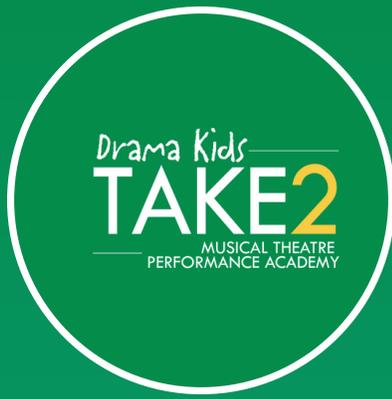




Drama Kids
TAKE2
MUSICAL THEATRE
PERFORMANCE ACADEMY

A CHRISTMAS WIZARD OF OZ
DECEMBER 4 - 5, 2025



A Note From the Drama Queen

Thank you for being here with us today. Watching this group grow together over the past few months has been such a joy. Each rehearsal brought its own moments—big and small—where the kids discovered something new, pushed themselves a little further, or lit up when a scene finally clicked. Those moments are what make this experience so special.

You'll see their hard work and heart on stage today, but what I hope you also notice is the confidence they've built, the friendships they've formed, and the creativity they've brought into every rehearsal.

They have come such a long way, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

A huge thank-you to **Ms. Leslie** and **Ms. Khaliah**, who directed, choreographed, guided, encouraged, and poured into your children week after week. Their dedication and love for these students shines through everything you will see today.

And thank you, parents, for sharing your children with us and for supporting the arts in such a meaningful way. As we celebrate this show and the Christmas season, I wish your family joy, peace, and wonderful memories.

Dramatically yours,
Valeria Marto
Your Drama Queen



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Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr.

JAN 12 - APR 18

Step into a world of pure imagination! This spring, Drama Kids launches our first-ever Broadway-style musical, based on the beloved story Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Students in 1st–12th grade will bring the magic to life — from Charlie Bucket and Willy Wonka to the iconic Oompa Loompas! They'll build skills in acting, singing, movement, teamwork, and confidence while shining on stage in this unforgettable production



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Evelyn

EVELYN ANDRIS

Evelyn plays the Blue Narrator. She is a third grader at Britt David Magnet Academy and is in her third year with Drama Kids. This is also her third year in the Take 2 Performance Academy. When she grows up, Evelyn hopes to become a veterinarian. Her favorite Christmas tradition is watching a movie while drinking hot cocoa.



Vivian

VIVIAN ANDRIS

Vivian plays the role of Woody. She is a first grader at Britt David Magnet Academy, and this is her second year with Drama Kids and the Take 2 Performance Academy. Vivian enjoys plays, chickens, and cats. When she grows up, she wants to be a veterinarian. Her favorite Christmas tradition is decorating the Christmas tree.



Demetrius

DEMETRIUS BARNES

Demetrius plays the roles of Burley the Elf and Uncle Henry. He is a 4th grader at Mount Olive Elementary, and this is his very first year in Drama Kids. When he grows up, Demetrius wants to be a soccer player. His favorite Christmas tradition is opening presents on Christmas morning.





Kennedy

KENNEDY BARNES

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Kennedy plays Mrs. Jingles and is 9 years old, attending North Columbus Elementary. This is her third year in Take 2, and she absolutely loves it. She previously performed as a Flower in The Grunch and as an Elder in Giants in the Sky. Kennedy loves the stage, along with dancing, singing, and all things crafting. She hopes to become a nurse or a doctor when she grows up, and her favorite Christmas tradition is singing Mariah Carey Christmas songs.



Mia

MIA BLAKE

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Mia Blake plays the Purple Narrator. She is 9 years old and attends Lakewood Elementary. Mia has always been interested in the performing arts and jumped at the chance to join Drama Kids last year. She has gained so much confidence and an even greater love for her craft, and it has been a joy to watch her grow. When she grows up, Mia wants to be a singer. Her favorite Christmas tradition is traveling to Hawaii to visit family.



Brayden

BRAYDEN BOWDEN

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Brayden Bowden plays the Wizard of Oz. He is 13 years old and has been acting since 2nd grade. He has performed several major roles in school productions, most recently the Hairy Man in Wiley and the Hairy Man. In Acting Academy, Brayden played Romeo in Juliet and This Guy Romeo. He loves Drama Kids and the stage, but hopes to pursue computer science when he grows up. His favorite Christmas tradition is staying up until midnight watching a Christmas movie.

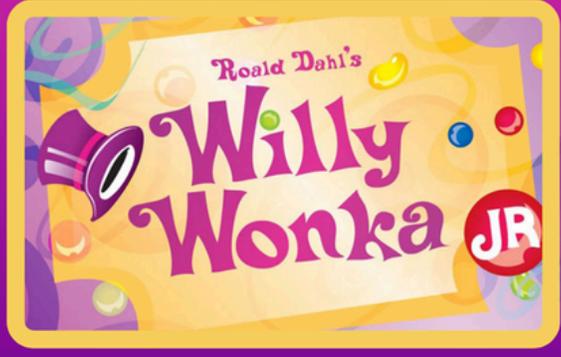


Livi'ae

LIVI'AE SKY BURNEY
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Livi'ae plays the Orange Narrator. This is her fourth year in Drama Kids, where she has shined in lead roles such as Aunty Ant in Grasshoppers & Ants and Bosun in Bold Buccaneers. She is a multi-talented performer who dances with Elite Dance Academy, competes in rodeo, and creates her own original songs and skits. Livi'ae hopes to be an actress, and her favorite Christmas tradition is visiting family from North Carolina and Las Vegas.

SPRING 2026



Join Our Very First Broadway Musical



Trenton

TRENTON CALLENS
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Trenton plays Snowman 2. He is a third grader at North Columbus Elementary, and this is his first year in both Drama Kids and Take 2. When he grows up, Trenton dreams of becoming an FBI agent, and his growing confidence on stage is the perfect training ground. Trenton's favorite Christmas tradition is spending time with his family.





Remi

REMI DAVIS
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Remi plays Dorothy 3. She is 12 years old and has been in Drama Kids since the age of four. She also plays trumpet in her school band and loves performing—whether on stage, in the band, or right at home. Over the past eight years, Remi has appeared in multiple productions at both her school and Drama Kids. She hopes to become a teacher one day, and her favorite Christmas tradition is wrapping presents together.



Solange

SOLANGE DESROSIERS
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Solange plays Dorothy 4. This is her second year in Drama Kids and her very first Take 2 production. She is 12 years old and attends Phenix City Intermediate School. In addition to acting, Solange enjoys gaming and soccer. When she grows up, she dreams of becoming a beekeeper. Her favorite tradition this time of year is exchanging gifts.



Savannah

SAVANNAH GIBSON
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Savannah plays Dorothy 2. She is 13 years old and in the 8th grade. This is her eighth year in Drama Kids and her third year in Take 2. Savannah has played many fantastic roles, including Castor in The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza and Ricky in Big Mystery at the Big Top, but her favorite role so far has been Farley in Giants in the Sky. She is determined to become an actor. Savannah's favorite Christmas tradition is decorating the tree.



Hadley

HADLEY COLLINS

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Hadley Collins plays Rudy the Reindeer. She is 7 years old and a second grader at Eagle Ridge Academy. This is her first year in Drama Kids, and she is excited to participate in Take 2. Hadley enjoys dancing and playing with friends, and she hopes to become a veterinarian when she grows up. Her favorite Christmas tradition is opening presents.



Joleigh

JOLEIGH CULPEPPER

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Joleigh plays Grouchy Grumble of the West. She is 14 years old, in the ninth grade, and in her sixth year with Drama Kids and Acting Academy. She has appeared in several productions, including Giants in the Sky, Juliet and This Guy Named Romeo, and a lead role in Imagine a Dragon. Joleigh loves the musical side of theatre and hopes to become an artist and animator one day. Her favorite Christmas tradition is finding the Elf.



Elyse

ELYSE DAHLGREN

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Elyse plays Glinda. She is 13 years old, a seventh-grade theatre major at Rainey McCullers, and in her seventh year with Drama Kids and Acting Academy. Some of her favorite roles include Ms. Grunch in The Grunch and Lulubelle in The Cleanest Town in Texas. She has also trained at the Springer Theater Academy and the Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern. Elyse hopes to work in marketing one day, and her favorite Christmas tradition is opening presents.



Essence

ESSENCE GREEN

Essence plays Stuffed Lion 1. She is 10 years old and a 5th grader at Lakewood Elementary School. This is her second year in Drama Kids and her debut in Take 2. Essence recently performed with The Drama Queen as one of the Cratchit children in The Ebenezer Experience in Hamilton, GA. When she grows up, she wants to be a doctor. Her favorite Christmas tradition is baking Christmas cookies.



Lincoln

LINCOLN HOAD

Lincoln plays Stuffed Lion 2. He is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at Blanchard Elementary School. He has been acting with Drama Kids since kindergarten. Performing is one of Lincoln's greatest passions, and he hopes to become an author and write his own screenplays one day. His favorite Christmas tradition is decorating (and eating!) the gingerbread house.



Aasha

AASHA RENEE JOHNSON

Aasha plays Snowman 1. She is 9 years old and a fourth grader at Midland Academy. This is her third year in Drama Kids, and she has appeared in the Take 2 productions of The Grunch and Giants in the Sky. She is also very involved in on-camera acting—so keep an eye out for her on stage and on screen! Aasha has big dreams and hopes to be a doctor, singer, and dancer one day, and we have no doubt she can do it all. Her favorite Christmas tradition is going to grandma's house.



Collyns

COLLYNS KELLY

Collyns plays Dorothy 5. She is an 8-year-old third grader at North Columbus Elementary. This is her third year in Drama Kids, and she has already played some amazing roles, including Pahu in Paradesia and Amanda Ant in The Grasshopper and the Ants. Most recently, she appeared as a princess in the summer musical Imagine a Dragon. Collyns wants to be a doctor when she grows up, and her favorite Christmas tradition is going to play in the snow.



Elizabeth

ELIZABETH LAMBERT

Elizabeth "Liz" plays Rosie the Reindeer. She is 7 years old and a third grader at Wynnbrook Christian School. She joined Drama Kids last year and immediately fell in love with performing and learning. This is her first year in Take 2, and she's thrilled to be part of The Wizard of Oz. When she grows up, Liz wants to be a teacher or a veterinarian, but for now she's happy to experience everything the stage has to offer. Her favorite Christmas tradition is finding the Elf in the morning.



Stephenson

STEPHENSON JAY LUC

Stephenson plays Snowman 4. He is 8 years old and a second grader at Midland Academy. He joined Drama Kids last spring and is thrilled to be part of the Take 2 Performance Academy this year. When he grows up, Stephenson hopes to pursue a career in the military, and we applaud his bravery and determination. His favorite Christmas tradition is decorating the Christmas tree.



Niam

NIAM MOLINA

Niam plays Toto 1. He is 8 years old and a second grader at Lakewood Primary School. Niam has always loved theatre—especially the costumes, props, and getting into character. This is his second year in both Drama Kids and Take 2. Last year, he played Hank in *Giants in the Sky* and Inapo in *Paradesia*. When he grows up, Niam wants to be a police officer. His favorite Christmas tradition is eating and spending time with his family.



Allie

ALLISON "ALLIE" MOORE

Allie plays Dorothy 1. She is 15 years old and a 9th grader at Rainey McCullers School of the Arts. This is Allie's ninth year in Drama Kids, and she has enjoyed every minute of it—especially the friendships she's made along the way. She has performed in more plays than she can count, including both previous Take 2 musicals. When she grows up, Allie hopes to become an actor. Her favorite Christmas tradition is opening presents!



Oliver

OLIVER OSINUBI

Oliver plays the Green Narrator. He is a proud 4th grade student at Reese Road Leadership Academy. He has been part of Drama Kids for three years, both in and out of school, and loves every moment on stage. When he grows up, Oliver hopes to become a day trader, a businessman, an actor, and a comic book creator. He's thrilled to be in this production and hopes you enjoy the show! His favorite Christmas tradition is opening presents.





Lillie

LILLIE SIMMONS

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Lillie plays the roles of Curly the Elf and Auntie Em. She is 7 years old and a second grader at Clubview Elementary. This is her first year in both Drama Kids and Take 2. When she grows up, Lillie wants to be a police officer, but for now she loves dancing, singing, and all things theatre. Her favorite Christmas tradition is opening presents on Christmas morning.



Matthew

MATTHEW STARIHA

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Matthew plays the Tin Soldier. He is 17 years old and a high school senior. This is his third year in Drama Kids and Acting Academy, and it has quickly become one of his favorite activities. His recent roles include Chef Basil in Imagine a Dragon, Overhaul in Hero Academy, and the Alien Pirate Captain in Space Pirates. This is his first year in Take 2. Matthew hopes to work in entertainment, and his favorite Christmas traditions are the advent calendar and opening one present on Christmas Eve.



Luke

SHAWN "LUKE" TIRRELL

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Luke, also known as Flash, is 6 years old and in the first grade at Gentian Elementary. This is his first year with Drama Kids, and he is already speeding into the spotlight! Luke loves making people laugh, playing outside, and living up to his nickname, The Flash. He is excited to share his energy and smiles with everyone on stage. When he grows up, Luke wants to be a mechanic. His favorite Christmas tradition is getting toys!



Eden

EDEN GRACE VANN

Eden plays Snowman 3. She is 9 years old and a fourth grader at Blanchard Elementary School. This is her second year in Drama Kids, and she has truly found her passion. She's excited to be part of The Wizard of Oz this year! When she grows up, Eden wants to be a nurse, but for now she enjoys acting and singing. She also loves art, water skiing, and all things girly. Her favorite Christmas tradition is decorating Santa cookies.



Delilah

DELILAH VEGA-REYES

Delilah plays the Red Narrator. She is 10 years old and graduating from 5th grade this year at Britt David Magnet Academy. She discovered her passion for acting at age 7 after participating in a Springer summer camp. This is her second year in Drama Kids and Take 2, and she loves every moment of it. Delilah played Sven in Giants in the Sky and also performed in The Bold Buccaneers last year. She aspires to be an actor, and her favorite Christmas tradition is making Coquito.



Avery

AVERY VIZCARRONDO

Avery plays the Yellow Narrator. She is 9 years old and a fourth grader at The Rock Academy. This is her first year in both Drama Kids and Take 2, and she's loving every moment. When she grows up, Avery hopes to pursue a career in the military, but for now she's excited to share the stage with her cousin Delilah in the Christmas Wizard of Oz and make new friends in Drama Kids. Her favorite Christmas tradition is helping to make pumpkin cheesecake.



Meet the...
PRODUCTION TEAM



**Leslie
Cardwell**



**Khaliah
Wiggins**



**Valeria
Marto**

Mrs. Leslie is the artistic and music director of A Christmas Wizard of Oz. She has been a beloved part of Drama Kids since 2012. When she's not directing a show, teaching a class, or coaching our team of teachers, you'll find her writing, tutoring math, or swimming. And here's a fun fact about Mrs. Leslie – she can juggle! (Yes, for real!)

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Ms. Khaliah is the choreographer and stage manager of A Christmas Wizard of Oz and has been a valued member of Drama Kids since 2022. A graduate of the first class from the prestigious Rainey McCullers School of Performing Arts, she now teaches five Drama Kids and two Teen Acting Academy classes. Fun fact—her dog bark is so realistic, you might think there's a pup in the room! Ask her to show you!

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Mrs. Valeria is the founder and managing director of Drama Kids of Columbus, GA. She handles all the behind-the-scenes logistics for A Christmas Wizard of Oz and is known as the Drama Queen. When she's not running her dramatic kingdom or acting, you'll find her dancing or exercising. Fun fact? She speaks three languages!

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