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Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID

Thursday, August 11, 2011

Desi Oakley as Ariel

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The Little Mermaid

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Wayne Bryan, Producing Artistic Director, presents

The MUSIC THEATRE OF WICHITA production of

Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by **ALAN MENKEN**

Lyrics by **HOWARD ASHMAN & GLENN SLATER**

Book by **DOUG WRIGHT**

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film

Produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker, and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

Starring

DESI OAKLEY as **ARIEL**

CHRISTOPHER CHARLES WOOD as **PRINCE ERIC**

LAWRENCE CUMMINGS as **KING TRITON**

KEVYN MORROW as **SEBASTIAN**

JUSTIN ROBERTSON as **FLOTSAM**

ADDISON BAKER as **JETSAM**

TIMOTHY W. ROBU as **GRIMSBY**

MICHAEL PARKER as **CHEF LOUIS**

JACOB GUTIERREZ as **SCUTTLE**

CODY DAVIS as **ENSEMBLE**

EMILY CHRIST as **ENSEMBLE**

and KAREN L. ROBU as **ENSEMBLE**

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Cast of Characters (in order of appearance)

Pilot ..... Zachary James Wilhelm
Cabin Boy ..... Gavin Myers
Prince Eric ..... Christopher Charles Wood
Grimsby ..... Timothy W. Robu
King Triton ..... Kevyn Morrow
Windward and Leeward (King Triton's Trumpet Fish)
Elliott Mattox, Jacob Chancellor
Sebastian ..... Lawrence Cummings
Mersisters .....
Erin Clemons, Hannah Meredith Killebrew, Emily Mechler, Sophie Menas, Maggie Mial, Molly Rushing
Ariel ..... Desi Oakley
Flounder ..... Addison Baker
Scuttle ..... Justin Robertson
Gulls ..... Jordan Barrow, Ben Lanham, Ethan Spell
Ursula ..... Karen L. Robu
Flotsam ..... Jacob Gutierrez
Jetsam ..... Cody Davis
Carlotta ..... Emily Christ
Maids .....
Erin Clemons, Shannon Hucker, Hannah Meredith Killebrew, Emily Mechler, Sophie Menas, Maggie Mial, Natasha Scearse, Sarah Shelton
Chef Louis ..... Michael Parker
Contestants .....
Erin Clemons, Shannon Hucker, Sarah Quinn, Molly Rushing, Natasha Scearse, Sarah Shelton
Princes .....
Adrian Baidoo, Max Clayton, Hayden Clifton Ben Lanham, Nick Palmquist, Ethan Spell
Company .....
Adrian Baidoo, Jordan Barrow, Jacob Chancellor, Max Clayton, Erin Clemons, Hayden Clifton, Matthew Elliott, Daniel Horn, Shannon Hucker, Jacob January, Hannah Meredith Killebrew, Ben Lanham, Elliott Mattox, Ross McCorkell, Emily Mechler, Sophie Menas, Maggie Mial, Nick Palmquist, Sarah Quinn, Molly Rushing, Natasha Scearse, Sarah Shelton, Ethan Spell, Zachary James Wilhelm
Teen Interns .....
Audra Bryant, Trevor McChristian, Jean Rust
Teens .....
Gavin Myers, Sally Olmstead, Brennan O'Rourke, Maddie Razook, Colleen Richey, Kit Riffel, Charlie Rippy, Jacob Wasson
Kids .....
Talia Bauchmoyer, Caroline Boesen, Hannah Brock, Kathryn Bunting, Sydney Dahlgren, Abigail Grier, Eden Hadley, Lizzy Hadley, Rebecca Jensen, Gabbe Meloccaro, Faith Northcutt, Morgan Purdy, Olivia Thornton, Lauren Voigt, Lacey Wellemeyer
Dance Captain ..... Cody Davis
Special Video Performers .....
Sophie Menas, Jacob Gutierrez
Understudies .....
Sarah Quinn (Ariel), Jacob Gutierrez (Eric), Elliott Mattox (Scuttle)

Desi Oakley, Christopher Charles Wood, Lawrence Cummings, Kevyn Morrow, Justin Robertson, Production Stage Manager Emily F. McMullen, and Stage Manager Tiffany K. Orr appear with Music Theatre of Wichita through the courtesy of Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional stage actors. MTWichita operates under a U/RTA agreement with Actors' Equity Association. Linda Goodrich appears through the courtesy of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC). Audra Bryant, Trevor McChristian, and Jean Rust are Teen Intern Performers.

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Musical Numbers

Fathoms Below † ..... Sailors, Pilot, Prince Eric, Grimsby
Daughters of Triton * ..... Mersisters
The World Above ..... Ariel
Human Stuff ..... Scuttle, Gulls
I Want the Good Times Back ..... Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam
Part of Your World * ..... Ariel

Storm at Sea

Part of Your World (reprise) * ..... Ariel
She's in Love ..... Mersisters, Flounder
The World Above (reprise) ..... King Triton
Under the Sea * ..... Sebastian, Sea Creatures
Sweet Child ..... Flotsam, Jetsam
Poor Unfortunate Souls * ..... Ursula
Positoovity ..... Scuttle, Gulls, Ariel
Les Poissons * ..... Chef Louis
Les Poissons (reprise) ..... Chef Louis, Chefs
One Step Closer ..... Prince Eric, Ariel
I Want the Good Times Back (reprise) ..... Ursula
Kiss the Girl * ..... Sebastian, Animals
Sweet Child (reprise) ..... Flotsam, Jetsam
The Contest ..... Grimsby, Princesses
Poor Unfortunate Souls (reprise) ..... Ursula
If Only (reprise) ..... King Triton
Finale Ultimo † ..... Ariel, Prince Eric, Company

Music by Alan Menken
* Lyrics by Howard Ashman
† Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater
All other lyrics by Glenn Slater

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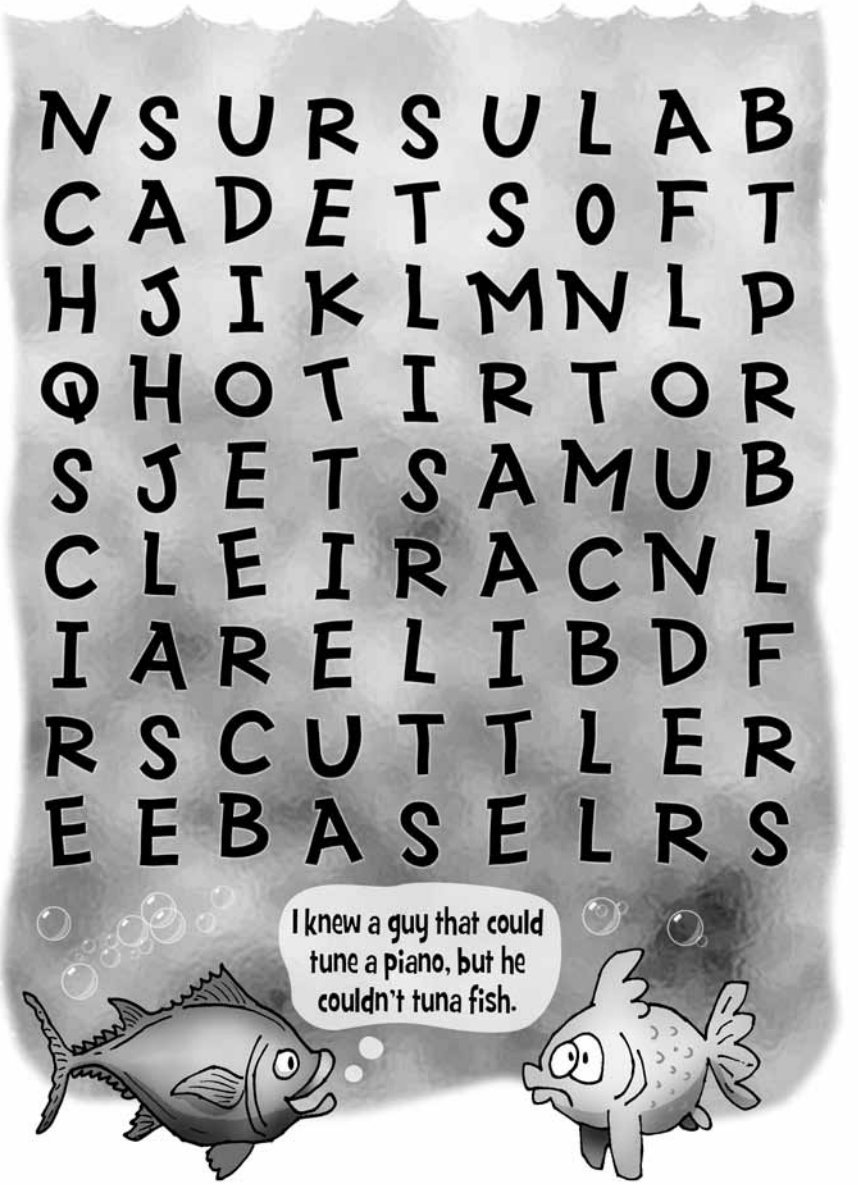
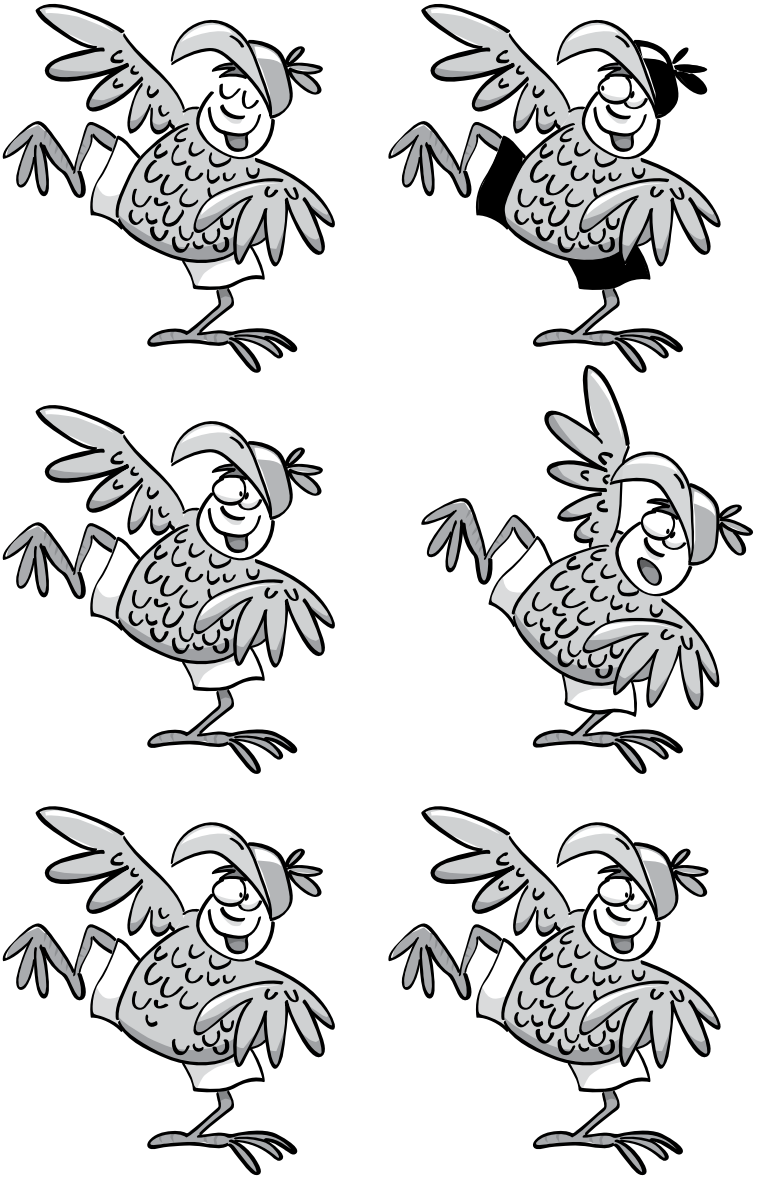
Undersea Word Search

The names of some of the characters in *The Little Mermaid* have fallen overboard and become scrambled: ARIEL, URSULA, TRITON, SEBASTIAN, FLOUNDER, SCUTTLE, ERIC, and JETSAM. Can you find them? (Words may be written forward, backward, vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. Solution on page 10.)



Where is the real Scuttle?

Of the six Scuttles shown below, only two of them are exactly alike. Can you spot them? (Solution on page 10.)



Sea creatures in trouble

Though The Little Mermaid is a story with fictional characters, the oceans contain a wide variety of life, and some of those are on the **Endangered List.** Below we've scrambled the names of some of those troubled sea creatures, and given you a clue as to who they are. Can you unscramble the names and write them in the spaces? And be sure to ask grown-ups about other **Endangered** animals. (Answer on page 10.)

1. LUBE LAWHE

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These mammals are actually the largest animals ever known to have existed. There were roughly 200,000 to 300,00 of these creatures on Earth until the beginning of the twentieth century. For more than 100 years they were hunted almost to extinction. Now their numbers are between 50,000 and 20,000. They feed mostly on krill (small shrimp).

2. PHAR LEAS

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These fast-swimming mammals can be found in the North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans, and can hold their breath for up to 15 minutes. Adults can weigh up to 400 pounds, and juveniles are often mistaken for small polar bears. Their fur is highly sought after by hunters.

3. IGNAT TERTO

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Another rapid swimmer, these mammals are very social and are often spotted in the Amazon river, floating on their backs while devouring a fish. They have long tails and velvety pelts, which makes them prized by people wanting fur coats.

4. TEEMANA

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Throughout history, these marine animals have often been mistaken for mermaids. They are very gentle and are often found in Florida. They are endangered because of human pollution, loss of habitat, and collisions with boats. They are sometimes called sea cows.

5. GEREN ASE TURLET

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This slow-moving (on land anyway) creature has a teardrop-shaped shell with paddle-like flippers , and can be found in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. They are at risk due to over-harvesting and loss of nesting habitats (beaches being developed by humans).

6. CANAFIR GENNUIP

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These black & white flightless birds can be found around the Southern areas of Africa, where they hunt for anchovies and squids (like Ursula!). Their surviving numbers are only 10% of what they were in 1910.

7. GRITE HARKS

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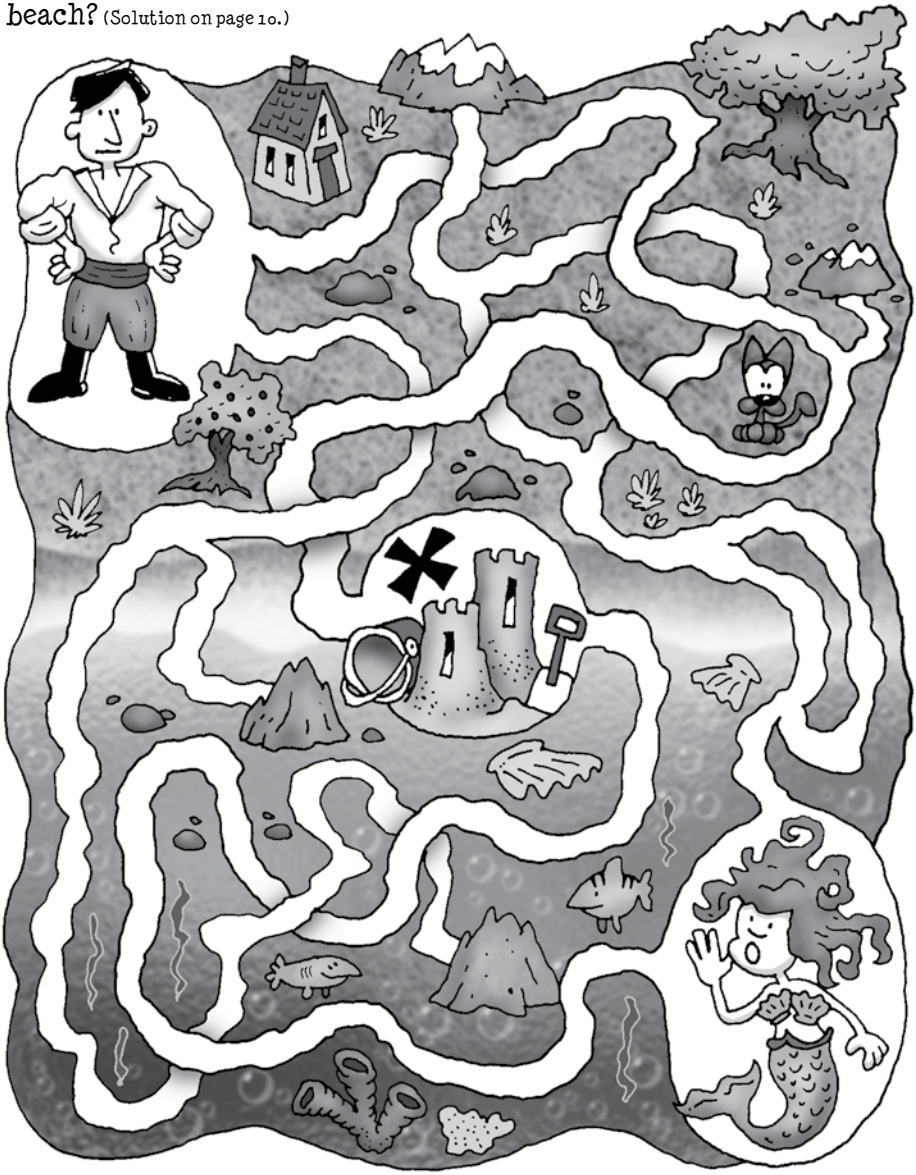
The only real fish on our list is a rapid swimmer and can grow to over 16 ft. long. It has a prominent dorsal (top) fin and is often feared by swimmers. Its name is taken from the tiger-like stripes down its body, and it is over-hunted for its fins, liver, and skin.

Finding Ariel

Prince Eric vows to be with Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*, but the differences between the ocean and the land present problems for both characters. Can you help them find each other on the beach? (Solution on page 10.)



Things We can Learn From The Little Mermaid

• Many of the characters in *The Little Mermaid* are separated by the land and the sea. Are there 'oceans' of difference that separate you from others in day-to-day life? How would you cross those barriers? How would you help others to?

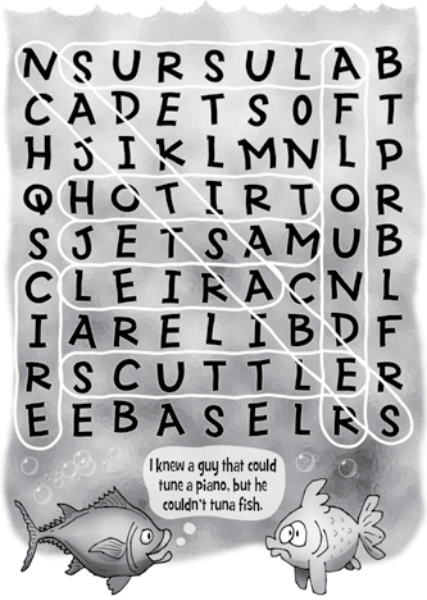
• If you had a friend that was leaving for a dangerous or unknown place, what would you say to convince them to stay? Would you want a friend to do the same for you?

• *The Little Mermaid* is set mostly in the ocean, which is not only a means of travel and a natural resource for humans, but a fragile place to live for millions of creatures (**Part of Your World**). Are you doing your part to keep our oceans clean? The same can be said of rivers and streams. Keep trash and litter away from beaches and educate yourself on marine life.

• Language plays a big part (for good and bad) in The Little Mermaid. If you met someone who couldn't understand you, what would you do to communicate? Think about it. A hug and a smile can go a long way.

Solutions

Undersea Word Search
(from page 4)

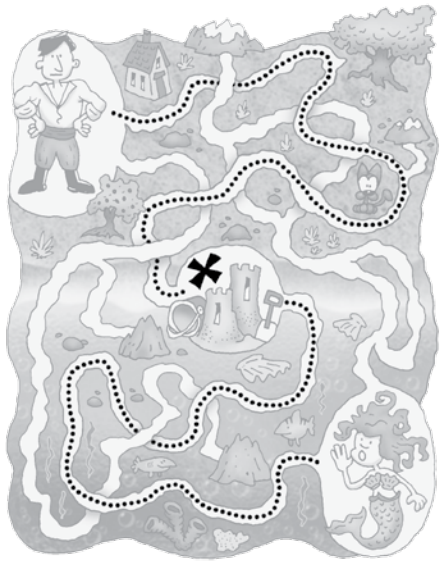


Where Is The Real Scuttle? (from page 5)

Sea Creatures In Trouble
(from page 6)

1) BLUE WHALE
2) HARP SEAL
3) GIANT OTTER
4) MANATEE
5) GREEN SEA TURTLE
6) AFRICAN PENGUIN
7) TIGER SHARK

Finding Ariel (from page 8)



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Notes:

Here is a place to write down what you thought of the show.

Draw one or more of your favorite characters from *The Little Mermaid* here, or maybe you can snag an autograph!

From *The Little Mermaid*: Addison Baker as Flounder,
and Lawrence Cummings as Sebastian

Christopher Charles Wood
as Prince Eric

Justin Robertson
as Scuttle