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**SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022
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Whitney Young Auditorium
New Rochelle High School

Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle presents

The Lights Are Bright On Broadway

Starring

Aysia Blackmon, Haleigh Chimook, Dasia Davis, Amir Edmonson,
Royce Encarnation, Jahdira Fernand, Tahjir Fernand, Mason Green, Vasslon Ingram,
Jordan Jones, CJ Malespin, Sophia Malespin, Lance Milton, Naseem Minor, Khiley Montague,
Aiden Oliver, Alizah Reyes, Gavin Shelton, Bria Smith-Haughton, Alasia Thomas,
Giovanni Wellington, and Kassidy Williams

Directed and Produced by
Diane Derry Jones and Malik Turner

Music Director
Diane Derry Jones

Choreography Director
Garcelle Miller

Production Team
Karla Malespin, Renee Milton, Denise Norman, and Tori Perry

Showtunes presented are part of a creative script adaptation based on Broadway productions and written by Diane Derry Jones. *Virtual Memories* was co-written by Bria Smith Haughton

Original Music Composed by
Jharon Smith

Original Raps Written and Performed by
Justin "Cayennenoluck" Jacobs and Michelle Jacobs

Special Thanks to
Sharon Blount, Sherri Burns, Abigail Epprecht, Stacy Fudge, Janice Irby,
Pastor Nicole Irby, Michael Leslie, Karla Malespin, Garcelle Miller, Renee Milton,
Denise Normant, Tori Perry, Vivian Spady, Tasha Turner, and
The Whosoever Will Let Them Come Church

CAST



AYSIA BLACKMON (actor, singer), age 12, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *Maybe It's A Dream*, *Nothing's Impossible*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is her third BGCNR show.



HALEIGH CHIMOOK (actor, dancer, singer), age 7, appears in *It's Broadway*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is her first BGCNR production.



DASIA DAVIS (actor, singer), age 17, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *Nothing's Impossible*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *It's The Hope That Sets Us Free*, *The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All of You*. This is her third BGCNR show.



AMIR EDMONSON (actor, singer), age 10, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Nothing's Impossible*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is his first BGCNR production.

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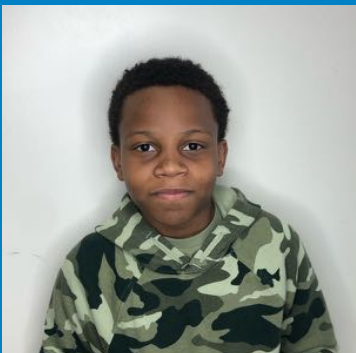
ROYCE ENCARNATION (actor, singer), age 8, appears in *It's Broadway, We Are Jellicles, To The Motherland, and This One Is For All Of You*. This is his first BGCNR show.



JAHDIRA FERNAND (actor, dancer), age 13, appears in *It's Broadway, Maybe It's A Dream, Somehow, Someday, Somewhere, We Are Jellicles, To The Motherland, and This One Is For All Of You*. This is her first BGCNR production.



TAHJIR FERNAND (actor, dancer), age 14, appears in *It's Broadway, Virtual Memories, It Started In The Motor City, The Legend Is Here, Somehow, Someday, Somewhere, To The Motherland, and This One Is For All Of You*. This is her first BGCNR show.



MASON GREEN (actor), age 10, appears in *It's Broadway, We Are Jellicles, To The Motherland, and This One Is For All Of You*. This is his first BGCNR production.

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VASSLON INGRAM (actor), age 14, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *It Started In The Motor City*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is his third BGCNR show.



JORDAN JONES (actor, singer), age 11, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *It Started In The Motor City*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is her first BGCNR production.



CARLOS (CJ) MALESPIN (actor), age 13, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *Nothing's Impossible*, *It Started In The Motor City*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is his second BGCNR show.



SOPHIA MALESPIN (actor, singer), age 12, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *Nothing's Impossible*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is her second BGCNR production.

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LANCE MILTON (actor, dancer), age 17, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *It Started In The Motor City*, *Somehow*, *Someday*, *Somewhere*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is his third BGCNR show.



NASEEM MINOR (actor), age 12, appears in *It's Broadway*, *It Started In The Motor City*, *Somehow*, *Someday*, *Somewhere*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is his first BGCNR production.



KHILEY MONTAGUE (actor), age 11, appears in *It's Broadway*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is her first BGCNR show.



AIDEN OLIVER (actor), age 6, appears in *It's Broadway*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is his first BGCNR production.

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ALIZAH REYES (actor), age 11, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is her first BGCNR show.



GAVIN SHELTON (actor), age 10, appears in *It's Broadway*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is his second BGCNR production.



BRIA SMITH-HAUGHTON (actor, dancer, writer), age 15, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *Nothing's Impossible*, *It Started In The Motor City*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *It's The Hope That Sets Us Free*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is her third BGCNR show.



ALASIA THOMAS (actor, singer), age 16, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *Nothing's Impossible*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *It's The Hope That Sets Us Free*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is her third BGCNR production.

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GIOVANNI WELLINGTON (actor), age 17, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Virtual Memories*, *Maybe It's A Dream*, *Nothing's Impossible*, *It Started In The Motor City*, *Somehow, Someday, Somewhere*, *It's The Hope That Sets Us Free*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One Is For All Of You*. This is his third BGCNR production.



KASSIDY WILLIAMS (actor, singer), age 12, appears in *It's Broadway*, *Maybe It's A Dream*, *We Are Jellicles*, *To The Motherland*, and *This One is For All of You*. This is her third BGCNR show.

**DREAMS
HAVEN NO
LIMITS**



PROGRAM

It's Broadway

Virtual Memories
(co-written by Bria Smith-Haughton)

Maybe It's A Dream

Nothing's Impossible

It Started In The Motor City

- Intermission -

The Legend Is Here

Somehow, Someday, Somewhere

We Are Jellicles

It's The Hope That Sets Us Free

To The Motherland

This One's For All Of You

BGCNR YOUTH OF THE YEAR

The Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year title is a prestigious honor bestowed upon an exemplary young person in recognition of leadership, service, academic excellence, and dedication to live a healthy lifestyle.



BRIAN PENN

**Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle
2022 Youth of the Year**

Brian has been a prime example of what a BGCNR club member is. Throughout his Boys & Girls Club journey, he has taken advantage of all the opportunities that have been offered by the organization, from his participation in Passport to Manhood, to the Keystone Club and our Drama Matters productions. He has been a leader and role model for our members, and has made a lasting positive impact at our club and in the community.



GIOVANNI WELLINGTON

**Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle
2021 Youth of the Year**

Giovanni also embodies everything a club kid is, involved in a bevy of programs offered at our Remington Clubhouse. During his nine years at BGCNR, he has served as president of the Keystone Club, president of Passport to Manhood, and a participant in Career Launch, Law Club, Lyricism 101, and Who's Got Next. Giovanni also has taken part in the Boys & Girls Club of America National Day of Advocacy, during which he met with public officials in Washington D.C. and discussed the impact BGCA has made on his life.

TAKES 1 VILLAGE PRODUCTIONS



DIANE DERRY JONES

Diane, a lifelong New Rochelle resident is blessed and privileged to have parents share the impact of music with their five children. Mom - once a classic pianist and Dad - an accomplished jazz musician well into his 80s, provided a soundtrack to their lives. A mother of four and grandmother of eight, with 40-year career in human resources management, Diane enjoyed over 30 years as a semi-professional vocalist, appearing throughout the tri-state region with several bands, including her Dad's jazz trio. Her first performance was at 14, when she won a talent show at Remington Boys & Girls Club.

Forty years ago, Diane's affinity for music, writing, and performance led her to create a theater program at Barnard School with 165 students. In 2017, her son Malik Turner encouraged her to partner with him to recreate the program at Remington. In 2018, they began with an adaptation of "The Wiz!" With this third BGCNR production, Diane continues her commitment to write, teach, motivate, and direct the talented members of BGCNR's Remington Clubhouse.



MALIK TURNER

Malik Turner, #GirlDad, graduate of New Rochelle public schools, and dual degree graduate of Temple University (film/media arts and psychology), has committed himself to the education and empowerment of children for 20 years. Malik worked in some of the roughest schools and communities in Philadelphia as a behavioral specialist before becoming a therapeutic social worker in the New York foster care system. He presently works in foster care prevention and serves as a coach for the Remington Clubhouse elite youth football team, which has earned three straight championships.

Raised in a family with deep roots in music, Malik was positively impacted by children's theater. And, after a series of well-publicized, violent incidents involving New Rochelle youth, he realized the need to offer them something more. He encouraged his mother to partner with him to develop a theater production program for members of BGCNR's Remington Clubhouse, many whom he had come to know. With unwavering dedication, Malik has taken his place at the helm of "Takes 1 Village Productions," leading the way for its epic success.

THE REMINGTON MEN'S CLUB



Our organization was established by members who attended the Million Man March, and returned to revitalize a volunteer organization whose members were no longer active in the community. Since then, our mission has been to support the work of the unit director at BGCNR's Remington Clubhouse, and help enhance the program and facility in ways not provided for in the general budget.

We have been successful in providing funds for purchasing bleachers for the gym and an ice machine and a small freezer for the kitchen, refinishing the gym floor on numerous occasions, sponsoring bus transportation for trips and scholarships for high school seniors going to college, as well as supplying chairs and tables, and continue to contribute to Boys & Girls Club programs such as Be Great, Keystone, Summer Camp, and golf outings.

Members of our club also have paid for repairs to the building or made needed repairs themselves. On one occasion, a member wrote an application for a New York State training grant, which funded an after-school program. Our organization has been honored with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's "Up Lift Award," and New Rochelle Boys & Girls Club's "GREAT Citizens Award," and received proclamations from both city and county officials. Some of our fundraising activities include annual dances and fishing trips to Cape Cod, just to name a few.

HELPING THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

Matthew Meachem, President
David C. Lee, President Emeritus
Charles Gillum, Jr., Treasurer
Jim Pruitt, Secretary
Albert Anderson
Arnold Austin

Dennis Gladden
Alfred Peters
William Petite
Breness Smith
Ed Thomas
Kent Washington

THE NEW REMINGTON CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Our new state-of-the-art Remington Clubhouse will be a cornerstone of the powerful “Renaissance at Lincoln Park” public-private collaboration. It's the first youth development facility built in New Rochelle in over 40 years and, with 22,000 square feet, nearly twice the size of the former Remington, serving up to 710 members, compared to 320 at the old facility.

This building will allow us to serve more needy children and families, and amplify our positive impact in New Rochelle. But we can't do it without your help. The goal of our capital campaign is to raise \$15 million; to date, we've secured \$10 million. Please consider investing in our children's futures today. To learn more or donate, contact Becky Mazzanobile at bmazzanobile@bgcncr.org or Aaron Williams at awilliams@bgcncr.org.

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If you've been a part of BGCNR's past, become embedded in our future! Support the construction of our new facility with a personalized brick for our lobby. The bricks come from the original Remington - connecting where we've been to where we're going.

**For more information, contact
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THANKS TO OUR 2022 FIELD DAY SPONSORS



We'd like to extend our thanks to our neighbors and local organizations for their support of BGCNR's 2022 Field Day activities. We greatly appreciate your contributions to our programs, and look forward to strengthening our partnership and building a stronger New Rochelle together.

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Noa Arias
Joseph Bodden
Alisa Cohen Barney
Millie Guzman
Mary Jo Jacobs
Michele Washington

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of New Rochelle



Founded in 1930, the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle has been an integral part of the New Rochelle community offering New Rochelle's youth safe and achievement-driven programming focused on the whole child, encompassing academics, mental wellness, fitness, leadership, and civics. Today, we serve nearly 3,000 members each year at various school sites and two clubhouse locations, offering them a safe place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, life-enhancing programs and character development experiences, and hope and opportunity.

Learn more at bgcny.org.