

# BORN TO BE A STAR!

*Eli*

*Great Job! We are so proud of your hard work!  
You have grown up to be a great Man and Father?!*

*hahaha*

*Love always,*

*Mom, Dad & Maggie*



*Sam...*

*we are so proud of you  
and all your hard work.  
Congrats and break a leg!  
Love...Mom, Dad, Alexia  
and Chewie.*



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*Congratulations Sissy! You've made us feel wanted in Annie, terrified in Once on this Island, brave in the Jungle Book, magical in Aladdin, and hopeful in Beauty and the Beast. Thank you for sharing your love of musical theatre with us. To quote Shakespeare, "And though she be but little, she is fierce!" Much, much love, Mom, Dad, and Julian.*



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## PRODUCTION STAFF BIOS

**Jennifer Kessler (Director/Choreographer)** After 11 amazing years, it is bittersweet that I will be moving on to new life adventures as my family relocates to the West Coast this spring. I am so honored to be directing my 9th production here at Lopez Studios, Inc. and I could not have asked for a better show as a finale! Previous production credits include the award winning Festival Division teams for both *Beauty and the Beast, JR.* and *Thoroughly Modern Millie, JR.*, the critically acclaimed *The Little Mermaid, JR.*, *Once On This Island, JR.* (2015), *Seussical, JR.*, *Godspell, JR.*, *AIDA: School Edition*, *Honk! JR.*, and the 2006 *Once On This Island, JR.* that started it all! I have also directed years of Teen Intensive Theater Camps and Drama Camps, and taught countless students in acting, voice, and dance. Since graduating Summa Cum Laude from IUP in 2003, it has been my joy, privilege, and pleasure to work with hundreds of incredibly gifted and dedicated students over the past 11 years. I would like to give a special THANK YOU to my incredible and inspiring cast members for bringing joy, passion, dedication, and countless blessings into my life every single week – you each hold a piece of my heart. Hugs and the keys to the castle go to Erin - yaaaaaaas #onebrain! Boundless thanks and hours of laughter go out to Victor – thank you for the shoulder to lean on, the ear to listen, all the smiles, tough love, trust, and encouragement. ALL the love, kisses, hugs, and gratitude beyond compare go to my king and “Chief”, Rick, my beautiful Bear Bear, Rosalind, and my sweet little octopus, Julius, for all the support. Above all, I must thank the Lord above for giving me not only the past decade, but for all the adventures to come! It has been the journey of a lifetime and I count myself more than blessed to be part of the Lopez Family. I will soon have one home on each coast where my heart can reside.

**Erin Campagnoni (Music Director)** is so excited to continue her LCP journey with the cast and crew of *Beauty and the Beast, JR.* She is in her third year of teaching voice and piano at Lopez, and has the privilege to be teaching many of these talented cast members! She has also enjoyed directing the Music Camps for 4 years, Drama Camp for the past 3 years, and was thrilled to Music Direct both *The Jungle Book KIDS* and *Into The Woods, JR.* this past summer. Absolutely nobody knows that her favorite Disney Princess is Belle, and she is moved beyond words to be able to add this show to her resume. If she can't be in the show, this cast is exactly who she would pick to perform. Thank you to my wonderful friends and family who support me. Thank you Greg, for not running when the cast threatened to tape you to a chair. Thank you to the wonderful students and colleagues that inspire her every day. A special thank you goes to her #twinbrain Jennifer Kessler, who has fearlessly led this program and is responsible for how successful it is and will continue to be.

# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, JR. PERFORMANCE DIVISION



## CAST SHOUT-OUTS

### Reilley Lin -

**Break a leg, Reilley! We know you will do great! We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Preston, Logan and Cole**

### Alyssa -

*Have a great show "Silly Girl"! We love watching you and are always proud! Love Mom, Dad, Alec, DeD*

### Ava Plante

We are so proud of you! Keep following your passion. Love Mom, Dad, KElsey, Grammy & Teddy

### KATE LA ROSA

YOU HAVE BROUGHT SUCH JOY AND MUSIC TO OUR LIVES AND HAVE FILLED OUR HEARTS WITH HAPPINESS. WE LOVE YOU DEARLY. MOM, DAD, MATT, JOE & MIKE

### LULU "LEFOU"

WE LOVE YOU!  
WE ARE SOOO PROUD OF YOU  
- BREAK A LEG! MOM ♥  
♥ DAD ♥ MELY ♥  
♥ MEENA ♥  
♥ UNICORNS ♥

### Camille Ciambruschini

*We are so excited and proud to watch you perform in your first theatre show! We love you, Mom, Dad & Nicholas*

### Sonia Mott

*Congratulations on all your hard work! we are all so very proud of Everything you've accomplished! Keep reaching for the stars! Love, Mom, Dad, Evan*