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presents
BEAR TAVERN PROJECT'S
Production of

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TARZAN®

THE STAGE MUSICAL
BASED ON THE **Disney** FILM

SONGS

ACT I

Prologue: Coast of Africa

Two Worlds Father, Mother, Tarzan, Jane, Kala,
Kerchak, Ensemble

Ape Nesting Grounds

You'll Be In My Heart Kala, Ensemble

Jungle Clearing

Who Better Than Me Young Terk, Young Tarzan

No Other Way Kerchak

Watering Hole

I Need To Know Young Tarzan

Jungle Clearing

Son of Man Young Terk, Kala, Terk, Tarzan,
Ensemble

Sure As The Sun Turn To Moon Kala, Kerchak

Deep in the Jungle

Waiting For This Moment Jane, Kennedy Christensen Samantha
Wisniewski, Ensemble

Different Tarzan, Jane

ACT II

Human Camp

Trashin' The Camp Terk, Ensemble

Human Camp/Jungle Canopy

Like No Man I've Ever Seen Jane, Porter

Strangers Like Me Tarzan, J.R. Harmer

Human Camp/Jungle

For The First Time Jane, Tarzan

Who Better Than Me (reprise) Terk, Tarzan

Shipwreck

Everything That I Am Young Tarzan, Tarzan, Travis Weaver,
Kala, Ensemble

You'll Be In My Heart (reprise) Tarzan, Kala

Human Camp

Sure As The Sun Turn To Moon Kala, Tarzan
(reprise)

Beach

Two Worlds (Finale) Ensemble

CAST

In Order of Appearance

Father/Clayton/Kerchak u/s	J. Ryan Harmer
Mother/Jane u/s	Ashley Burroughs
Kala	Ashley DiStefano DeAntonio
Kerchak	Jason Herbert
Leopard/Dance Captain	Alyssa Mills
Young Tarzan	Maggie Patience Poppell
Young Terk	V. Grant Falcigno
Terk/Tarzan u/s	Aiden Panno
Tarzan	Karl Weigand
Jane	Dana Joy Carducci
Spider	Samantha Wisniewski
Porter	Tom Chiola
Snipes	Pete Trebuco
Ensemble	Sydney Calderon, Kennedy Christensen, Leighton Cortina, Ella DeAntonio, V. Grant Falcigno, Caity Logan, Caitlin McKelvey, Aimee Miller, Jeffery Milstein, Thomas Moore, Juliana Penney, Emma Poppell, Maggie Poppell, Val Rajan, Travis Weaver, Samantha Wisniewski
Expedition Crew	Sydney Calderon, Jeffery Milstein, Juliana Penney, Pete Trebuco
Gorillas	Sydney Calderon, Kennedy Christensen, Leighton Cortina, Ella DeAntonio, V. Grant Falcigno, J. Ryan Harmer, Caity Logan, Caitlin McKelvey, Aimee Miller, Jeffery Milstein, Alyssa Mills, Thomas Moore, Juliana Penney, Emma Poppell, Maggie Poppell, Val Rajan, Pete Trebuco, G.J. Utts, Travis Weaver, Samantha Wisniewski
Aerialists, Gymnasts, Acrobats	Leighton Cortina, Kenni Graham, Juliana Penney, Emma Poppell

Understudies

Kala	Aimee Miller
Terk	Travis Weaver
Young Terk	Ella DeAntonio
Young Tarzan	Emma Poppell

CREW

Crew Members

Director/Producer	Susan Galli
Producer	Sheldon Zeff
Stage Manager	Jana Graham
Deputy Stage Manager	Karen Abrams
Music Director	Mindy Rubinlicht
Choreographer	Marissa Miller
Dance Captain	Alyssa Mills
Fight Coordinator	Dustin Karrat
Gorilla Movement Coordinator	Jonathan R. Harmer
Properties Master	David Galli
Lighting Design	Joe Schiwall
Lighting Crew	TJ Buck
Lighting Crew	Avery Merz
Lighting Crew	Ash Werner
Sound Design	Madelyn Weitkunat
Seamstress	Jean Graham
Scenic Designer	Shawn Simmons
Production Assistants & Special Thanks	J. Ryan Harmer / Heather Scheffold

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WHO'S WHO



J. Ryan Harmer *as Father/Clayton/Kerchak u/s*

Ryan is thrilled to return to Kelsey. He was recently seen in *Jekyll & Hyde* (John Utterson) and *T&C Players Assassins* (Giuseppe Zangara). Other recent favorites include *I Love You...Now Change* (Man 1) and *On Golden Pond* (Charlie Martin). He would like to thank the terrific cast and crew, but most importantly, his wife Amanda, and kids Jack and Amy for their endless support.



Ashley Burroughs *as Mother/Jane u/s*

Ashley is so excited to be in her first show with the Bear Tavern Project! Her recent roles include: Mary Poppins (*Mary Poppins*), Fiona (*Shrek*), Wednesday (*The Addams Family*), Cinderella (*Into the Woods*), and Gertrude (*Seussical*). She would like to thank Susan, Mindy, and Marissa for this opportunity! She would like to wish the cast and crew, "break a leg!"



Ashley DiStefano DeAntonio *as Kala*

is thrilled to perform with this amazing team! Most recently seen in *Anything Goes*, *In the Heights*, *Memphis*, and *American Idiot*, Ashley has spent most of her career as a music/theater teacher, who has directed/choreographed many children's theater productions. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who encouraged her to continue to perform, and her husband and daughters for being her constant source of inspiration.



Jason Herbert *as Kerchak*

Jason is thrilled to make his Kelsey debut with Bear Tavern Project. A Buckingham, PA native, Jason was last seen at T&C playing Charles Guiteau in *Assassins* and Horton in *Seussical*. Previously he played Bobby in *Company*, Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and Ernie in *It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play*. Jason wants to thank his wife and family for their love and support.



Alyssa Mills *as Leopard/Dance Captain*

Alyssa is so excited to be a part of *Tarzan*. She started performing on stage in musicals at 10, and she quickly found a deep love for performance in all its aspects. Alyssa mainly focuses on film and voiceover acting, but also loves dancing and choreographing. She would like to thank the entire cast and crew for making this such a great production.

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Maggie Patience Poppell *as Young Tarzan*

Maggie was most recently seen in *The Sound of Music* (u/s Marta/Gretl Ensemble), *Twas the Night Before Christmas* (Julianna), *The Jungle Book* (Jackie) and *Frozen Jr* (snow chorus) at MMT. Thanks go to Sue, Mindy & her castmates for believing and supporting her on this "journey that we're taking", and her friends and family who have always encouraged her to follow her dreams.



V. Grant Falcigno *as Young Terk*

Grant is 12 years old and this is his first show at Kelsey Theatre! In 2023, he made his stage debut at T&C Players in *Seussical* (Thing 1). In his spare time, Grant plays guitar and percussion, does jiu-jitsu, dance and horse riding. He adores his wonderful family and would love to thank this amazing cast for making this show fun and incredible!



Aiden Panno *as Terk/Tarzan u/s*

Aiden is thrilled to be back in the jungle performing in *Tarzan* for the second time in his life. Some previous credits include *Guys and Dolls* (Sky Masterson), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Judas), *Oklahoma* (Will). He is also happy to find himself in two off-Broadway appearances in *54 Below* at The GreenRoom 42. Aiden would like to thank everyone who has helped in this production!



Karl Weigand *as Tarzan*

is an AMDA graduate living in New Hope, PA. Past roles: *Sunset Blvd* (Joe Gillis), *The Last Five Years* (Jamie), *AIDA* (Radames), *Rocky Horror* (Rocky), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Judas), *Into the Woods* (Jack), *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson* (Andrew Jackson), *American Idiot* (Tunny). Karl dreamed of playing Tarzan since a kid and wants to thank everyone involved for their hard work!



Dana Joy Carducci *as Jane*

Dana is excited to return to Kelsey in *Tarzan*. Past roles include: *Seussical* (Cat), *Puffs* (Sally), and *Spelling Bee* (Olive). Outside of theater, Dana is an Autistic Support Teacher and the choreographer for the T&C Youth Workshops. She thanks Susan, Mindy and Marissa for this opportunity and her family and friends for their love and support.

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Samantha Wisniewski

as Spider

Sam Wisniewski is excited to be performing in her first show at Kelsey. Favorite past productions include Neshaminy Valley Music Theatre's *The Addams Family* and Town and Country Players *Seussical*. She would like to thank Susan, Mindy, and Marissa for this wonderful opportunity. She would also like to thank Mom, Dad, and Taylor for their continued love and support.



Tom Chiola

as Porter

No stranger to the Kelsey stage, his last role was as Max in *The Sound of Music*. Past roles included *Oliver* (Fagin), *Beauty & the Beast* (Lumiere), *I Love You...Now Change* (Man 1) and the *Wizard of Oz* (Scarecrow) for which he received a Perry Award nomination. Tom is an adjunct professor at The College of New Jersey where he teaches a course in Children's Literature.



Pete Trebucco

as Snipes

Pete is a nationally known book author and host of a top-rated radio talk show in Philadelphia WWDB AM 860 TALK RADIO. Theatre credits include *Deathtrap*, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *White Christmas*, *Anything Goes*, *Newsies*, *ELF* and several off-Broadway shows. www.petetrebucco.com



Sydney Calderon

as Ensemble

Sydney Calderon (ensemble) is thrilled to be back on stage for her third role at Kelsey Theatre, having previously played Shere Khan in *The Jungle Book* and Mrs. Beaver in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (she's all about the animals!). She's enjoyed working with such a talented cast. Thanks to Mom, Dad, Gabe and my whole family for their support.



Kennedy Christensen

Kennedy is thrilled to be in her first show at Kelsey Theatre. Some previous credits include *Seussical* (Sour Kangaroo), *Into the Woods* (Florida), *James and the Giant Peach* (Spider) and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Rona). She thanks the wonderful cast and crew. @kennedy.sings.mt

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Leighton Cortina

Leighton is thrilled to be a part of the ensemble cast in this production of Tarzan. She is a passionate performer who recently discovered a love for theatre. When not on stage, Leighton is a competitive gymnast and enjoys spending time with friends and family.



Ella DeAntonio

Ella is “just ape” for team Tarzan! She recently performed as Edmund (*Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*), Mowgli (*The Jungle Book*) and other roles in *Frozen & Beauty and the Beast*. Ella is an active dancer, pianist, singer and soccer player as well. Thanks go to her family and friends for their support and the amazing cast/crew of Tarzan for making this a magical experience!



Kenni Graham

Kenni Graham is thrilled to be part of the Kelsey Theater Production of Tarzan. She is head coach of the Thomas Jefferson Cheerleading Team and brings her expertise in tumbling to the stage. Kenni is excited to combine her passion for cheerleading and performance in this amazing production.



Alex Kuhns

Alex is thrilled to be tumbling into theater in his debut as a young gorilla in this production of Tarzan! Alex is an active 9 year old who enjoys playing sports such as baseball, basketball, soccer and doing ninja obstacle courses. He is very thankful to have this opportunity.



Caity Logan

Caity Logan is thrilled to make her Kelsey debut in Tarzan! A Disney fanatic, she thanks Susan for the chance to be in this production, with special love to Mindy and Dana who made it happen. Thanks to her fellow Disney witches and her adoptive nieces- Julia, Isla, and Vayda- for their support. And to my little Tarzans, Emmett and Gavin, you'll be in my heart.

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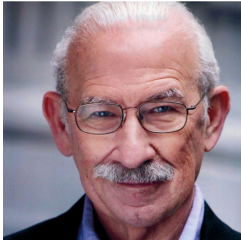
Caitlin McKelvey

Caitlin is excited to perform in her first Kelsey production! Favorite roles include Muriel (*Newsies Jr.*), Bird Girl/Dance Captain (*Suessical Jr.*), and Flounder (*The Little Mermaid Jr.*). Caitlin has been dancing for 12 years and now dances at Harmonie Dance. She studied theatre at Kelsey's Tomato Patch. She would like to thank the cast/crew of Tarzan and her family!



Aimee Miller

Aimee is thrilled to be a part of this production. She has been performing, choreographing, and directing for over 40 years now and is especially grateful to have this opportunity to work with Susan, Mindy, and her awesome daughter Marissa as well as this incredibly talented cast and crew!!



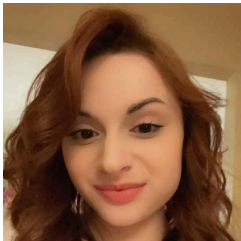
Jeffery Milstein

Jeffrey has been acting in plays and films for the past 15 years. Besides performing, he is an accomplished writer, director and producer, and is a full-time accountant. Recent credits include *22 A Day*, *The Explorers Club*, *It's A Wonderful Life*, and *Sound of Music*. Thanks goes to his wife Elyse for putting up with my hectic schedule and he dedicates each performance to his mom.



Thomas Moore

Tommy is excited to appear in Tarzan, his first performance at Kelsey Theater. Previous experience has been with Town and Country Players in the productions: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Oklahoma!*, *Young Frankenstein*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Suessical* and *Holiday Concerts*. I wish to congratulate our director and all of the cast and crew.



Juliana Penney

Juliana first appeared onstage here at Kelsey in Tomato Patch (2019) and has since performed here in *Scrooge*, *Hello Dolly*, and in *Bye Bye Birdie* (Penelope). She was also seen in *Robin Hood* at Music Mountain Theatre and has years of voice, piano and acting lessons. Shout out to Jessie at Dandelion Circus for making hanging from silk ribbons not terrifying at all.

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Emma Jean Poppell

Emma has previously been seen on the Kelsey stage in *Oliver* (Fagin's Gang), *Hello Dolly* (Ensemble), *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* (Black Dwarf), and most recently *The Sound of Music* (Brigitta). Emma would like to thank Sue for giving her this opportunity, Marissa for pushing her to new heights (literally), and the cast for making this a fun and memorable experience.



Val Rajan

Val is excited to be back at Kelsey and is grateful to be a part of *Tarzan*. He was last seen in *Rent* (Vendor), *Seven Deadly Sins* (Jester) and *The Shadowmen*. He adores working with the cast and creative team and is very proud to be in the show. He wants to thank the fantastic cast and crew, and his family, mother Vinod, father Vijay, and siblings, for always supporting him.



Travis Weaver

Travis is very excited to continue his illustrious acting career alongside the magnificent cast and crew of *Tarzan*! He has enjoyed every second of work he's put into the show, and is stoked to finally be performing. When not acting, Travis enjoys playing music, hiking, solving climate change, inventing time machines, and training squirrels for the next Olympics.

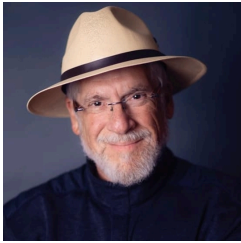
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Susan Galli

Director/Producer

Susan would like to thank her supportive and patient husband, and an amazing production team and cast for bringing together a show to be very proud of! Previous directing experience includes *Bonnie and Clyde*, *Deathtrap*, *Calendar Girls*, *Clue*, *On Golden Pond*, and *Seussical the Musical*. Her next project at Kelsey Theater is *Oklahoma!*



Sheldon Zeff

Producer

12/8/53-6/16/24. Sheldon was an accomplished actor, director and producer that inspired so many people in the theater community. He was the quintessential Tevya in *Fiddler on The Roof*. Most recently, Sheldon produced *On Golden Pond*. Sheldon and Susan spent many hours discussing this year's Bear Tavern projects. He is missed by many.



Mindy Rubinlicht

Music Director

Mindy is thrilled to be music directing for the first time at Kelsey. Prior MD credits include *Sound of Music*, *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Seussical*, *Young Frankenstein* (T&C Players), *Addams Family*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Guys and Dolls* and *The Music Man* (AJBS Players). She is a music teacher and professional musician in the Philly area. Special thanks to Jason and Julia.



Jana Graham

Stage Manager

Jana is excited to make her stage manager debut! She plays professional frisbee for the Philadelphia Surge and hasn't been heavily involved in theater for years. She's unsure how she got here, but is excited nonetheless. Also, hi, Mom!



Karen Abrams

Deputy Stage Manager

Thanks Susan Galli for asking me to be a part of this production team! Excited to do my first show with Bear Tavern Project and Kelsey Theater. Favorite roles include Stage Manager, Sound Technician and Light Technician. Thanks to Leo for his support so that I can do what I love!

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Marissa Miller

Choreographer

Marissa is very grateful to choreograph Tarzan. She has been training in the arts regionally for twenty years. Marissa has her BA in Business Admin from DVU, and works for a State Farm agency. In three seasons, this will be Marissa's tenth show as a Choreographer. Big thanks to everyone involved, especially to Susan and her mom. 'From the top!'



Shawn Simmons

Scenic Designer

Shawn is a 4x nominated and 1x NJACT Perry Award Winner. He won his Perry Award for Scenic Design for *Talley's Folley* (Pinnworth Productions). Recent designs include the NJ Premiere of *Groundhog Day: The Musical* and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* (Playful Theatre). Shawn was most recently seen on stage as Fred/Healer (*Groundhog Day*) & Roger (*RENT*).



Dustin Karrat

Fight Coordinator

Dustin recently directed fights/movement for T&C Players for 39 Steps, Assassins, She Kills Monsters, Spamalat, The Miracle Worker, Shakespeare: Abridged, Oklahoma!, Peter & the Starcatcher, Holes, & others. At Village Players of Hatboro, he's choreographed Psycho Night at the Paradise Lounge, Equivocation, Cuckoo's Nest, Epic Proportions & True West.



Madelyn Weitkunat

Sound Design

Maddie is a current college student, at Saint Joseph's University, helping with this production of Tarzan. She is always excited to work on new shows, especially with this team. This is Maddie sixth year of doing theater tech, and she is excited for many more to come. Also, she wants to thank her family and friends for supporting her.

Joe Schiwall

Lighting Design

Joe would like to thank Susan for another opportunity to work with her. He would also like to thank the other members of the lighting team for all the laughs and occasional work. He would like to specifically thank TI for helping to transport all of the lighting equipment with his super reliable truck. He would like to thank Thomas Edison for the lightbulb.

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TJ Buck

Lighting Crew

TJ has about a decade of lighting experience working around the Bucks County area. He has worked across the Central Bucks School District and Town and Country Players before coming to Kelsey. He would like to thank the lighting crew for all of the fun designing the show. He would also like to thank his trusty Hondas for providing transportation while his truck is broken.

Avery Merz

Lighting Crew

Avery is thrilled to be on the lighting design crew of Tarzan! This is her 4th production working with Susan and her crew and he would like to thank them for letting him be a part of such an awesome team!

Ash Werner

Lighting Crew

Ash is excited to be a part of the lighting team with this production of Tarzan. She has previously worked with this team on multiple projects, like The Jungle Book, and enjoys it. Ash appreciates the support both her family and friends have given her.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Sheldon Zeff and I founded The Bear Tavern Project over two years ago. We called our production company The Bear Tavern Project because we would meet at the midway point between our homes at P.J's Pancake House on Bear Tavern Road. We would meet over bagels and breakfast sandwiches to discuss producing shows for theaters like Kelsey and touring Sheldon's musical cabarets to assisted living facilities and senior centers.

Sheldon and I had the opportunity to work together on the play On Golden Pond at Kelsey last year. I was the director and he was the producer. Sadly, Sheldon did not live to see Tarzan on stage nor did we have the chance to produce his cabarets. Not having Sheldon with me on this project was hard but I think he would be proud of what the cast and crew were able to accomplish.

I hope you enjoy Tarzan the Musical.

Susan Galli

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