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# DIRECTORS' NOTES



Tony Barton, Director



Tracy Neff, Director

Welcome and thank you for joining Delta Youth Theatre (DYT) on our journey through the big blue world of Disney's Finding Nemo Jr. Our show draws upon multiple sources of inspiration: A book adapted by Lindsay Andersen and the award-winning song writing team of Kristin Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez (who wrote the music to Frozen!), and notably, the beloved 2003 Pixar film, Finding Nemo.

This charming musical is set in Australia's Great Barrier Reef and follows the journey of Marlin, an anxious and over-protective clownfish and his kid Nemo, who longs to explore the world beyond their anemone home. When Nemo is captured and taken to a fish tank in the big city of Sydney, Marlin faces his fears and sets off on an epic adventure across the ocean. With the help of lovable characters such as optimistic Dory, laid-back sea turtle Crush, and the supportive Tank Gang, Marlin and Nemo both overcome challenges to find each other and themselves.

With our production of Finding Nemo Jr, we bring the themes of family and friendship, resiliency, perseverance and acceptance of differences to the forefront through the comical and heartwarming experiences of colourful, ocean-dwelling characters. Featuring memorable songs such as "Just Keep Swimming," "Fish Are Friends Not Food," and "Go with the Flow," this fast-paced show should leave you with a smile on your face and a swim in your step!

At DYT, we seek out new experiences to challenge our students and with this production, we created the opportunity for them to dive into the art of puppetry, which presented a learning curve for students and directors alike. We are proud to have

commissioned and created 25 visually stunning puppets, which you will see swimming before you, thanks to the skills and imagination of the incredibly talented Frances Henry.

Participating in DYT's pre-professional theatre company can be an intense process for our young performers: we set the bar high and expect results, but in creating this 'Big Blue World,' we hope you will see evidence of our students' real-world growth mirroring the themes of show – being part of the diverse Nemo theatre family; showing resilience in taking direction and accepting feedback; persevering through the trials of long rehearsals; and pushing oneself to understand what you're truly capable of, both individually and as a team, when the curtain rises.

DYT is one of the first youth theatre companies to host Finding Nemo Jr, and as such, everything from puppets, sets and costumes had to be made from scratch. As you will see throughout the show, costumes are everything when it comes to making your mind believe you are in the midst of an underwater world. And because of this, we are incredibly grateful for our incomparable costume coordinator, Lora Keady.

Since September of last year, Lora has led our Nemo volunteer costume team in sewing, dying, painting, stitching, fitting and imagining 'what could be' in terms of every costume you see. She is masterful in considering colour, lighting and movement – and she has been doing this, raising the bar with each new production, for the past nine years. With Finding Nemo Jr, Lora will be taking her final bow as head of costumes. Tony and I, as co-directors, would like to acknowledge her unparalleled personal and professional support. Lora has been a devoted DYT family member, a creative visionary, a dear friend to both of us, and an auntie-of-choice to our daughter, Scarlett. Forever and always, Lora, we are profoundly grateful for every moment you invested in helping us, our theatre company and our students.

With this insight into all that has gone into producing this little gem of a show, we hope you can sit back and fully immerse yourself into the joy of Finding Nemo Jr. We encourage you to laugh loudly, clap even louder and maybe shed a tear... and oh, don't forget to, "Just Keep Swimming!" ■

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# CAST 4

# PRODUCTION TEAM

MARLIN.....	Josh Severyn
CORAL.....	Kate Lai
NEMO.....	Sloane Wilke
SHELDON'S PARENT.....	Olivia Pang
PEARL'S PARENT.....	Bridget Wilke
TAD'S PARENT.....	Brian Gorecki
PEARL.....	Nora Williams
SHELDON.....	Elya Hill
TAD.....	Rory Buchanan
PROFESSOR RAY.....	Emma Dupuis
REEF KID ENSEMBLE.....	Beatrice Denison, Quinn Dupuis, Steven Gorecki
DORY.....	Mara Dawkins
BRUCE.....	Brian Gorecki
CHUM.....	Olivia Pang
ANCHOR.....	Emma Dupuis
TOURIST.....	Leire Castillo
SEAGULL ENSEMBLE.....	Beatrice Denison, Arianne Dieleman, Quinn Dupuis, Steven Gorecki, Kate Lai, Miko Nykon, Sarah Schwartz, Nora Williams
BUBBLES.....	Sophia Toews
DEB.....	Élise Wade
PEACH.....	Petra Frisch
GURGLE.....	Chloe Gidyk
BLOAT.....	Mahri Goode
NIGEL.....	Ash Nardi
GILL.....	Samuel Yang
CRUSH.....	Bridget Wilke
SQUIRT.....	Rory Buchanan
BREEZE.....	Nora Williams
ENSEMBLE.....	Cast 3 and 4 Finding Nemo Co.



DIRECTORS.....	Tony Barton, Tracy Neff
MUSIC DIRECTORS.....	Tony Barton, Tracy Neff
CHOREOGRAPHERS.....	Zoe Harmandian, Tracy Neff
SET DESIGNER/HEAD CARPENTER.....	Tony Barton
ASSISTANT CARPENTER.....	Walter Barreira
COSTUME DESIGNER/COORDINATOR.....	Lora Keady
COSTUME TEAM.....	Elaine Collins, Laurie Dawkins, Vanessa Morrell, Stacey Murton, Terynn Papadopoulos, Kristi Schofield Ilona Yue
JELLYFISH CREATION TEAM.....	Elaine Collins, Kate Demers, Dorothy Hobbs, Jacqueline Loewen
SEAGULL CREATION TEAM.....	Dana Michaelson, Stacey Murton, Arita Rai
HEAD OF SOUND.....	Tony Barton
SOUND CONSULTANT.....	Chris Williams
LIGHTING/SPECIAL EFFECTS.....	Tony Barton
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BACKSTAGE MANAGER.....	Hana Ramsay
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STAGE CREW.....	Claire Bidulka, Nikki Loop
PROPERTIES.....	Tony Barton
PUPPET MAKER.....	Frances Henry
PUPPET MAKERS ASSISTANT.....	Tony Barton
SCENIC PAINTER.....	Tracy-Lynn Chernaske
DIALECT COACH (AUSTRALIAN).....	Tom Keady
ADMINISTRATOR.....	Eran Sudds
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR.....	Eran Sudds
SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR.....	Eran Sudds
PROGRAM DESIGNER.....	Joon Templeton
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**ERAN SUDDS** – for keeping the big DYT world organized and as efficient as it’s ever been! Cue the music and “go with the WORKflow-o-o-o-o-o!” You keep us swimming together every single day and you are the “loose ends and upcoming stuff” queen bee and cheerleader all wrapped up in one! You connect us to the world through social media in such a wholehearted and fun way and you make everything possible. Thank you for elevating this company, our students, families and us as directors.

**DYT COSTUME TEAM** – Thank you SO MUCH to the incredible number of people who volunteered to help the costume department this season. We currently have TWELVE people on board offering their talents to help out in multiple ways.

**LORA** – for overseeing and helping to create EVERYTHING including the ocean, sharks, seagulls, turtles, krill, Marlin, Nemo, Coral and the Tank Gang characters, Gurgle, Peach, Bubbles.

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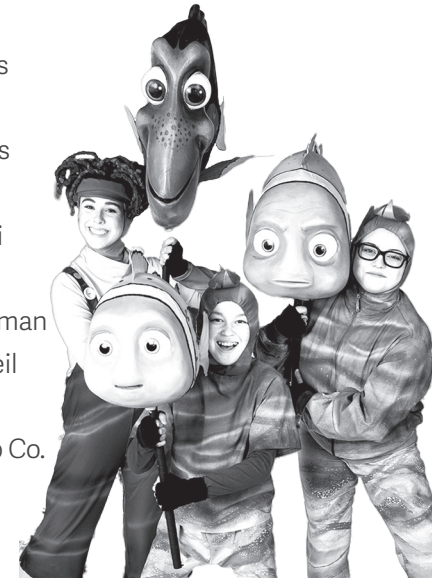
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# CAST 3

MARLIN.....	Scout Whiteley
CORAL.....	Élise Wade
NEMO.....	Callum Templeton
SHELDON’S PARENT.....	Mahri Goode
PEARL’S PARENT.....	Ash Nardi
TAD’S PARENT.....	Samuel Yang
PEARL.....	Audrey McNeil
SHELDON.....	Sophia Toews
TAD.....	Arianne Dieleman
PROFESSOR RAY.....	Petra Frisch
REEF KID ENSEMBLE.....	Beatrice Denison, Quinn Dupuis, Steven Gorecki
DORY.....	Sarah Schwartz
BRUCE.....	Samuel Yang
CHUM.....	Chloe Gidyk
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TOURIST.....	Leire Castillo
SEAGULL ENSEMBLE.....	Beatrice Denison, Arianne Dieleman, Quinn Dupuis, Steven Gorecki, Kate Lai, Audrey McNeil, Sophia Toews
BUBBLES.....	Elya Hill
DEB.....	Miko Nykon
PEACH.....	Emma Dupuis
GURGLE.....	Olivia Pang
BLOAT.....	Mara Dawkins
NIGEL.....	Petra Frisch
GILL.....	Brian Gorecki
CRUSH.....	Ash Nardi
SQUIRT.....	Arianne Dieleman
BREEZE.....	Audrey McNeil
ENSEMBLE.....	Cast 3 and 4 Finding Nemo Co.



# CAST 2

MARLIN.....	Alex Sheppard-Reid
CORAL.....	Emma Reitz
NEMO.....	Henry Sudds
SHELDON'S PARENT.....	Jessica Hamilton
PEARL'S PARENT.....	Jessica Knight
TAD'S PARENT.....	Kian Vincent
PEARL.....	Isla Bentley
SHELDON.....	Georgia Turner
TAD.....	Cypress Joly
PROFESSOR RAY.....	Andaya Vincent
REEF KID ENSEMBLE.....	Aubrey Bentley, Hannah Der, Miya Nixon
DORY.....	Gwen Woolford
BRUCE.....	Kian Vincent
CHUM.....	Kyla Sas
ANCHOR.....	Izzy Baril
TOURIST.....	Leire Castillo
SEAGULL ENSEMBLE.....	Isla Bentley Ava Der, Hannah Der, Aubrey Bentley, Jessica Hamilton, Sydney Harland, Cypress Jolly, Miya Nixon
BUBBLES.....	Elizabeth Churko
DEB.....	Lucie Black
PEACH.....	Teaghan Papadopoulos
GURGLE.....	Emily Harland
BLOAT.....	Miri Grad
NIGEL.....	Isaac Fairbridge
GILL.....	Rayna Yang
CRUSH.....	Sydney Harland
SQUIRT.....	Cypress Joly
BREEZE.....	Isla Bentley
ENSEMBLE.....	Cast 1 and 2 Finding Nemo Co.



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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

# CAST 1

## PROLOGUE: A NEW HOME

PROLOGUE..... Ensemble

## SCENE 1: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

BIG BLUE WORLD (PART 1)..... Marlin, Nemo  
BIG BLUE WORLD (PART 2)..... Nemo, Reef Kids, Professor Ray, Marlin,  
Reef Parents, Ensemble

## SCENE 2: ABDUCTION TO SHARKS

THE DROP-OFF..... Professor Ray, Reef Kids  
ABDUCTION / BIG BLUE WORLD (REPRISE)..... Marlin, Nemo  
DORY'S DITTY..... Dory  
FISH ARE FRIENDS NOT FOOD..... Bruce, Chum, Anchor, Dory,  
Marlin, Ensemble

## SCENE 3: BOARDWALK (PART 1)

..... Tourist, Seagull Ensemble

## SCENE 4: MEET THE TANK GANG

WHERE'S MY DAD?..... Nemo  
WE SWIM TOGETHER..... Deb, Gill, Gurgle, Peach, Bubbles,  
Bloat, Nemo

## SCENE 5: JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEA

JUST KEEP SWIMMING (PART 1)..... Dory, Marlin, Ensemble  
JUST KEEP SWIMMING (PART 2)..... Moonfish, Marlin, Dory, Ensemble

## INTERMISSION

## SCENE 6: BOARDWALK (PART 2)

..... Tourist, Seagull Ensemble

## SCENE 7: THE PUMP IS OFF

NOT MY DAD..... Nemo

## SCENE 8: GO WITH THE FLOW

GO WITH THE FLOW..... Dory, Crush, Squirt, Breeze, Marlin,  
Ensemble

## SCENE 9: THE GAME, THE GOSSIP, THE ESCAPE

ONE DEDICATED FATHER..... Ensemble  
THAT'S MY DAD..... Nemo  
WE SWIM TOGETHER (REPRISE)..... Nemo, Deb, Gill, Gurgle, Peach, Bubbles,  
Bloat

## SCENE 10: BOARDWALK (PART 3)

..... Tourist, Seagull Ensemble

## SCENE 11: SYDNEY HARBOUR FISHING GROUNDS

JUST KEEP SWIMMING TOGETHER..... Marlin, Nemo, Dory, Ensemble

FINALE (PART 1)..... Marlin, Nemo

## SCENE 12: FINALE

FINALE (PART 2)..... Marlin, Nemo, Dory, Professor Ray,  
Reef Kids, Reef Parents, Ensemble

MARLIN..... Kian Vincent  
CORAL..... Jessica Hamilton  
NEMO..... Kaeden Shantz  
SHELDON'S PARENT..... Rayna Yang  
PEARL'S PARENT..... Gwen Woolford  
TAD'S PARENT..... Alex Sheppard-Reid  
PEARL..... Ava Der  
SHELDON..... Elizabeth Churko  
TAD..... Kallum Holliday-Scott  
PROFESSOR RAY..... Teaghan Papadopoulos  
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