the army ("Keep 'Em Guessin'—Reprise"). The Guys save the Emperor, Mulan defeats Shan-Yu and the Huns retreat. The Emperor honors Mulan's bravery, to everyone's surprise and delight ("A Girl Worth Fighting For—Reprise"). Back at home, Fa Zhou welcomes his beloved—and honorable—daughter. Shang surprises Mulan with a visit as a suitor instead of a captain. The Ancestors invite Mushu into the Fa Family Temple as a full-fledged Guardian ("Honor to Us All—Finale," "Keep 'Em Guessin' - Bows").



Alexis Kaloudis (Fa Li, Mulan's mother) Alexis is thrilled to be playing the role of Fa Li, Mulan's mother. She is excited to sing and dance with this talented ensemble. Previously, Alexis played the part of Rafiki in "The Lion King Jr." at Woodhull. She was also in the ensemble of "Annie Jr.", as well as a few short plays at the High School camp. Alexis would like to thank her family and friends for all of the support they have given her. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Joshua Youngquist (Fa Zhou, Mulan's father) Joshua Youngquist is currently in the 8th grade and this is his first performance with the drama club at Finley Middle School. He is very happy to be performing in "Mulan Jr." as Fa Zhou and Shan-yu. Joshua enjoys working with the cast and crew and has made many memories and hopes to continue to be part of the drama club as he enters the high school in the fall. He would like to thank all his teachers and his Mom for constantly supporting him and helping him achieve his goals. He hopes you enjoy the show!

Katerina Damiano (Cheongsam, Salesperson) I've always loved theater and this is my first time being in a real production or play and I'm very excited to put on this show!

David Canas (Quin-Po, Chinese soldier) I joined theater this year because I wanted to go out of my comfort zone and I also liked how people with different talents come and put on the play to make a great performance.

Charlotte Simon (Chen, Chinese soldier) Charlotte is very excited for her last play at Finley. She loves acting and has been in many plays such as "Annie", "The Lion King", "Oz", and others. She plans to continue acting as she moves to the high school.

Who's Who in the Cast and Crew

Gina Marie Trigian-Molvaut, (b. Bronx, 1962) AKA Madame Molvaut, teaches French and Italian at Finley Middle School. Mme Molvaut's experience in Theatre began with her experience at Stony Brook University where she majored in French and Fine Arts. Mostly interested in Performance Art, she originated the INTRARTS club and produced full-day multimedia art happenings in the Fine Arts Plaza. As she continued through Graduate School at Stony Brook, then NYU, her fascination with the Theatre eventually led to doctoral research in Paris where she analyzed original 19th Century Stage manuals from Victor Hugo's and Alexandra Dumas' Romantic dramas. She attended the Institut des Etudes Théâtrales at the Sorbonne III where she gained a theoretical foundation in "semiology" or the reading of theatrical signs. Those of you who know Madame Molvaut have probably sensed her strong affinity for theatricality and the performing arts. "Mulan Jr." is the third musical production she has directed at FMS, following "OZ", and "Seussical Jr."

Ally Kustera (Mulan) Ally Kustera is so thrilled to be part of this cast! Recent credits include Joanne in "Godspell" and Little Red in "Into the Woods". Ally also appeared in an original musical "Reddi High" as Kennedy. You may have also seen her on season 2 of "Chopped Jr" on the Food Network. A big thanks to Madame Molvaut, Ms. Garbarino, and Mr. Santangelo!

Angie Hernandez-Ramos (Grandmother Fa) I used to do the play back at Woodhull. In my first play "The Lion King" I played the role of Pumbaa the Warthog. Last year I participated "High School Musical" and played Ms. Darbus the Drama Teacher. I've done a lot of singing throughout my life and I really enjoy doing the play!

Director's Note

The Broadway musical "Mulan Jr." offers our Finley performers a powerful, complex music score with fugues, lyrical pieces, and lively swing numbers. This fabulous music score combines with its script into a grandiose production of impressive historical scenes, large-group dances, touching domestic scenes, humorous exchanges, and self-reflective moments. The setting of Mulan's journey in Imperial China demands a certain exquisite simplicity suggested visually through color, form, and subtle detail and opposed by the harsh, brutal reality of war, destruction, and death. The legend of the Chinese heroine Mulan has been told for centuries and yet seems so contemporary in its questioning of gender roles. The actions of this young woman, who disguises herself as a man to serve in the army in her father's place, makes Mulan an inspirational model for young woman of all times, while affirming the core values of Loyalty and Honor. Mulan's pathway—one of Destiny, Strength, and Love—inevitably becomes one of change: Doa. Our production of "Mulan Jr." has the FMS Drama Club exploring the universal theme of individual sacrifice for the greater good, and how the path of personal discovery often lies in that sacrifice.

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Written in Stone (Part 2)

Fathers

Josh Youngquist
Mack Brenner
Dave Canas
Jeffrey Gudiel
Nadeera Ali

Sons/Daughters

Christina Drummings
Devon Boyle
Katerina Damiano
Aislyn Franciscovich
Charlotte Simon
Devon Boyle

Mothers

Maria Verfenstein
Angie Ramos-Hernandez
Alexis Kaloudis
Kayla Fives

Honor to Us All (Part 2)

Dressmakers, Hairdressers, Groomers

Christina Drummings
Danielle Mendikyan
Katerina Damiano
Emily Gershuny
Nadeera Ali
Morgan Colleluori
Linnea Wong
Isabella Lanfranco
Kayla Fives

Maidens

Devon Boyle
Aislyn Franciscovitch
Sarah Corwin
Charlotte Simon

Young Men

Kyla Crowder
Maria Verfenstein
Shannon Milner

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Keep 'Em Guessing (Part 2)

Dancing Soldiers

Christina Drummings
Isabella Lanfranco
Katerina Damiano
Linnea Wong
Morgan Colleluori
Sarah Corwin

Ensemble of Soldiers

Daniella Mendikyan
Aislyn Franciscovich
Maria Verfenstein
Kayla Fives
Kyla Crowder
Shannon Milner
Ali Nadeera
Emily Gershuny
Devon Boyle
Charlotte Simon

I'll Make a Man-Lesson No. 1

Dancing Soldiers

Emily Gershuny
Isabella Lanfranco
Katerina Damiano

Linnea Wong
Aislyn Franciscovich
Charlotte Simon
Morgan Colleluori

Dance Captain

Christina Drummings

Junior Choreographers

Ally Kustera, Morgan Colleluori

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