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FINDING NEMO JR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH AT 7PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST AT 2PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND AT 2PM*

*UNDERSTUDIES WILL PERFORM AS PRINCIPALS FOR THE SUNDAY 2PM SHOW

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North Shore Dance & Theater

A 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Performing Arts Organization
Proudly Presents...

FINDING NEMO JR.

Book, Music & Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book Adapted by
Lindsay Anderson

Music & Orchestrations Adapted & Arranged by
Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film *Finding Nemo* written by
Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds & directed by Andrew Stanton

Every child deserves a chance to shine...

Since 1994, North Shore Dance & Theater has been dedicated to providing exceptional performing arts education in a nurturing, family-centered environment for children ages 5–18. We have never turned away a child due to financial hardship, and your support helps keep theater accessible to every young performer. Donations directly fund our scholarship program, opening doors for students who need financial assistance.

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SONGS

ACT I

Prologue ..... Company
Big Blue World (Part 1) ..... Marlin, Nemo
Big Blue World (Part 2) ..... Marlin, Nemo, Professor Ray, Pearl, Sheldon, Tad, Pearl's Parent, Sheldon's Parent, Tad's Parent, Damselfish, Angelfish
The Drop-Off ..... Professor Ray, Sheldon, Tad, Pearl, Nemo, Angelfish, Damselfish
Abduction / Big Blue World (Reprise) ..... Marlin, Nemo, Sheldon, Pearl, Tad
Dory's Ditty ..... Dory, Marlin
Fish Are Friends Not Food ..... Bruce, Chum, Anchor, Sharks 1 & 2, Fish Friends 1-5, Marlin, Dory
Where's My Dad ..... Nemo
We Swim Together ..... Gill, Nemo, Peach, Gurgle, Bloat, Bubbles
Just Keep Swimming (Part 1) ..... Dory, Marlin, Pearl, Pearl's Parent, Sheldon, Sheldon's Parent, Chum, Scuba Mask Dancer, Fish Friends 4-5
Just Keep Swimming (Part 2) ..... Company

ACT II

Not My Dad ..... Nemo
Go With The Flow ..... Crush, Squirt, Kai, Breeze, Marlin, Dory, Pearl, Pearl's Parent, Tad's Parent, Sheldon's Parent, Anchor, Bruce, Chum, Nigel, Seagull 2, Vacationer, Scuba Mask Dancer, Moonfish 4, Fish Friend 5
One Dedicated Father ..... Grouper, Sea Turtles 1 & 2, Octopus 1 & 2, Lobsters 1 & 2, Electric Eels 1 & 2, Seahorses 1 & 2, Whale
That's My Dad ..... Nemo
We Swim Together (Reprise) ..... Gill, Peach, Gurgle, Bloat, Bubbles, Nemo
Just Keep Swimming Together ..... Marlin, Nemo, Dory, Moonfish 1-6
Finale Part 1 ..... Marlin, Nemo
Finale Part 2 ..... Company
Bows ..... Company

CREDITS

CAST

Nemo / Understudy: Moonfish 3, Fish Friend 3 ..... Emma Mathe

Marlin / Understudy: Moonfish 4, Fish Friend 4 ..... Thea Griffith

Dory / Understudy: Moonfish 5, Scuba Mask Dancer ..... Olive Prior

Coral, Vacationer / Understudy: Crush, Sea Turtle 1, Shark 1 ..... Julia Nanney

Professor Ray, Kai, Sea Turtle 2 ..... Morgan Whalen

Moonfish 5, Scuba Mask Dancer / Understudy: Dory ..... Lillian Shearn

Bruce, Grouper, Moonfish 1 ..... Natalie Karlin

Pearl, Octopus 2 ..... Liv Griffith

Sheldon, Seahorse 2 / Understudy: Gill, Fish 1&2 ..... Rosie Bunimovich

Tad, Breeze, Sea Turtle Kid 2 ..... Penelope Morse

Sheldon's Parent, Seahorse 1 ..... Sloane Driessen

Pearl's Parent, Octopus 1 ..... Ava Benzon

Tad's Parent, Moonfish 6 ..... Stevie Straeffer

Barracuda, Fish Friend 5 ..... Parker Somerville

Chum, Lobsters 1&2, Crab ..... Anderson Dombai

Anchor, Electric Eels 1&2, Moonfish 2 ..... Millie Desai

Bubbles, Fish Friend 2 ..... Elodie Casey

Bloat, Angelfish ..... Evie Braslow

Gurgle, Fish Friend 1 ..... Isabel Van Harten

Peach, Damselfish ..... Meher Bhattal

Gill, Fish 1&2 / Understudy: Sheldon, Seahorse 2 ..... Tyler West Silvestre-Barrios

Nigel, Seagull 1 ..... Gianni Chiovari

Seagull 2, Whale ..... Vivi Henschel

CREDITS

CAST (continued)

Crush, Sea Turtle 1, Shark 1 / Understudy: Coral, Vacationer ..... June Vorhies

Squirt, Sea Turtle Kid 1, Shark 2 ..... Glen Keelan

Moonfish 3, Fish Friend 3 / Understudy: Nemo ..... Bella Pietroski

Moonfish 4, Fish Friend 4 / Understudy: Marlin ..... Molly Whalen

PRODUCTION TEAM

Co-Founder & Education Director ..... Alisha Potter

Artistic Director & Choreographer ..... Anne Neumann

Creative & Stage Squad Director ..... Deena Kahn

Vocal Director ..... Emily Spears

Head Costumer & Seamstress ..... Alison Parry

Technical & Costume Advisor ..... Becky Durbin

Assistant Choreographer ..... Anna Parry

Technical Director ..... Liam Durbin

Sound Design ..... Richard Neumann

Production Assistant ..... Sutton Spears

Production Assistant ..... Hugo Spears

Production Assistant ..... River Lewis

Production Assistant ..... Rita Ann Wheeler

Production Volunteer ..... Carla Barrios

Production Volunteer ..... Mary Steiger

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Cast

Emma Mathe

Nemo / Understudy: Moonfish 3, Fish Friend 3

Emma (9) is excited to be in her fifth NSDT production! She loves flag football, reading, dancing, basketball, and playing with her two Cavapoos, Chloe and Charlie. Emma wants to thank her mom for always signing her up for more, and dedicates this performance to her friends for always cheering her on and her theater coaches for supporting her!

Thea Griffith

Marlin / Understudy: Moonfish 4, Fish Friend 4

Thea (11) has been part of six productions! She loves art and music. Thea dedicates this performance to her family with a big “I love you!” and thanks her parents for always supporting her!

Olive Prior

Dory / Understudy: Moonfish 5, Scuba Mask Dancer

Olive (10) has performed in 14 plays! They love writing, reading, dancing, singing, acting, learning, animals, gemstones, astrology and zodiac signs, *Hamilton*, *Harry Potter*, watching the Cubs, and even standing in the rain. Olive dedicates this performance to their new puppy, Stanley, and thanks their parents for being so supportive and letting them be whoever they want to be. They also send a special thank-you to their sisters for trying their best to call them Olive!

Julia Nanney

Coral, Vacationer / Understudy: Crush, Sea Turtle 1, Shark 1

Julia (10) has performed in two NSDT stage productions and two summer camps, along with three productions with other theater groups! She loves soccer, flag football, basketball, and being in chorus. Julia dedicates this performance to her family and friends, and thanks her parents for supporting her in everything she does!

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Cast

Morgan Whalen

Professor Ray, Kai, Sea Turtle 2

Morgan (9) is taking the stage for her eleventh production! She loves reading, hanging out with friends, arts and crafts, dancing, and music. Morgan dedicates this performance to her whole extended family for always supporting her, and thanks her coaches for their guidance and her mom and dad for supporting her dreams!

Lillian Shearn

Moonfish 5, Scuba Mask Dancer / Understudy: Dory

Lillian (9) is back for her fourth NSDT show! She loves reading, soccer, swimming, and hanging out with friends. Lillian dedicates this performance to her mom and dad for always being her biggest fans, and thanks her family, fellow cast members, and the NSDT coaches for helping her get ready for this show. She's so excited to bring this story to life onstage!

Natalie Karlin

Bruce, Grouper, Moonfish 1

Natalie (12) has been part of seven NSDT productions and too many shows with other companies to count! Outside the theater, she loves dance, softball, basketball, and tennis. Natalie dedicates this performance to her dance teacher, Ms. Annalee, for teaching her tapping skills, and thanks the NSDT staff for bringing the show to life, along with her parents for supporting her theater interests!

Liv Griffith

Pearl, Octopus 2

Liv (8) has been part of six productions now and loves dancing and singing. Liv dedicates this performance to her family and friends, and thanks her mom and dad for always supporting her!

Rosie Bunimovich

Sheldon, Seahorse 2 / Understudy: Gill, Fish 1&2

Rosie (9) is back for their third production! Outside of NSDT, they love swim team, singing, Girl Scouts, art, and fashion. Rosie dedicates this performance to their grandparents for always coming to their shows, supporting them, and encouraging their love of singing since they were a baby, and thanks their mom and dad for driving them to rehearsal every weekend and making theater a priority!

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Cast

Penelope Morse

Tad, Breeze, Sea Turtle Kid 2

Penelope (8) is back for her second production! She loves ice skating, dancing, singing, and crafting. Penelope dedicates this performance to her little sister, Charlotte, who believes anything is possible if you just keep swimming. She thanks her mom and dad for supporting her no matter what part she gets and for being such a big help throughout the production!

Sloane Driessen

Sheldon's Parent, Seahorse 1

Sloane (8) is making her NSDT stage debut! When she's not at rehearsal, she enjoys horseback riding and gymnastics. Sloane thanks her mom and dad for their support and is excited to be part of the show!

Ava Benzon

Pearl's Parent, Octopus 1

Ava (8) is celebrating her third performance and bringing plenty of energy to the stage! When offstage, she loves flag football and basketball. Ava dedicates this performance to her family for always supporting her and helping her practice, and thanks her parents for making it possible for her to be part of the show!

Stevie Straeffer

Tad's Parent, Moonfish 6

Stevie (7) is back for her second production, and when she's not onstage, she loves playing the violin! Stevie dedicates this performance to Cara because she misses her at school, and thanks her sister Rita, who is part of Stage Squad, for helping her with the show!

Parker Somerville

Barracuda, Fish Friend 5

Parker (8) is ready to kick, score, and shine in her second production! Outside of NSDT, she loves soccer and flag football. Parker dedicates this performance to her mom and dad, and thanks her family for always supporting her!

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Cast

Anderson Dombai

Chum, Lobsters 1&2, Crab

Anderson (11) is making his NSDT stage debut! He loves spending time with family and friends, singing, art, and going on adventures. Anderson dedicates this performance to his family for introducing him to theater and to a family member whose own NSDT experience inspires him as he steps up onto the stage with her light as a guide. He also thanks his mom and dad for encouraging him to join theater!

Millie Desai

Anchor, Electric Eels 1&2, Moonfish 2

Millie (9) has been in seven productions! She loves soccer, softball, and art. Millie dedicates this performance to her family and sends a special thank-you to them for always supporting her!

Elodie Casey

Bubbles, Fish Friend 2

Elodie (8) is back for her sixth production! When she's not onstage, she loves flag football, soccer, basketball, baseball, drawing, and she loves musicals like *Grease* and *Hamilton*. Elodie dedicates this performance to her mom and dad for signing her up, and gives a special thank-you to her dog, Tate, for all the love and cuddles!

Evie Braslow

Bloat, Angelfish

Evie (9) is excited to be in her third production! She loves ice skating, flag football, and playing with her dog, Rocky. Evie dedicates this performance to Rocky, whom she loves so much, and thanks her family for always supporting her theater adventures!

Isabel Van Harten

Gurgle, Fish Friend 1

Isabel (11) has been in five plays, including *Elf the Musical Jr.* with NSDT! She loves horseback riding, dance, theater, and spending time with friends and family. Isabel dedicates this performance to her grandpa because he reminds her of Dory, and thanks her friends, family, and even her pets and fish for being so awesome and supportive!

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Cast

Meher Bhattal

Peach, Damselfish

Meher (11) has been part of seven productions! She loves tennis, volleyball, theater, spending time with friends, and playing with her dog, Teddy. Meher dedicates this performance to her parents and Teddy in celebration of his first birthday, and thanks her parents for signing her up for the program again!

Tyler West Silvestre-Barrios

Gill, Fish 1&2 / Understudy: Sheldon, Seahorse 2

Tyler (10) is excited to be back for her fifth production with NSDT! She loves singing, dancing, reading, watching TV, and hanging out with friends. Tyler dedicates this performance to her Lola Ninang and the rest of her family for always coming to her shows, and thanks her parents for making time to drive her to rehearsals and always showing her love!

Gianni Chiovari

Nigel, Seagull 1

Gianni (10) is making his stage debut! He loves video games, playing with friends, swimming, and arts and crafts. Gianni dedicates this performance to his mom, dad, and stepdad for supporting his dream of becoming an actor and signing him up for this program, and thanks his brothers, sisters, family, and friends for coming to see his very first play!

Vivi Henschel

Seagull 2, Whale

Vivi (10) has performed in several plays with Skyline Studios and two productions with NSDT! She loves singing, flag football, Girl Scouts, creating art, and riding her bicycle. Vivi would like to dedicate this performance to her dad for always driving her to rehearsals, football, and religious education classes, and thanks her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins for always encouraging her to sing, dance, and perform onstage and at home!

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Cast

June Vorhies

Crush, Sea Turtle 1, Shark 1 / Understudy: Coral, Vacationer

June (11) has performed in at least ten productions and loves being onstage and performing! Outside of theater, she is on a swim team, and loves doing improv comedy, singing, musical theater dance, and spending time with friends. June dedicates this performance to her best friend, who helped make her dream role in this show a reality, and thanks her mom and dad for always supporting her in all things theater, dance, and singing. June loves NSDT and all the coaches, especially Coach Anne and her love for Dunkin' Donuts!

Glen Keelan

Squirt, Sea Turtle Kid 1, Shark 2

Glen (11) is excited to be part of his third NSDT production and fifth theater production overall! He loves cross country, ultimate frisbee, and playing the trumpet. Glen dedicates this performance to his dog, Callon, and thanks his NSDT coaches for all their time and hard work, along with the friends he's made at NSDT for making it so much fun!

Bella Pietroski

Moonfish 3, Fish Friend 3 / Understudy: Nemo

Bella (8) is making her NSDT debut! She loves dancing, singing, jiu-jitsu, riding bikes, and playing with friends. Bella dedicates this performance to her family and friends for all their support and encouragement, and thanks Mom, Dad, Memaw, and Pappa for all their love, care, and motivation!

Molly Whalen

Moonfish 4, Fish Friend 4 / Understudy: Marlin

Molly (11) is back for her 6th production! She loves soccer, hanging out with friends, crocheting, and listening to music. Molly dedicates this performance to her extended family for always supporting her and showing up to her performances, and thanks the entire NSDT crew for their hard work, along with her mom and dad for always being supportive of all she does!

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Stage Squad

Sutton Spears

Production Assistant

Sutton (15) brings a love of creativity and plenty of performing arts experience to the Stage Squad! He enjoys art, show choir, high school theater, the Red Rose Children's Choir, and anime. Sutton is excited to support this show as a member of Stage Squad!

Rita Ann Wheeler

Production Assistant

Rita (15) has performed in countless productions and brings plenty of theater experience to the NSDT Stage Squad! She loves choir, singing, and all kinds of fancy things. Rita dedicates this performance to GG because she's simply the best, and thanks Anna Parry for getting her involved with NSDT!

Hugo Spears

Production Assistant

Hugo (12) has been part of too many productions to count. He loves MMA (and recently earned his deputy black belt!), video games, and Pokémon. Hugo is excited to support this show as a member of Stage Squad!

River Lewis

Production Assistant

Meet Our Teen Volunteers

Anna Parry

Assistant Choreographer

Anna (15) has been part of so many NSDT productions that she's lost count at over twenty! She loves dance and is excited to work as Assistant Choreographer for NSDT, alongside her mom, Coach Alison. Anna dedicates this production to Coach Deena because she's so happy to have her back at NSDT full time, and thanks Coach Anne for helping her grow into the dancer she is today!

Liam Durbin

Technical Director

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Coaches

Alisha Potter

Co-Founder & Education Director

Coach Alisha founded North Shore Dance & Theater's children's theater program and has spent years sharing her love of education and the performing arts with young performers. She believes every child deserves a place where they feel supported, encouraged, and inspired to grow both on and off the stage.

Anne Neumann

Artistic Director & Choreographer

Coach Anne loves bringing stories to life through movement and has been NSDT's Resident Choreographer since 2010, after being a student herself for many years! She is passionate about building confidence, fostering creativity, and helping every performer discover what they're capable of through the magic of dance and theater.

Deena Kahn

Creative & Stage Squad Director

Coach Deena has been part of the NSDT family since 2000, first as a student and now as a coach, creative, and behind-the-scenes enthusiast. She loves helping young performers explore their passions, take creative risks, and discover their own unique ways to shine, whether onstage or behind the scenes.

WHO'S WHO

Meet Our Coaches

Emily Spears

Vocal Director

Coach Emily grew up performing in Southern California and has loved singing and theater ever since, performing with groups like the Pacific Chorale and in numerous stage productions. Now sharing that passion alongside her own children in Stage Squad, she loves helping young performers find their voices, develop their confidence, and discover the joy of making music together.

Alison Parry

Head Costumer & Seamstress

Coach Alison brings each character to life through thoughtful costume design and craftsmanship. Her creativity and attention to detail help every performer feel confident and ready to shine on stage.

Becky Durbin

Technical & Costume Advisor

Coach Becky has spent more than 25 years working with children as an educator and has been part of the NSDT family since 2018, when her own children joined the cast of Aladdin. She loves working behind the scenes on costumes, sets, and technical elements, and especially enjoys watching the cast and crew bring all their hard work together onstage.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



A huge thank you to our incredible cast, crew, families, and audience members who made this season an unforgettable experience! Your talent, teamwork, and spirit brought the magic of the stage to life.

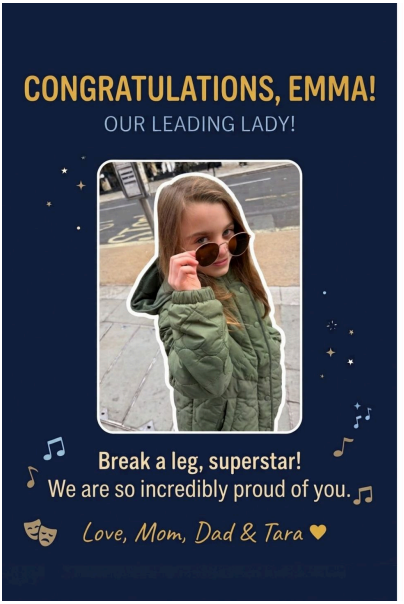
From every soaring note to each dazzling spotlight moment, you've created a world where the joy of theater shines bright. We are beyond grateful for your support, energy, and love for the arts — it's what keeps our stage glowing and our stories coming alive.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to:

- Glenview United Methodist Church for their continued support.
- Michel Argiopoulos and the incredible custodial staff for their endless help and understanding.
- Pastor Dr. Rosa Lee for her unwavering encouragement — not just for this production, but for our entire theater program.
- Doris Stengl and Janet Ferrone for their invaluable contributions.
- All of our magical volunteers who helped make this production possible — extra gratitude to Becky Durbin, Alison Parry, Anna Parry, Liam Durbin, Mary Steiger, and Carla Barrios.
- And, of course, to our wonderful parents for their patience, encouragement, and helping hands through this whirlwind of creativity and fun.

Your dedication has let the music soar, the stories unfold, and the performances sparkle. We can't wait to share the next act of adventure and artistry with you soon!

ADS


CONGRATULATIONS, EMMA!
OUR LEADING LADY!
Break a leg, superstar!
We are so incredibly proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad & Tara


BREAK A LEG SHELDON/GILL!!!
WE LOVE YOU!


JUNE, YOU SHINE BRIGHT INSIDE AND OUT.
KEEP BEING YOU AND WORKING HARD.
WE LOVE TO SEE YOU DO WHAT YOU LOVE!
LOVE, MOM, DAD, WILL AND BEN


Congratulations, Gianni!
We are so proud of you!
With love,
Mom, Brian, Lucia, Vito,
Jackson, Chase & Juliette

ADS


Congratulations,
MOLLY AND MORGAN!
We are so proud of all the hard work you have put into this performance.
We love to watch you shine on stage!
Love,
Mom, Dad and Luke


Hip Hip Hooray!
Good luck in your first musical, Gianni!
Your little sister is cheering for you!
Love, Juliette

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THANKS FOR BEING SUCH A FINTASTIC PART OF OUR BIG BLUE WORLD OF ADVENTURE. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

– COACH ALISHA, COACH ANNE, COACH DEENA, COACH EMILY, COACH ALISON, & COACH BECKY

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JUANITA SMITH



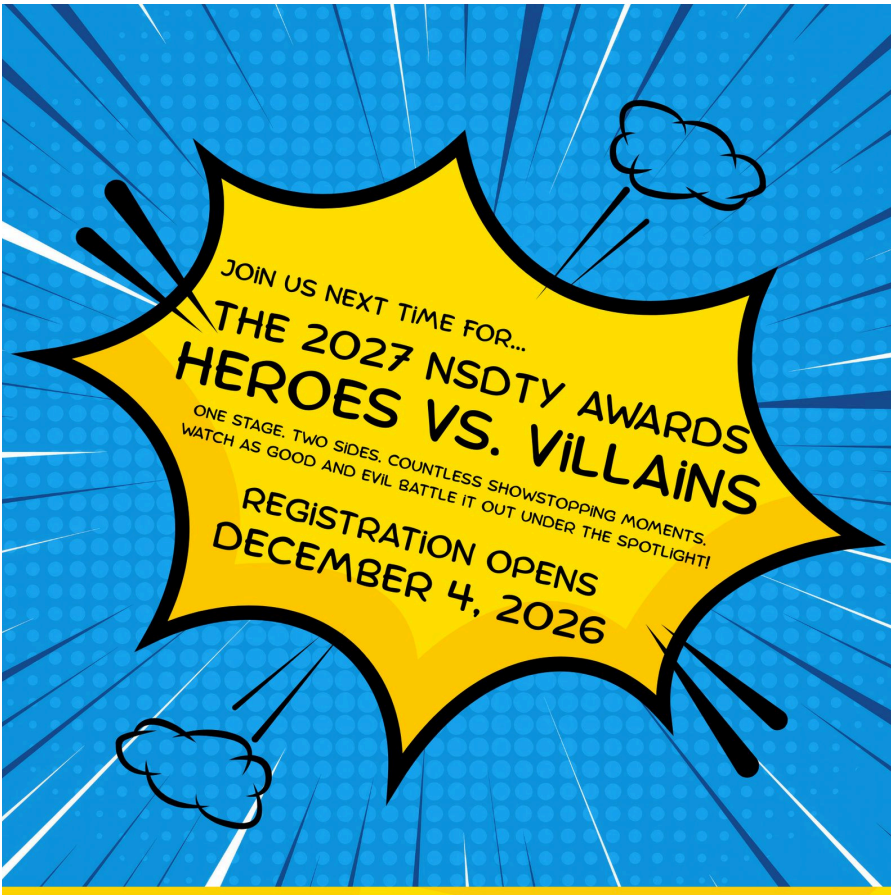
Some people make a difference not just through what they do, but through the care, generosity, and heart they bring to everything they touch.

Juanita has been one of those people for North Shore Dance & Theater. Her continued support, encouragement, and dedication to our young performers has meant so much to our organization. Her involvement in the GUMC community that has welcomed us into their space has also helped make our home at NSDT possible.

She has been a special part of both communities, helping build the connections that allow us to create, grow, and bring the magic of theater to young people.

Juanita, we are eternally grateful for you, for all you have given, and for the lasting difference you have made in our lives and our community. It is our privilege to dedicate *Finding Nemo Jr.* to you, with love and heartfelt appreciation.

Thank you for being part of our story. You will be forever missed.



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SESSION 2 | JULY 19–30
Elf the Musical | Grades K–8

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