



Newsletter

Presenting Our 43rd Season!

NMYA is proud to present our 43rd season, and our first under our new Executive Director, Joel Gelpe. Audiences will enjoy two titles that are new to the NMYA repertory and two reprises of past favorites.

Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*, with a script by Vera Morris, one of our favorite playwrights, will take audiences on a wonderful adventure to the exotic land of India, including many delightful characters and songs, as well as some surprises that will be first-time experiences for our company.

Next up, we take a trip to that magical land called Narnia, and all we have to do to get there is walk through a coat closet! That's how it is in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

An oceanic adventure awaits us in the ever-popular Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. Your favorite characters, Ariel, Prince Eric, Sebastian and Flounder (and, of course, the evil Ursula) will delight you with hit songs like "Under the Sea," "Part of Your World" and "Poor, Unfortunate Souls."

Big Bad, our final offering of the season, puts the Big Bad Wolf on trial for his many crimes. And his victims — Little Red, the Three Little Pigs and many others show up in court to testify. And the audience is the jury!

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Welcome New Staff!

In addition to our new Executive Director, Joel Gelpe, we are happy to welcome new teaching staff Jillian Foster and Alexandra Uranga. Jillian, who will be teaching our Rio Rancho class, has been an APS teacher for decades. Alexandra, who will be our Monday teacher in Albuquerque, has a bachelor's degree from UNM in theatre with a minor in music. Both women have extensive experience as actors in both musicals and plays.

REGISTER FOR FALL 2022

We already have dozens of students registered for our fall 2022 semester and we hope you can join us! Beginning students can now take Drama I on Monday or Friday nights in Albuquerque, or Tuesday nights in Rio Rancho. Advanced Drama students will audition for the musical, *The Jungle Book*, and the play, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Go to www.nmyoungactors.org and register today!

